



Standard Specification for Asphalt Roof Cement, Asbestos-Free¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers asbestos-free asphalt roof cement suitable for trowel application to roofings and flashings.

1.2 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 8 of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, 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 applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 4 Test Method for Bitumen Content²
- D 95 Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials By Distillation³
- D 140 Practice for Sampling Bituminous Materials⁴
- D 312 Specification for Asphalt Used in Roofing²
- D 449 Specification for Asphalt Used in Dampproofing and Waterproofing²
- D 946 Specification for Penetration-Graded Asphalt Cement for Use in Pavement Construction⁴
- D 1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing, Waterproofing, and Bituminous Materials²

3. Classification

3.1 *Type I*—Type I is made from asphalts characterized as self-healing, adhesive, and ductile, and conforming to the requirements of Specification D 312, Type I; Specification D 449, Types I or II; or Specification D 946.

3.2 *Type II*—Type II is made from asphalt characterized by high softening point and relatively low ductility, and conforming to the requirements of Specification D 312, Types II or III; or Specification D 449, Types II or III.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 Asphalt roof cement shall consist of an asphalt base, volatile petroleum solvents, and mineral and/or other stabilizers, excluding asbestos, mixed to a smooth, uniform consistency suitable for trowel application.

5. Composition

5.1 Asphalt roof cement complying with this specification shall conform to the following composition limits:

	min	max
Moisture, %	...	3.0
Nonvolatile matter, %	70	...
Mineral and/or other stabilizers, %	15	40
Asphalt, %	35	65

6. Physical Requirements

6.1 *Uniformity*—A thoroughly stirred sample shall show no separation of solvent or settling that cannot be overcome by moderate stirring after standing for 72 h at room temperature in a closed container.

6.2 *Workability*—The cement shall be of a consistency that will spread readily and permit troweling smooth coatings, 2 to 6 mm (1/16 to 1/4 in.) thick, on prepared roofing, saturated felt, and metal surfaces at ambient temperatures above 10°C (50°F).

6.3 *Behavior at 60°C (140°F)*—The cement shall show no evidence of blistering, and sag or slide shall be no greater than 6 mm (1/4 in.).

6.4 *Pliability at 0°C (32°F)*—There shall be no cracking or separation of the cement from the metal.

7. Sampling

7.1 Sample the material from original containers immediately after stirring to a uniform consistency in accordance with Practice D 140. Restir samples to ensure uniformity immediately before withdrawing portions for individual tests.

8. Test Methods

8.1 *Water*—Test Method D 95.

8.2 *Nonvolatile Matter*—Weigh 10 ± 1 g of cement to the nearest 0.01 g into each of two tared, flat-bottom dishes having a diameter of approximately 64 mm (2.5 in.) and walls 16 mm (5/8 in.) high. Heat the dish and contents in an oven at 160 to 166°C (320 to 330°F) until the residue shows a loss of not more than 0.05 g on successive hourly weighings; make each

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.04.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.01.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.03.

weighing after cooling in a desiccator. Calculate the percent nonvolatile matter from the mass of the residue and the mass of the original sample, as follows:

$$\text{Nonvolatile matter, \%} = (R_e/S) \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where:

R_e = mass of residue from evaporation, g, and

S = mass of original sample, g.

Record the average of the two separate determinations.

8.3 Mineral and/or Other Stabilizers, and Asphalt—Test Method D 4, Procedure No. 2, but substitute trichloroethylene for carbon disulfide. Mineral matter shall be reported as mineral and/or other stabilizers, bitumen as asphalt. Calculate asphalt as percent of original, X_a , as follows:

$$X_a = N - (100 B/A) \quad (2)$$

where:

N = nonvolatile matter from 8.2, %,

B = net mass of insoluble residue, including corrections, g, and

A = mass of the sample taken, g.

8.4 Behavior at 60°C (140°F):

8.4.1 Prepare two test specimens by troweling cement through masks centered over two steel panels. The masks shall have openings 75 by 125 mm (3 by 5 in.) and shall be 2.4 mm ($3/32$ in.) \pm 10% thick. The panels shall be 150 by 150 mm (6 by 6 in.); 0.32 to 0.40 mm (30 to 28 gage) nominal thickness; capable of being bent smoothly and uniformly through 180° over a 25-mm (1-in.) diameter mandrel; and shall be free of oil and scale.

8.4.2 Immediately after troweling cement on the steel panels, remove the mask and embed a thread in each coating across the 75-mm (3-in.) dimension, parallel to and no more than 50 mm (2 in.) from one edge of the coating. Measure the distance of the thread from the edge of test panel to the nearest 1 mm ($1/32$ in.).

8.4.3 Expose the test panels horizontally in a well-ventilated area for 60 min at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($73 \pm 4^\circ\text{F}$), but not in direct sunlight.

8.4.4 Suspend the panels vertically with the thread closest to the top edge in an oven at $60 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($140 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$). After 5 h, remove the test panels from the oven and examine for any sign of blistering. Then measure the distance of the thread from the edge of each panel again to determine the extent of any sagging or sliding. Report the average of the two measurements to the nearest 1 mm ($1/32$ in.).

8.5 Pliability at 0°C (32°F):

8.5.1 Cool the coated metal panels from the preceding test to room temperature, and then immerse them in a water bath at 0°C (32°F) for 1 h.

8.5.2 Remove the panels from the water bath and immediately bend them over a 25-mm (1-in.) diameter mandrel through 180°. The bending shall be accomplished in approximately 2 s at a uniform rate, with the metal side of the test panel against the mandrel.

8.5.3 Immediately after bending, dry the panels thoroughly and examine the coating visually for cracking or bond failure. Ignore cracks less than 3 mm ($1/8$ in.) long unless they extend to the metal.

9. Precision and Bias

9.1 The precision and bias of the test methods used in this specification have not been determined.

10. Inspection

10.1 Inspection of the material shall be agreed upon by the purchaser and the seller as part of the purchase contract.

11. Rejection and Rehearing

11.1 Failure to conform to any of the requirements prescribed in this specification shall constitute grounds for rejection. In cases of rejection, the seller shall have the right to reinspect and resubmit the lot after removal of those packages not conforming to the specified requirements.

12. Keywords

12.1 asbestos-free; asphalt; roof cement

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