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Polytetrafluoroethylene Sheet  
Asbestos Fiber Reinforced  
High Compressibility, Low Density

## RATIONALE

AMS3238 specifies a compressed asbestos and polytetrafluoroethylene material. Asbestos is a hazardous material that should no longer be used. This specification is cancelled without replacement.

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1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers polytetrafluoroethylene resin in the form of asbestos-fiber-reinforced sheet.

1.2 Application: Primarily for gaskets requiring a minimum variation in thickness and compatibility with liquid oxygen.

1.3 Warning: This product contains asbestos fiber. Abrasion or other fiber-releasing operations require special control techniques. Review procedures with responsible safety personnel before initiating manufacturing operations.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.

2.1 SAE Publications: Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods

2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ASTM D792 - Specific Gravity and Density of Plastics by Displacement  
ASTM F36 - Compressibility and Recovery of Gasket Materials  
ASTM F104 - Classification System for Nonmetallic Gasket Materials  
ASTM F152 - Tension Testing of Nonmetallic Gasket Materials

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2.3 U.S. Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

2.3.1 Military Standards:

MIL-STD-794 - Parts and Equipment, Procedures for Packaging and Packing of

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Material and Fabrication: Sheet shall be made from selected short-fiber chrysotile asbestos fibers impregnated with approximately twice its own weight of polytetrafluoroethylene, felted, and thermally sintered,

3.1.1 Color: Shall be light grey to dark brown.

3.2 Properties: Sheet shall conform to the following requirements; tests shall be performed on the sheet supplied and in accordance with specified test methods:

3.2.1	Weight Loss at 315°C (600°F) based on original dry weight, max	5 %	4.5.1
3.2.2	Weight Loss at 480°C (900°F) based on original dry weight	65 - 70%	4.5.1
3.2.3	Density	75 - 85 lb per cu ft (1.20 - 1.35 Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	ASTM D792, Method B
3.2.4	Tensile Strength, min	1500 psi (10.5 MPa)	ASTM F152
3.2.5	Compressibility using 5000 psi (34.5 MPa) load	20 - 40%	ASTM F36
3.2.5.1	Recovery, min	15%	ASTM F36
3.2.6	Liquid Oxygen Compatibility	No Reaction	4.5.2
3.2.7	<u>Weathering:</u> When specified, sheet shall have weather resistance acceptable to purchaser, determined by a procedure agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.		
3.2.8	<u>Corrosion:</u> Sheet shall not have a corrosive effect on other materials when exposed to conditions normally encountered in service. Discoloration of metal shall not be considered objectionable. Method of test and acceptance standards shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.		
3.3	<u>Quality:</u> Sheet, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, clean, sound, and free from foreign materials and from imperfections detrimental to usage of the sheet.		

3.4 Tolerances: Shall be as follows, based on the average of five determinations in accordance with ASTM F104:

3.4.1 Thickness:

TABLE I

Nominal Thickness Inches	Tolerance, Inch plus and minus	Variation from Reading to Reading in Any One Sheet Inch
0.016 to 0.030, incl	0.004	0.002
Over 0.030 to 0.060, incl	0.004	0.003
Over 0.060 to 0.090, incl	0.005	0.003
Over 0.090 to 0.120, incl	0.010	0.004
Over 0.120	0.015	0.004

TABLE I (SI)

Nominal Thickness Millimetres	Tolerance, Millimetre plus and minus	Variation from Reading to Reading in Any One Sheet Millimetre
0.40 to 0.75, incl	0.10	0.05
Over 0.75 to 1.50, incl	0.10	0.08
Over 1.50 to 2.25, incl	0.12	0.08
Over 2.25 to 3.00, incl	0.25	0.10
Over 3.00	0.38	0.10

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of sheet shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.6. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the sheet conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for weight loss (3.2.1 and 3.2.2), density (3.2.3), tensile strength (3.2.4), compressibility (3.2.5), recovery (3.2.5.1), liquid oxygen compatibility (3.2.6), and tolerances (3.4) are classified as acceptance tests, and shall be performed on each lot.

4.2.2 Preproduction Tests: Tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the initial shipment of sheet to a purchaser, when a change in material, processing, or both requires reapproval as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.2.2.1 For direct U.S. Military procurement, substantiating test data and, when requested, preproduction test material shall be submitted to the cognizant agency as directed by the procuring activity, the contracting officer, or the request for procurement.

4.3 Sampling: Shall be as follows:

4.3.1 For Acceptance Tests: Sufficient sheet shall be taken at random from each lot to perform all required tests. Except as specified in 3.4, the number of determinations for each requirement shall be as specified in the applicable test procedure or, if not specified therein, one.

4.3.1.1 A lot shall be all sheet of the same thickness produced in one production run from the same batches of raw materials and presented for vendor's inspection at one time. An inspection lot shall not exceed 500 lb (225 kg). A lot may be packaged and delivered in smaller quantities under the basic lot approval provided lot identification is maintained.

4.3.1.2 When a statistical sampling plan and acceptance quality level (AQL) have been agreed upon by purchaser and vendor, sampling shall be in accordance with such plan in lieu of sampling as in 4.3.1 and the report of 4.6.1 shall state that such plan was used.

4.3.2 For Preproduction Tests: As agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

4.4 Approval:

4.4.1 Sample sheet shall be approved by purchaser before sheet for production use is supplied, unless such approval be waived by purchaser. Results of tests on production sheet shall be essentially equivalent to those on the approved sample.

4.4.2 Vendor shall use ingredients, manufacturing procedures, processes, and methods of inspection on production sheet which are essentially the same as those used on the approved sample sheet. If necessary to make any change in ingredients, in type of equipment for processing, or in manufacturing procedures, vendor shall submit for reapproval a statement of the proposed changes in material, processing, or both and, when requested, sample sheet. Production sheet made by the revised procedure shall not be shipped prior to receipt of reapproval.