



Standard Practice for Installation Procedures of Vinyl Deck Coverings on Portable Plates in Electrical and Electronic Spaces¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the acceptable method for installing insulated deck covering on portable deck plates.

1.2 This deck covering shall be installed, in way of the electrical and electronic spaces, for marine use.

1.3 The values stated in SI (metric) units are to be regarded as the standard. The values in parentheses are for information only.

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

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

D1338 Practice for Working Life of Liquid or Paste Adhesives by Consistency and Bond Strength

D4389 Specification for Finished Glass Fabrics Woven From Rovings

F150 Test Method for Electrical Resistance of Conductive and Static Dissipative Resilient Flooring

2.2 Other Documents:

Steel Structural Painting Council SP-11³

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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 Available from Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC), 800 Trumbull Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205, <http://www.sspc.org>.

3. Requirements

3.1 *Operations Area*—Typical areas for application of the electric insulating deck covering are:

3.1.1 The operating areas in front and rear of power and lighting switchboards, interior-communication switchboards, test switchboards, fire-control switchboards, and shipboard announcing-systems amplifiers and control panels.

3.1.2 The area around electronic equipment which may be contacted by personnel in servicing or tuning energized equipment.

3.1.3 Vinyl sheets should be confined to the minimum deck areas (generally 0.9 m (3 ft) wide) surrounding the apparatus necessary to prevent electric shock, and should, unless otherwise specified, be cemented to the deck in lieu of other specified deck coverings.

3.2 Installation Vinyl Sheets:

3.2.1 Installation of deck covering shall be in accordance with **Figs. 1-7**, using vinyl sheet and fiberglass binding strips (see **Fig. 1** and **Fig. 5**).

3.2.2 Vinyl sheets and fiberglass sheets shall be united at the edges in a rabbet joint as shown (see **Fig. 7**), and such that the fiberglass overlaps at all joints. All rabbeted surfaces shall be smooth and corners sharp and square, such that at installation the overlapping areas fit firmly and flush. Vinyl shall meet requirements and tests provided in Test Method **F150**.

3.3 Adhesive:

3.3.1 Vinyl sheets shall be secured to each portable plate with adhesive. Adhesive should not extend beyond edges of vinyl sheet.

3.3.2 Silicone compound, with 1 % liquid catalyst, should be applied between lapping areas in accordance with Practice **D1338**.

3.4 *Fiberglass*—Glass fiber base, epoxy resin sheets furnished under this specification (**Fig. 1** and **Fig. 5**), shall be a product consisting of plies or layers of cloth or nonwoven parallel aligned fibers bonded with an epoxy resin compound, in accordance with Specification **D4389**.

3.5 *Fastening with Nylon Screws*—Fiberglass binding strips shall be secured to the deck with nylon screws. A 76-mm (3-in.) wide strip over joints between portable plates shall be fastened with a double row of screws. A 38-mm (1½-in.) wide