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Standard Test Method for Resistance of Chemical Protective Clothing Materials to Liquid Permeation—Permeation Cup Method¹

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INTRODUCTION

Workers involved in the production, use, and transportation of chemicals can be exposed to numerous compounds capable of causing harm upon contact with the human body. The deleterious effects of these chemicals can range from acute trauma, such as dermatitis or burns, to chronic degenerative disease, such as cancer or pulmonary fibrosis. Since engineering controls may not eliminate all possible exposures, attention is often given to reducing the potential for direct skin contact through the use of protective clothing that resists degradation, penetration, and permeation.

This test method provides a simple, gravimetric means for measuring the resistance of clothing materials to permeation by liquid chemicals. Permeation testing by a more sophisticated procedure and penetration testing are addressed by separate methods: Test Methods F739 and F903, respectively. Test Methods for measuring the effects of chemicals on the physical properties of rubbers, plastics, and coated fabrics may be found in Test Method D471, Practices D543, and Test Methods D751, respectively. Guide F1001 designates 21 chemicals for use with these tests.

1. Scope

1.1 This test method measures the barrier effectiveness of a specimen of protective clothing upon continuous contact with a liquid.

1.1.1 *Procedure A*—For use when a value for the cumulative amount of chemical permeated in 1 h is desired.

1.1.2 *Procedure B*—For use when breakthrough detection time and permeation rate values are desired.

1.2 Although not addressed herein, the effect of the test chemical on the clothing material can be determined by comparing the weight or other physical properties of the specimen before and after the permeation test.

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

1.4 *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 applica-*

bility of regulatory limitations prior to use. Specific precautionary statements are given in Section 7.

1.5 *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

- D471 Test Method for Rubber Property—Effect of Liquids
- D543 Practices for Evaluating the Resistance of Plastics to Chemical Reagents
- D751 Test Methods for Coated Fabrics
- E105 Practice for Probability Sampling of Materials
- F739 Test Method for Permeation of Liquids and Gases through Protective Clothing Materials under Conditions of Continuous Contact
- F903 Test Method for Resistance of Materials Used in Protective Clothing to Penetration by Liquids
- F1001 Guide for Selection of Chemicals to Evaluate Protective Clothing Materials

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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.