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Standard Test Method for Collection of Volatile Organic Compounds Emitted During Simulated Manufacturing of Engineered Wood Products Via a Sealed Caul Plate Method¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method provides a method for the collection of volatile organic compounds (VOC) that are emitted during the manufacture of engineered wood products using a laboratory environment designed to simulate a defined production process. The method is used for the determination of the amounts of methanol, formaldehyde, phenol and other VOC that may be emitted during conditions designed to simulate production such as hot pressing, the conditions of ‘hot stacking’ and ‘cool-down’ that occurs post-press.

1.2 The test method was originally developed to measure certain VOC from exterior plywood meeting Voluntary Product Standard PS 1–09 and structural composite lumber products such as laminated veneer lumber (LVL) meeting Specification D5456. Both of these product types are typically manufactured using phenol-formaldehyde resin based adhesives that meet Specification D2559.

1.3 The test method is suitable for many types of wood products bonded with adhesives.

1.4 This test method is specific for collecting VOC during simulated production of wood products and is not designed to determine general organic emissions from all indoor materials or sources.

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.6 *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.* Some specific hazards statements are given in Section 7 on Hazards.

1.7 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

D2145 Method of Test for Phenol Content of Phenol-Water Mixtures (Withdrawn 1978)³

D2559 Specification for Adhesives for Bonded Structural Wood Products for Use Under Exterior Exposure Conditions

D4442 Test Methods for Direct Moisture Content Measurement of Wood and Wood-Based Materials

D4933 Guide for Moisture Conditioning of Wood and Wood-Based Materials

D5456 Specification for Evaluation of Structural Composite Lumber Products

E346 Test Methods for Analysis of Methanol (Withdrawn 2017)³

E1333 Test Method for Determining Formaldehyde Concentrations in Air and Emission Rates from Wood Products Using a Large Chamber

2.2 Other Standards:

Voluntary Product Standard PS 1–09 Structural Plywood

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *target production process*—a set of specified manufacturing parameters that define the production of an adhesive bonded wood product. For the purposes of this standard, those parameters are designed to be representative of a specific production facility and are used to derive the test specimen.

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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.