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Standard Test Method for Hydrogen Gas Generation of Aluminum Emulsified Asphalt Used as a Protective Coating for Roofing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a hydrogen gas and stability test for aluminum emulsified asphalt coatings.

1.2 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 nonconformance with the 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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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

D1079 [Terminology Relating to Roofing and Waterproofing](#)
D2939 [Test Methods for Emulsified Bitumens Used as Protective Coatings](#) (Withdrawn 2012)³

E1 [Specification for ASTM Liquid-in-Glass Thermometers](#)

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 A 200 g sample of water-based aluminized coating is heated to 51.7 ± 1 °C [125 ± 2 °F] in an Erlenmeyer flask and

the volume in millilitres of hydrogen gas evolved is measured. The test is conducted for one week (168 h) with a reading taken every 24 h. The test room is to be maintained at 73.4 ± 3.6 °F in order to standardize gas collection temperature in the burette receptacle.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This procedure measures the amount of hydrogen gas generation potential of aluminized emulsion roof coating. There is the possibility of water reacting with aluminum pigment to generate hydrogen gas. This situation is to be avoided, so this test was designed to evaluate coating formulations and assess the propensity to gassing.

5. Apparatus and Materials

5.1 The assembly of the hydrogen gas generation test apparatus is illustrated in [Fig. 1](#). Details of the component part are as follows:

5.1.1 *Wide-Mouth Glass Erlenmeyer Flask*, 250 mL capacity.

5.1.2 *Beaker*, glass, 250 mL.

5.1.3 *Burette*, standard glass 100 mL graduated with glass stopcock and 0.2 mL divisions.

5.1.4 *Condenser*, glass jacketed, having the dimensions shown in [Fig. 2](#).

5.1.5 *Glass Tubing*, standard glass 6.35 mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in.] inside diameter 7.94 mm [$\frac{5}{16}$ in.] outside diameter and 127 mm [5 in.] length for forming the J-tube.

5.1.6 *Tubing*, pure latex amber rubber tubing, 6.35 mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in.].

5.1.7 *Neoprene Rubber Stopper*, No. 8 with one hole (preferred connection for glass condenser to 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask).

5.1.8 *Oil or Water Bath*—Constant temperature immersion circulating bath capable of temperature control.

5.1.9 *Oil*—Commercially available mineral oil or suitable heat transfer fluid.

5.1.10 *Thermometer*—ASTM thermometer having a range from -2 to $+80$ °C [30 to 180 °F] and conforming to the requirements for thermometer 15C or 15F as prescribed in Specification [E1](#).

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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.

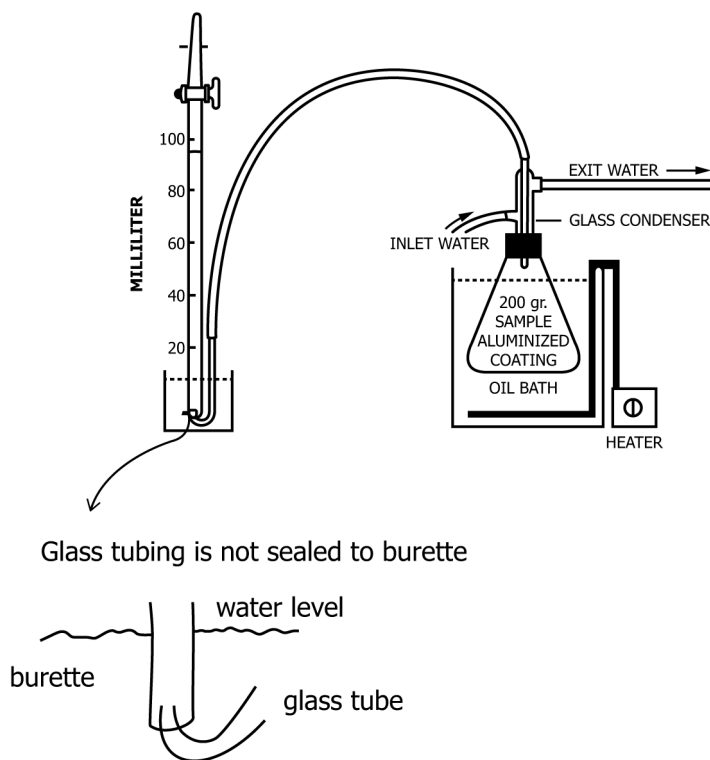


FIG. 1 Hydrogen Gas Generation Test Apparatus

6. Sampling

6.1 Sample the material in accordance with Test Methods [D2939](#).

7. Procedure

7.1 Weigh 200 g of the sample directly in the 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask ensuring that none coats the neck where the stopper is placed.

7.2 Insert the filled flask into the oil or water bath (temperature controlled to $51.7 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ [$125 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$]) and connect the glass condenser-stopper into the neck of the flask. Flask should be supported internally via flask holder or externally with a suitable clamping device.

7.3 Fill the 250 mL beaker with water and insert the 100 mL burette and J-tube into the water. Avoid the introduction of water into the J-tube.

7.4 Draw the water level to the 100 mL mark on the burette and close the stopcock.

7.5 Record the time as the start of the induction period.

7.6 After a 1 h induction period, record the time and the water level point on the burette. The latter figure is the zero point. Do not include the one hour induction period level point in the calculation and report.

7.7 Unless otherwise specified, conduct the test at a room temperature of $23.0 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ [$73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$] for one week, (168 h), with a reading taken every 24 h at the corresponding

time that the zero point was taken. It is recognized that test duration is seven days per week and readings may not be practical on weekends or holidays.

7.8 If the gas quantity approaches the confines of the burette, the test should be terminated.

8. Calculation and Report

8.1 *Hydrogen Gas Evolution*—Calculate the total millilitres of hydrogen gas evolved to the nearest 0.1 mL as follows:

$$H = V - Z \quad (1)$$

where:

H = hydrogen gas evolved in mL,
 V = volume of water in burette at 168 h, and
 Z = zero point volume of water in burette.

8.2 Report the results as the hydrogen gas content to the nearest 0.1 mL.

9. Precision and Bias

9.1 See [Table 1](#).

10. Keywords

10.1 emulsified asphalt; hydrogen gas; roofing; stability; water based aluminum