



Standard Practice for Specifying Standard Sizes of Stone for Erosion Control¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice covers size designations and maximum ranges in mass or gradation for standard sizes for riprap, spalls, or bedding, or both, used for slope protection of dam embankments, streambank erosion control, bridge piers and abutments. Sizes used for outer harbor structures such as breakwalls, revetments, confined diked disposal structures (heretofore described as armor stone, cover stone, or dimension stone) for which stone sizes range between 5 and 25 tons, or that require cut dimensions for layed-up structures are beyond the scope of this practice.

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

1.3 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids
- D4992 Practice for Evaluation of Rock to be Used for Erosion Control
- D5519 Test Methods for Particle Size Analysis of Natural and Man-Made Riprap Materials
- E11 Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of common technical terms in this practice, refer to Terminology D653.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *filter/bedding stone/spalls*—stone, filter stone consisting of crushed stone ranging in size from minus 2.0 in. (50 mm) to No. 100 (150 μ m) and bedding stone, often referred to as "spalls," consisting of crushed stone ranging in size from minus 6½ in. (163 mm) to No. 16 (1.18 mm). Filter and bedding may be placed in two layers prior to the riprap placement, that is, a filter layer 8 to 10 in. (200 to 250 mm) thick and a bedding layer of 6 to 8 in. (150 to 200 mm) thick.

3.2.2 *geotextiles*—suitable geotextile fabrics that meet the design requirements may be used instead of, or in conjunction with, the above filter/bedding stone. Suitable cover thickness may be required.

3.2.3 *gradation*—the proportions by mass of stones distributed within specified ranges between maximum and minimum limits.

3.2.4 *prolate sphere*—a spheroid in which the polar axis is greater than the equatorial diameter.

3.2.5 *riprap*—stone materials generally less than 3000 lb in mass (1400 kg), specially selected and graded, and when

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