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Standard Specification for Granite Dimension Stone¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the material characteristics, physical requirements, and sampling appropriate to the selection of granite for general building and structural purposes. Refer to Guides [C1242](#) and [C1528](#) for the appropriate selection and use of granite dimension stone.

1.2 Granite dimension stone shall include stone that is sawed, cut, split, or otherwise finished or shaped, and shall specifically exclude molded, cast, or otherwise artificially aggregated units composed of fragments, crushed and broken stone.

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.4 *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

[C97/C97M](#) Test Methods for Absorption and Bulk Specific Gravity of Dimension Stone

[C99/C99M](#) Test Method for Modulus of Rupture of Dimension Stone

[C119](#) Terminology Relating to Dimension Stone

[C170/C170M](#) Test Method for Compressive Strength of Dimension Stone

[C241/C241M](#) Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Stone Subjected to Foot Traffic

[C1242](#) Guide for Selection, Design, and Installation of Dimension Stone Attachment Systems

[C880/C880M](#) Test Method for Flexural Strength of Dimension Stone

[C1353](#) Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Dimension Stone Subjected to Foot Traffic Using a Rotary Platform Abraser

[C1528](#) Guide for Selection of Dimension Stone

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—All definitions are in accordance with Terminology [C119](#).

4. Classification

4.1 Granite dimension stone under this specification shall be granite used for:

4.1.1 Exterior and interior cladding of buildings and structures;

4.1.2 Curbstone, paving, and landscape features;

4.1.3 Structural components having established dimensions;

4.1.4 Grade separations and retaining walls; and

4.1.5 Monuments.

5. Physical Properties

5.1 Granite supplied under this specification shall conform to the physical requirements prescribed in [Table 1](#).

NOTE 1—Refer to Guide [C1528](#) Section 62 for potential further evaluation of materials that do not meet the values of this specification, but may still be suitable for use in a particular application.

5.2 Granite shall be sound, durable, and free of spalls, cracks, open seams, pits, or other defects that are likely to impair its structural integrity in its intended use.

5.3 Granite shall be free of minerals that may cause objectionable staining under normal environments of use.

5.4 The desired color and texture, with their permissible natural variations in material characteristics for all material to be produced for the project, shall be established by control samples. Select representative samples by viewing a sufficient number of physical samples prior to production that show the complete range of variations in color and texture of the granite specified.

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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.