



Standard Specification for Atactic Polypropylene (APP) Modified Bituminous Base Sheet Materials Using Glass Fiber Reinforcements¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers prefabricated modified bituminous sheet materials with glass fiber reinforcement, which use atactic polypropylene (APP) as the primary modifier and which are intended for use as a base sheet in the fabrication of multiple ply roofing and waterproofing membranes.

1.2 This is a material specification only. Issues regarding the suitability of specific roof constructions or application techniques are beyond the scope of this specification.

1.3 The specified tests and property limits used to characterize the sheet materials covered by this specification are intended to establish minimum properties. In-place roof system design criteria, such as fire resistance, field strength, impact/puncture resistance, material compatibility, uplift resistance, the need for field applied coatings, and others, are factors beyond the scope of this material specification.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. Inch-pound units are given in parentheses for information only.

1.5 The following precautionary statement pertains only to the test method portion, Section 8, of this specification. *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing, Waterproofing, and Bituminous Materials
- D 5147 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Modified Bituminous Sheet Material²
- D 5636 Test Method for Low Temperature Unrolling of Felt or Sheet Roofing and Waterproofing Materials²

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this speci-

fication, refer to Terminology D 1079.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 In the manufacturing process, the reinforcement is impregnated and coated on both sides in an APP-modified bituminous coating. The APP-modified bituminous coating may be compounded with a mineral stabilizer.

4.2 The base sheet may be surfaced with mineral matter to prevent sticking in the roll. The reverse side may be covered with a thin polyolefin film or with other surfacing that will not interfere with adhesion or bonding of the sheet during application.

5. Physical Properties

5.1 The sheet shall conform to the minimum physical properties described in Table 1.

5.2 The finished product shall not crack or be so sticky as to cause tearing or other material damage upon being unrolled at any product temperature between 4° and 60°C (40° and 140°F).

6. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

6.1 The finished product shall conform to the following dimensions and variations:

6.1.1 The width of the roll shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier and shall not vary more than 1 %.

6.1.2 The area of the roll shall be no less than as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

6.1.3 The selvage width shall be within 6 mm (¼ in.) of the nominal selvage width and shall be not less than 76 mm (3 in.) in width from the edge of the sheet.

6.2 The mass and thickness of the finished product shall be as prescribed in Table 2.

7. Workmanship, Finish and Appearance

7.1 The finished product shall be uniformly impregnated and coated with atactic polypropylene (APP)-modified bitumen. It shall be free of visible defects, such as holes, ragged or untrue edges, breaks, cracks, tears, and protrusions.

7.2 When unrolled on a smooth plane, the sheet shall be straight and true so that the lap will mate with an adjacent sheet, within the tolerance for the lap without wrinkles, buckles, or fishmouths.

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TABLE 1 Physical Properties of Atactic Polypropylene (APP)-Modified Bituminous Base Sheet Materials Using Glass Fiber Reinforcements

NOTE 1—The properties in this table are “as manufactured” unless otherwise noted.

Property	
Peak load at $-18 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($0 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$) MD and XMD, kN/m, (lbf/in.) min	12.2 (70)
Elongation at $-18 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($0 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$) MD and XMD, at peak load, % min	1
Peak load at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$) MD and XMD, before and after heat conditioning, kN/m (lbf/in.), min	8.8 (50)
Elongation at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$) MD and XMD, before and after heat conditioning, at peak load, % min	2
Tear strength at $23 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ ($73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$), N (lbf), min	311 (70)
Low temperature, flexibility, before and after heat conditioning, $^\circ\text{C}$ ($^\circ\text{F}$), max	0 (+32)
Dimensional stability, % change max	0.2
Compound stability, $^\circ\text{C}$ ($^\circ\text{F}$) min	110 (230)
Water absorption, % max	3.2
Moisture content, % max	1
Low temperature unrolling, $^\circ\text{C}$ ($^\circ\text{F}$), max	5 (41)

TABLE 2 Dimensions and Mass of Atactic Polypropylene (APP)-Modified Bituminous Base Sheet Materials Using Glass Fiber Reinforcements

NOTE 1—The properties in this table are “as manufactured” unless otherwise noted.

Property	
Thickness, min, mm (mils)	1.8 (70)
Net mass per unit area, min, g/m^2 (lbs/100 ft^2)	1952 (40)
Bottom side coating thickness, min, mm (mils)	0.76 (30)

8. Sampling and Test Methods

8.1 Sample the material and determine the properties described in this specification in accordance with Test Methods D 5147 unless otherwise indicated.

8.2 *High Temperature Stability*—Sample the material and determine the high temperature stability in accordance with Test Methods D 5147 and as described herein. Report the highest test temperature at which flowing, dripping, or drop formation does not occur. Materials shall be permitted to be tested in 5.5°C (10°F) increments.

8.3 *Low Temperature Unrolling*—Sample the material and determine the low temperature unrolling in accordance with Test Method D 5636 and as described herein. Report the lowest test temperature at which none of the specimens show cracking or surface rupture. The temperature, at or below which the product must pass, is stated in Table 1.

9. Inspection

9.1 *Inspection*—Inspection shall be in accordance with this specification.

9.2 *Inspection Alternatives*—Alternative inspection requirements shall be determined by and as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

10. Rejection and Resubmittal

10.1 *Failure to Conform*—Failure to conform to any of the requirements as stated in this specification constitutes grounds for rejection.

10.2 *Rejection Redress*—The supplier shall have the right to inspect the rejected materials. The supplier and the purchaser shall agree to the quantity of rolls deemed unacceptable. The supplier shall then have the right to submit the same number of new rolls as replacements.

11. Packaging and Package Marking

11.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon by the purchaser and supplier, each product package shall be marked plainly with the supplier’s name, the product brand, the ASTM designation, the net coverage, and the type of bitumen if not evident in the label name of the product.

11.2 The rolls shall be wrapped or banded securely in a manner that completely encircles the roll and will prevent slipping or unrolling.

11.3 No roll shall contain more than two pieces and no more than 3 % of the rolls in any lot shall contain two pieces. If a roll contains a manufacturing splice, the splice shall be marked clearly.

12. Keywords

12.1 atactic polypropylene (APP); glass fiber; modified bituminous sheet; peak load; polyolefin film; reinforcement

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