



Standard Specification for Preformed Retroreflective Pavement Marking Tape for Extended Service Life¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers white or yellow preformed retroreflective pavement marking tape, that when applied to a road surface, will provide a service life normally greater than one year depending on wear and durability factors.

1.2 The preformed retroreflective pavement tape is suitable for longitudinal markings and transverse markings including word/symbol markings. It is designed to be a pavement marking with extended service life.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard except where noted in the document. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D1000 Test Methods for Pressure-Sensitive Adhesive-Coated Tapes Used for Electrical and Electronic Applications

D1898 Practice for Sampling of Plastics (Withdrawn 1998)³

D4061 Test Method for Retroreflectance of Horizontal Coatings

D6628 Specification for Color of Pavement Marking Materials

E303 Test Method for Measuring Surface Frictional Properties Using the British Pendulum Tester

E1710 Test Method for Measurement of Retroreflective Pavement Marking Materials with CEN-Prescribed Geometry Using a Portable Retroreflectometer

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

2.2 CIE Publications:⁴

No. 15.2 Colorimetry

No. 39.2 Recommendations for Surface Colours for Visual Signaling

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *extended service life or period, n*—a minimum service period of 12 months when placed in accordance with the manufacturers' recommended procedures on pavement surfaces.

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—See Section 7 for factors affecting durability.

3.1.2 *preformed tape, n*—continuous, flexible pavement marking material that is essentially complete and that may be affixed to or imbedded in the road surface without fundamentally altering its configuration.

3.1.3 *retroreflection, n*—reflection in which radiation is returned in directions close to the direction from which it came and maintained over wide variations of the direction of the incident radiation.

3.1.4 *surface pattern, n*—a pattern on the surface with areas of raised surface area.

4. Classification

4.1 *Preformed Retroreflective Pavement Marking Tape* shall be identified as:

4.1.1 Reflectivity Level I; Class 1, 2 or 3; Skid Resistance Level A, or B.

4.1.2 Reflectivity Level II; Class 1, 2 or 3; Skid Resistance Level A, or B.

4.2 Reflectivity Levels:

4.2.1 *Reflectivity Level I*—A tape that, when new, conforms to the retroreflectance requirements for Reflectivity Level I in Table 1 when measured in accordance with 6.4.

4.2.2 *Reflectivity Level II*—A tape that, when new, conforms to the retroreflectance requirements for Reflectivity Level II in Table 1 when measured in accordance with 6.4.

⁴ Available from U.S. National Committee of the CIE (International Commission on Illumination), C/o Thomas M. Lemons, TLA-Lighting Consultants, Inc., 7 Pond St., Salem, MA 01970, <http://www.cie-usnc.org>.