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Standard Specification for Physical and Chemical Properties of Industry Reference Materials (IRM)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the chemical and physical quality specifications or requirements, or both, for Industry Reference Materials (IRMs) as cited in Practice D4678 and other standards.

1.2 IRMs, as evaluated and referenced in Practice D4678, are vitally important to conduct product, specification, and development testing in the rubber and carbon black industries.

1.3 Before a new lot of material can be accepted as an IRM, it must comply with the specifications prescribed in this specification. However, these specifications are only part of the requirements. Other requirements as given in Practice D4678 shall be met before a candidate material can be formally accepted as an IRM.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D88 Test Method for Saybolt Viscosity
- D92 Test Method for Flash and Fire Points by Cleveland Open Cup Tester
- D97 Test Method for Pour Point of Petroleum Products
- D280 Test Methods for Hygroscopic Moisture (and Other Matter Volatile Under the Test Conditions) in Pigments
- D287 Test Method for API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products (Hydrometer Method)
- D445 Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)
- D611 Test Methods for Aniline Point and Mixed Aniline Point of Petroleum Products and Hydrocarbon Solvents
- D1278 Test Methods for Rubber from Natural Sources—Chemical Analysis
- D1416 Test Methods for Rubber from Synthetic Sources—Chemical Analysis (Withdrawn 1996)³
- D1500 Test Method for ASTM Color of Petroleum Products (ASTM Color Scale)
- D1519 Test Methods for Rubber Chemicals—Determination of Melting Range
- D1646 Test Methods for Rubber—Viscosity, Stress Relaxation, and Pre-Vulcanization Characteristics (Mooney Viscometer)
- D1747 Test Method for Refractive Index of Viscous Materials
- D1951 Test Method for Ash in Drying Oils and Fatty Acids (Withdrawn 2003)³

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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.