



# Standard Practice for Melting of Hot-Applied Joint and Crack Sealant and Filler for Evaluation<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This standard establishes the procedure for melting or heating, or both, of hot-applied joint and crack sealants and fillers in preparation for the making of test specimens used in the laboratory evaluations of the sealants and fillers. Refer to the specific standard material specification for sampling requirements, test sample quantity, temperatures and times for melting and heating, and the number of specimens required for testing.

1.2 This procedure is applicable to the hot-applied joint and crack sealants and fillers used in both portland cement and asphaltic-concrete pavements.

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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For specific precautions see Section 7.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values in parentheses are provided for information purposes only.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

E 1 Specification for ASTM Thermometers<sup>2</sup>

E 77 Test Method for the Inspection and Verification of Thermometers<sup>2</sup>

E 171 Specification for Standard Atmospheres for Conditioning and Testing Materials<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *recommended safe heating temperature*—The maximum temperature recommended by the manufacturer of the sealant or filler to which the sealant or filler can be heated and still conform to the particular specification requirements.

3.1.2 *recommended pouring temperature*—The minimum temperature recommended by the manufacturer of the sealant

or filler to which the sealant or filler can be heated and still conform to the particular specification requirements.

3.1.3 *recommended application temperature*—any temperature between the recommended safe heating temperature and the recommended pouring temperature.

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 It is intended that this practice be used by manufacturers, users and testing agencies. The use of this practice establishes a uniform procedure for the melting or heating of hot-applied sealants and fillers. It is not intended to establish test procedures or conditions of test which are associated with each of the joint sealants and fillers.

## 5. Standard Conditions

5.1 The laboratory atmospheric conditions, hereinafter referred to as standard conditions, shall be as detailed in Specification E 171,  $73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$  ( $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ) and 50 % relative humidity  $\pm 5$  %. The material shall be conditioned for 24 h at standard conditions before melting or heating.

## 6. Apparatus

### 6.1 Laboratory Melter:

6.1.1 The equipment for melting of the joint sealant or filler shall be an oil jacketed melter equipped with a mechanical agitator and thermometers for the oil bath and material in the melting vat.

6.1.2 The heat transfer oil shall be a high flash point oil, that is, in excess of  $600^\circ\text{F}$  ( $315^\circ\text{C}$ ).

6.1.3 The heat source shall be thermostatically controlled and capable of maintaining the heat transfer oil temperature within a tolerance of  $\pm 5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $\pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ ) and capable of heating the oil to a maximum of  $550^\circ\text{F}$  ( $288^\circ\text{C}$ ).

6.1.4 The mechanical agitator speed for the material shall be  $30 \pm 5$  rpm when fully loaded and the agitator speed for the oil bath shall be such to allow continuous circulation of the oil.

6.1.5 Except when adding the sealant or filler sample, or checking temperature, the melter's pots shall be covered with close fitting lids.

6.1.6 Refer to Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 (bottom discharge type) and Fig. 3 (removable can type) for typical laboratory melters. Also see Note 1.

6.2 The thermometers used in this melting operation shall meet the requirements of Specification E 1 and be checked for

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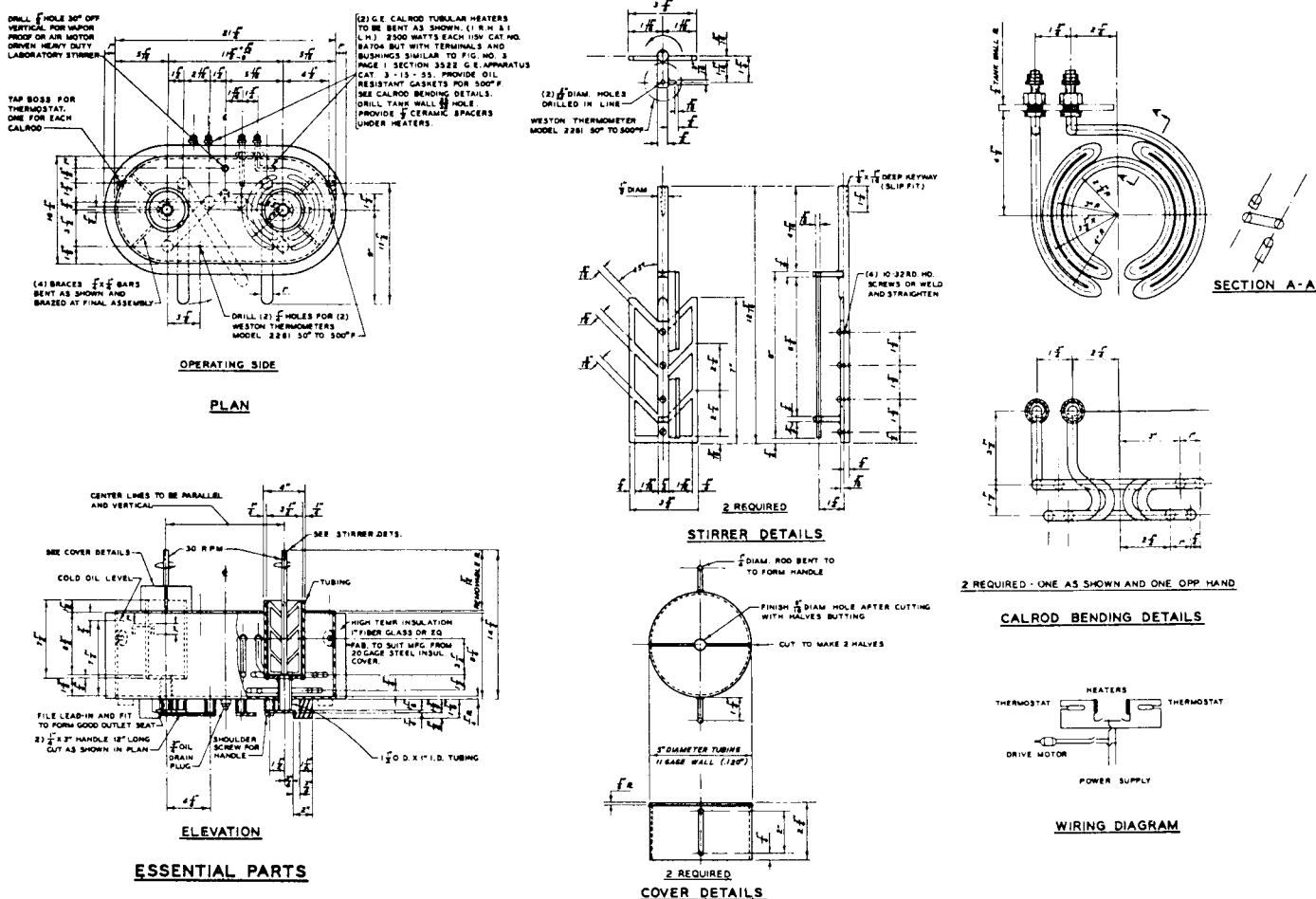


FIG. 2 Detailed Drawing of Joint Sealant Laboratory Melting Unit

8. Procedure

8.1 Sample Preparation:

8.1.1 Obtain the sample which is delivered to the laboratory for testing in accordance with its respective standard material specification.

8.1.2 *Solid Materials*— For sealants or fillers which are solid at 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C), cut a complete vertical section from the material block as illustrated in Fig. 4, in order to obtain a uniform representative sample and supply enough product to pour all specimens. Also, if present, remove container liner by cutting it away. Consult the respective material specification for the required sample size and method of cutting. Cut the entire vertical section into segments of approximately 50 g and place all segments from one vertical section in the same pot and melt.

8.1.3 *Liquid Materials*— For sealants which are liquid at 73.4 ± 3.6°F (23 ± 2°C), stir the sealant to be sampled thoroughly by hand or mechanically using a suitable stirrer until the material consistency is uniform and homogeneous. Consult the respective material specification for the required sample size.

8.2 Heating Procedure:

8.2.1 Heat the oil bath to approximately the recommended safe heating temperature of the material to be tested (see 4.1 and 6.2) (refer to the respective material specification for the

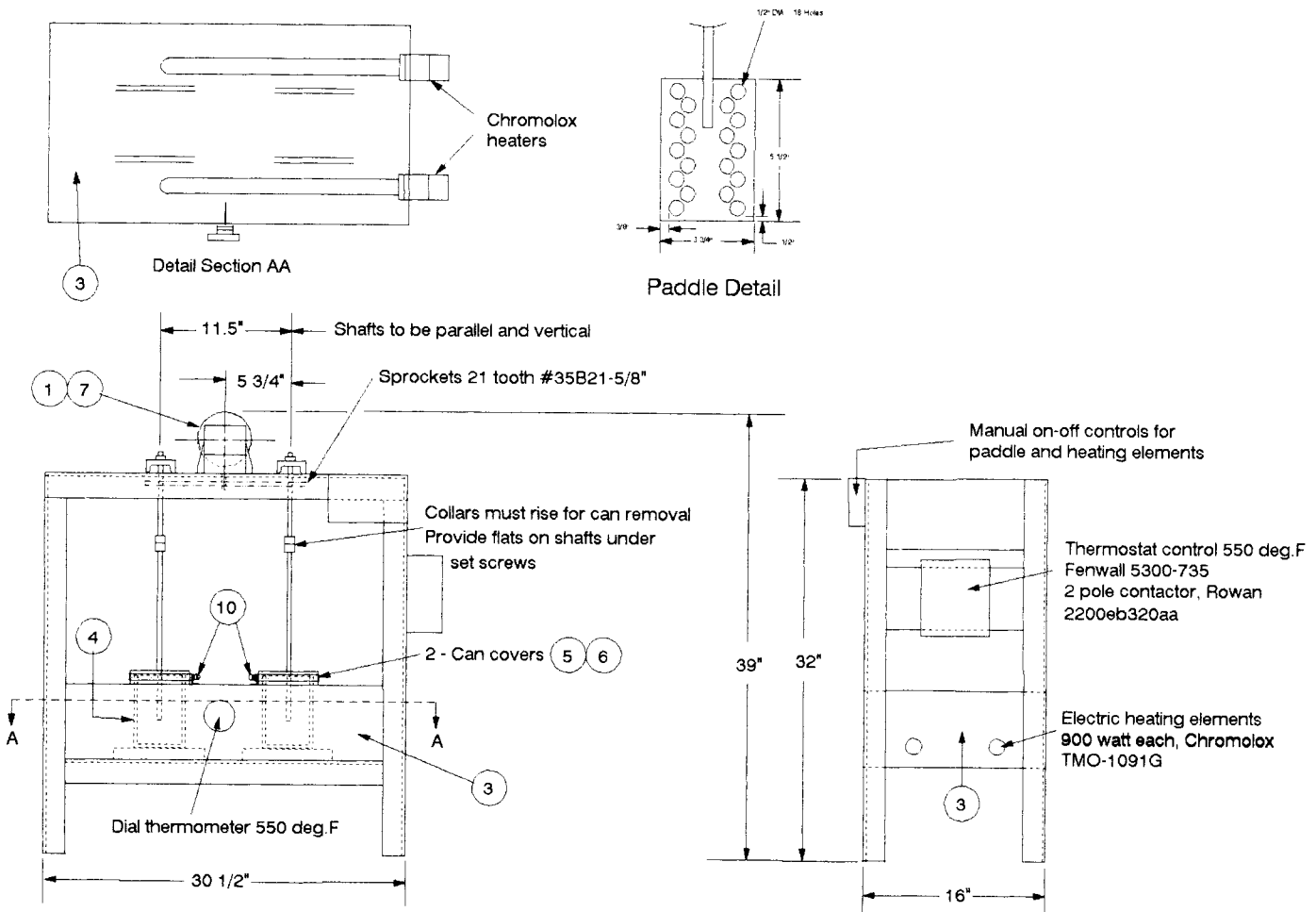
maximum oil bath temperature).

8.2.2 *Sample Addition*— The sample pot in the melting unit shall be clean and free of any residue from previous heated sealants or fillers as well as cleaning materials.

8.2.2.1 *Solid Materials*— Add four 50 ± 10 g portions of the sealant or filler into the melting unit's pot and, with the agitator running, bring the material to a pouring consistency not to exceed the manufacturer's recommended safe heating temperature. Add the remaining segments at the rate of one 50 g segment/min, stopping the agitator (for not more than 10 s) while making the addition. If the sample size required by the respective material specification is too large to be melted in one pot, additional vertical samples must be obtained and melted to meet the correct sample size. All of the 50 g segments from one vertical section must be placed in the same pot and melted as part of the test. Keep the pot(s) covered at all times and the agitator running, except when adding segments of sealant or filler.

8.2.2.2 *Liquid Materials*— Immediately after stirring, add the entire sample portion at one time. If the sample size required by the respective material specification is too large to be melted in one pot, an additional pot shall be used. Begin mechanical stirring immediately after the sealant is added to the pot(s).

8.2.3 After the solid segments or liquid is added to the



1. 1/6 hp Split phase motor 1140 r/min NEMA 56c
2. Paddles to turn 35 r/min
3. Heating bath capacity approx. 6 GPM
4. Cans submerged in oil bath
5. Use stock can No. 3600 Freud Can Co.
6. Can size 4 1/4 in. dia. by 7 in. tall
7. Gear reducer Boston No. F713-50-B5G
8. Bearing, Boston bronz No. FB101-14
9. All frame angles 2 in. by 2 in. by 3/16 in. welded at all joints
10. Clip attached to heating bath and hose clamp to keep pot from rotating

**FIG. 3 Joint Sealant Laboratory Melting Unit**

melter, regulate the oil bath temperature to bring the sample to the temperature specified in the respective material specification within one h from the time the first portion of the material was added to the melter. Then, if required, continue heating for the time and at the temperature required in the respective material specification.

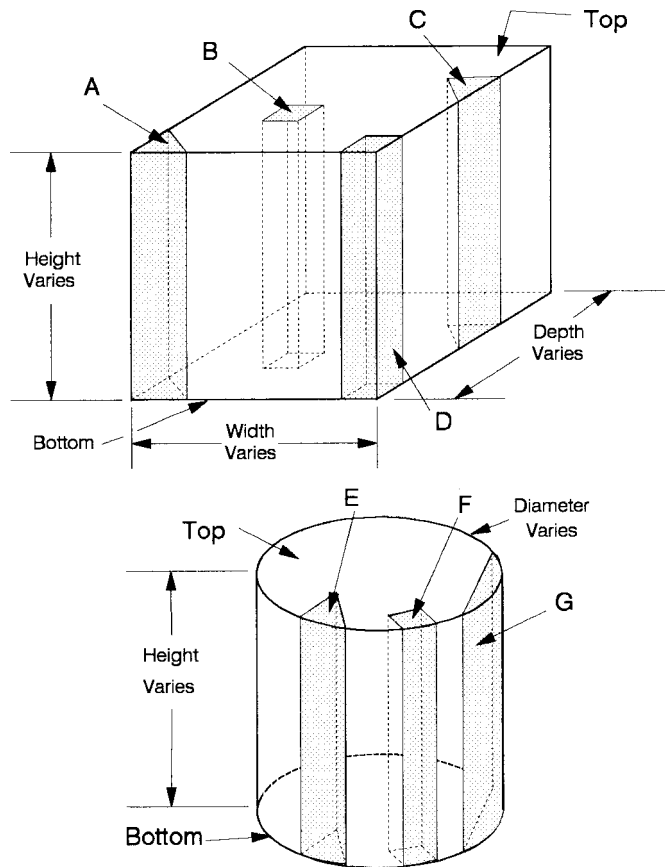
**8.2.4 Temperature Monitoring:**

8.2.4.1 When material is to be poured immediately upon reaching the specified temperature, check its temperature at maximum 15 min intervals using an ASTM 2F or 2C thermometer to ensure conformance with specified temperature requirements. Stop the mechanical stirrer when measuring temperatures. If material temperatures exceed the safe heating temperature or drop below the pouring temperature after the pouring temperature has been reached, discard the sample and redo the heating. Maintain appropriate records of times and

temperatures to verify conformance with specification requirements.

8.2.4.2 When prolonged heating is required (see Note 2), the sample temperature shall be monitored at intervals not to exceed 30 min to verify conformance to temperature requirements. If material temperatures exceed the safe heating temperature or drop below the pouring temperature after the pouring temperature has been reached, discard the sample and redo the heating. Maintain appropriate records of times and temperatures to verify conformance with specification requirements.

NOTE 2—Sometimes prolonged heating is required to verify that the material can meet all the requirements of the specification when prolonged heating situations happen in the field.



A,B,C,D,E,F & G are several typical vertical samples that can be taken from the manufacturer's original shipped sealant units.

**FIG. 4 Typical Sealant Units (as supplied in manufacturer's original container)**

**9. Sample Pouring**

9.1 When using a melter with a bottom discharge, discard approximately the first 50 g of material and then pour all test specimens as required directly from the melter within a period of 10 min while continuing agitation.

9.2 When using a melter with a removable sample pot, stop

the mechanical stirring device and then remove within one min. Immediately remove the sample pot from the melter and clean the oil residue from the outer pot surface. Pour all required specimens within 2 min following removal of the sample pot from the melter to minimize temperature loss.

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