



# Standard Test Method for Determining the Water Retention (Repellency) Characteristics of Glass Fiber Insulation (Aircraft Type)<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a laboratory procedure for evaluating the water absorption potential of blanket insulation for aircraft, thereby providing a measure of potential weight increase due to water retention in an aircraft.

1.2 The water repellency (or retention) characteristics of materials may be affected by conditions such as contamination or temperature of the water. Values obtained as a result of this test method may not adequately describe the water repellency characteristics of materials subject to these conditions.

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.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

C 168 Terminology Relating to Thermal Insulation<sup>2</sup>

C 390 Criteria for Sampling and Acceptance of Preformed Insulation Lots<sup>2</sup>

C 800 Specification for Glass Fiber Blanket Insulation (Aircraft Type)<sup>2</sup>

E 691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terminology C 168 shall be considered as applying to the terms used in this specification.

## 4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The insulation is weighed then submerged in de-ionized (or distilled) water for 15 min; it is drained for 60 s and reweighed. The amount of water retained is the difference in specimen weights and is expressed in grams.

## 5. Significance and Use

5.1 The water retention of the insulation can result in an increase in weight and a resultant potential degradation in the properties of the insulation.

## 6. Apparatus

6.1 The water repellency test apparatus is shown in Fig. 1.

6.2 *Scale*, accurate to 0.1 g.

## 7. Sampling, Test Specimens, and Test Units

7.1 Three specimens shall be tested, taken from across the width of a representative package. Sampling techniques shall be in accordance with Criteria C 390.

7.2 The specimens shall be 10- by 10-in. (254- by 254-mm) by full sample thickness; samples shall be no thicker than 4-in. (100-mm)

7.3 The insulation shall be tested without facing or jacketing.

## 8. Conditioning

8.1 No conditioning of the specimen is required.

## 9. Procedure

9.1 Weigh each specimen to the nearest 0.1 g.

9.2 Float each specimen on the surface of a vat of de-ionized (or distilled) water at  $70 \pm 4^\circ\text{F}$  ( $21 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ). Lay a 0.25-in. (6.4-mm) mesh rigid screen on top of each specimen and slowly submerge it to a level that is 5 in. (127 mm) below the surface of the water. Fix the screen in position as shown in Fig. 1. After  $15 \pm 1$  min, release the screen and raise the specimens slowly until they float. Remove the screen. Grip each specimen on one corner with a spring clamp and hang it in a vertical position for  $60 \pm 5$  s. Reweigh each specimen and record.

## 10. Calculation or Interpretation of Results

10.1 Determine water retained by each specimen by subtracting the original specimen weight from the final specimen weight. Calculate water repellency by averaging the results of the three specimens.

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.06

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02

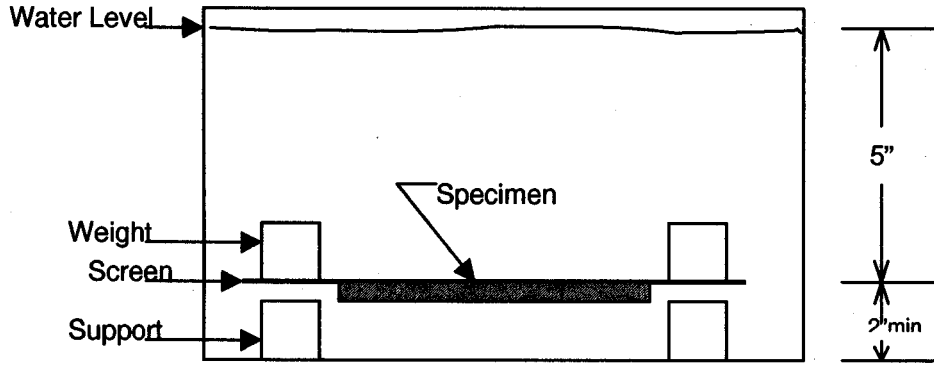


FIG. 1 Water Repellency Test Apparatus

**11. Report**

- 11.1 The report shall include the following:
- 11.2 Name and any additional identification of the material tested,
- 11.3 Thickness of the material,
- 11.4 Number of specimens tests, and
- 11.5 Average weight gain of the specimens.

**12. Precision and Bias**

12.1 *Interlaboratory Test Program*—An interlaboratory comparison was run in which randomly selected test specimens of one material were tested for water repellency. Four laboratories participated, with each laboratory testing three specimens. Practice E 691 was followed for the design and analysis of the data. All of the test specimens were provided by a single

laboratory. The details are given in ASTM Research Report: C 16-1017.<sup>4</sup>

12.2 *Test Results*—The following information on precision, in units of measurement noted, is for the comparison of one material and is based on an average of three tests.

12.3 *Precision*—Water repellency interlaboratory comparison statistical results using Practice E 691:

x	13.0 g
s <sub>x</sub>	2.1
s <sub>r</sub>	4.1
s <sub>R</sub>	4.1
r	11.5
R	11.5

12.4 *Bias*—There is no accepted reference material suitable for determining the bias for this procedure. Bias has not been determined.

**13. Keywords**

13.1 aircraft; aircraft insulation; glass fiber insulation; water repellency

<sup>4</sup> Available from ASTM Headquarters, request RR: C16-1017.

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