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Standard Specification for Polypropylene Injection and Extrusion Materials[1]

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INTRODUCTION

This specification is not intended for the selection of materials but only as a means to call out plastic materials to be used for the manufacture of parts. The selection of these materials is to be made by personnel with expertise in the plastics field where the environment, inherent properties of the materials, performance of the part, part design, manufacturing process, and economics are considered.

1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers polypropylene materials suitable for injection molding and extrusion. Polymers consist of homopolymer, copolymers, and elastomer compounded with or without the addition of impact modifiers (ethylene-propylene rubber, polyisobutylene rubber, and butyl rubber), colorants, stabilizers, lubricants, or reinforcements.

1.2 This specification allows for the use of those polypropylene materials that can be recycled, reconstituted, and reground, provided that: (1) the requirements as stated in this specification are met, and (2) the material has not been modified in any way to alter its conformance to food contact regulations or similar requirements. The proportions of recycled, reconstituted, and reground material used, as well as the nature and the amount of any contaminant, cannot be practically covered in this specification. It is the responsibility of the supplier and the buyer of recycled, reconstituted, and reground materials to ensure compliance. (See Guide D 5033.)

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard.

NOTE 1—The properties included in this specification are those required to identify the compositions covered. There may be other requirements necessary to identify particular characteristics important to specific applications. These will be designated by using the suffixes given in Section 1.

1.4 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 13, 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.*

NOTE 2—There is no similar or equivalent ISO standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

C 177 Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Guarded-Hot-Plate Apparatus[2]

D 149 Test Method for Dielectric Breakdown Voltage and Dielectric Strength of Electrical Insulating Materials at Commercial Power Frequencies[3]

D 150 Test Methods for A-C Loss Characteristics and Permittivity (Dielectric Constant) of Solid Electrical Insulation[3]

D 256 Test Methods for Determining the Izod Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastics[4]

D 257 Test Methods for D-C Resistance or Conductance of Insulating Materials[3]

D 495 Test Method for High Voltage, Low Current, Dry Arc Resistance of Solid Electrical Insulation[3]

D 523 Test Method for Specular Gloss[5]

D 543 Practices for Evaluating the Resistance of Plastics to Chemical Reagents[4]

D 570 Test Method for Water Absorption of Plastics[4]

D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing[4]

D 635 Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Self-Supporting Plastics in a Horizontal Position[4]

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[2] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.06.

[3] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 10.01.

[4] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.01.

[5] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.01.

***A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.**

D 638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics[4]
D 648 Test Method for Deflection Temperature of Plastics Under Flexural Load in the Edgewise Position[4]
D 695 Test Method for Compressive Properties of Rigid Plastics[4]
D 696 Test Method for Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion of Plastics Between –30°C and 30°C with a Vitreous Silica Dilatometer[4]
D 732 Test Method for Shear Strength of Plastics by Punch Tool[4]
D 746 Test Method for Brittleness Temperature of Plastics and Elastomers by Impact[4]
D 785 Test Method for Rockwell Hardness of Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials[4]
D 790 Test Methods for Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials[4]
D 792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement[4]
D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics[4]
D 1238 Test Method for Melt Flow Rates of Thermoplastics by Extrusion Plastometer[4]
D 1435 Practice for Outdoor Weathering of Plastics[4]
D 1499 Practice for Filtered Open-Flame Carbon-Arc Exposures of Plastics[4]
D 1505 Test Method for Density of Plastics by the Density-Gradient Technique[4]
D 1525 Test Method for Vicat Softening Temperature of Plastics[4]
D 1531 Test Methods for Relative Permittivity (Dielectric Constant) and Dissipation Factor by Liquid Displacement Procedures[3]
D 1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics[4]
D 1822 Test Method for Tensile-Impact Energy to Break Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials[4]
D 1898 Practice for Sampling of Plastics[6]
D 2117 Test Method for Melting Point of Semicrystalline Polymers by Hot Stage Microscopy Method[7]
D 2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness[8]
D 2565 Practice for Xenon Arc Exposure of Plastics Intended for Outdoor Applications[9]
D 2584 Test Method for Ignition Loss of Cured Reinforced Resins[9]
D 2863 Test Method for Measuring the Minimum Oxygen Concentration to Support Candle-Like Combustion of Plastics (Oxygen Index)[9]
D 2990 Test Methods for Tensile, Compressive, and Flexural Creep and Creep Rupture of Plastics[9]
D 3012 Test Method for Thermal-Oxidative Stability of Polypropylene Using a Specimen Rotator Within an Oven[9]
D 3418 Test Method for Transition Temperatures of Polymers by Differential Scanning Calorimetry[9]
D 3641 Practice for Injection Molding Test Specimens of Thermoplastic Molding and Extrusion Materials[9]
D 3801 Test Method for Measuring the Comparative Burning Characteristics of Solid Plastics in a Vertical Position[9]
D 3835 Test Method for Determination of Properties of Polymeric Materials by Means of a Capillary Rheometer[9]
D 3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics[9]
D 4000 Classification System for Specifying Plastic Materials[9]
D 4329 Practice for Fluorescent UV Exposure of Plastics[10]
D 4364 Practice for Performing Accelerated Outdoor Weathering of Plastics Using Concentrated Natural Sunlight[10]
D 4805 Terminology for Plastics Standards[10]
D 4812 Test Method for Unnotched Cantilever Beam Impact Resistance of Plastics[10]
D 5033 Guide for Development of ASTM Standards Relating to Recycling and Use of Recycled Plastics[10]
D 5279 Test Method for Plastics: Dynamic Mechanical Properties: In Torsion[10]
D 5420 Test Method for Impact Resistance of Flat, Rigid Plastic Specimen by Means of a Striker Impacted by a Falling Weight (Gardner Impact)[10]
D 5630 Test Method for Ash Content in Plastics[10]
D 5947 Test Methods for Physical Dimensions of Solid Plastics Specimens[10]
D 6290 Test Method for Color Determination of Plastic Pellets[10]
E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications[11]
E 313 Practice for Calculating Yellowness and Whiteness Indices from Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates[5]
E 831 Test Method for Linear Thermal Expansion of Solid Materials by Thermomechanical Analysis[11]
G 23 Practice for Operating Light-Exposure Apparatus (Carbon-Arc Type) With and Without Water for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials[12]
G 26 Practice for Operating Light-Exposure Apparatus (Xenon-Arc Type) With and Without Water for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials[12]

2.2 *Military Standard:*

MIL-STD-105 Sampling Procedure and Tables for Inspection by Attributes[13]

2.3 *DOT Standard:*

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 302 Flammability of Interior Materials[14]

2.4 *UL Standard:*

[6] Discontinued. See *1997 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.01.
[7] Discontinued. See *1993 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.01.
[8] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 09.01.
[9] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.02
[10] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.03.
[11] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.
[12] Discontinued; see *1999 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.04.
[13] Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.
[14] Available from U.S. Dept. of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Participation, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20590.

UL 94 Standard for Tests for Flammability of Plastic Materials for Parts in Devices and Appliances[15]

2.5 *SAE Standards:*[16]

SAE J1545 Instrumental Color Difference Measurement for Exterior Finishes, Textiles and Color Trim

SAE J1885 Accelerated Exposure of Automotive Interior Materials Using Controlled Irradiance Water Cooled Xenon-Arc Apparatus

SAE J1960 Accelerated Exposure of Automotive Exterior Materials Using Controlled Irradiance Water Cooled Xenon-Arc Apparatus

SAE J2019 Accelerated Exposure of Automotive Exterior Materials Using Controlled Irradiance Air Cooled Xenon Arc Apparatus

SAE J2212 Accelerated Exposure of Automotive Interior Materials Using Controlled Irradiance Air Cooled Xenon Arc Apparatus

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*— See Terminologies D 883 and D 4805 for definitions of terms related to this specification.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *back pressure, n*—the constant pressure that is applied to the end of the screw while the screw is rotating and retracting to prepare for the next injection.

3.2.2 *cooling time, n*—the time in which the material is in the closed mold with no pressure applied.

3.2.3 *cycle time, n*—the time required to complete a full injection molding cycle, including injection time, cooling time, and mold open time.

3.2.4 *injection pressure, n*—the constant pressure that is applied to the end of the screw causing the melted material to fill the mold. The injection pressure along with the injection speed determines the volumetric fill rate of the mold.

3.2.5 *injection speed, n*—the constant amount of injection pressure applied at the end of the screw.

3.2.5.1 *Discussion*—Injection speed is a set position on the injection molding machine ranging from slow to fast. The injection speed along with the injection pressure determines the volumetric fill rate of the mold.

3.2.6 *injection time, n*—the time in which a constant specified pressure is applied to the melted material.

3.2.7 *melt temperature, n*—the temperature of the material as it is being injected into the mold, measured by a pyrometer.

3.2.8 *mold open time, n*—the time beginning when the mold is opened and ending when the mold is closed.

3.2.9 *mold temperature, n*—the temperature of the mold during the molding cycle, measured in all mold cavities and on both platens.

3.2.10 *polypropylene [PP]*—a propylene plastic prepared by the polymerization of propylene or propylene with other alpha olefins. (See also PP-B, PP-H, and PP-R.)

3.2.11 *polypropylene heterophasic copolymers [PP-B, PP+EPR, or PP+EPDM]*—a propylene plastic consisting of two or more separate phases. The phases consist of a polypropylene homopolymer (PP-H) or a polypropylene random copolymer (PP-R) matrix containing a dispersed olefinic elastomer having no other functional group, added in situ or physically blended into the polypropylene matrix.

3.2.12 *polypropylene homopolymer [PP-H]*—a propylene plastic prepared by the polymerization of propylene only.

3.2.13 *polypropylene random copolymer [PP-R]*—a propylene plastic containing another olefinic monomer (or monomers) having no functional group other than the olefinic group copolymerized with propylene. Polypropylene random copolymers containing more than one additional monomer are often called “terpolymers.”

4. Classification

4.1 Unreinforced polypropylene materials are classified into groups according to basic composition. These groups are subdivided into classes and grades, as shown in Table PP.

NOTE 3—An example of this classification system is as follows. The designation PP0113 would indicate: PP = polypropylene, as found in Terminology D 1600, 01 (group) = homopolymer, 1 (class) = general purpose, and 3 (grade) = with requirements given in Table PP.

4.1.1 To facilitate the incorporation of future or special materials not covered by Table PP, the “other/unspecified” category for group (00), class (0), and grade (0) is shown on the table with the basic properties to be obtained from Table A, Table B, Table C, Table G, and Table T, as they apply (see 4.3).

4.2 Reinforced versions of the polypropylene materials are classified in accordance with Table PP, Table A, Table B, Table C, Table G, and Table T. Table PP and Table B specify the properties of the unreinforced material, and Tables A, C, G, or T specify the properties after the addition of reinforcements, pigments, fillers, or lubricants, at the nominal level indicated (see 4.2.1)

4.2.1 *Reinforcements and Additive Materials*—A symbol (single letter) will be used for the major reinforcement or combinations thereof, along with two numbers that indicate the percentage of addition by mass, with the tolerances as tabulated as follows:

Symbol	Material	Tolerance
G	Glass reinforced—	
	<15 %	±2 percentage points
	>15 %	±3 percentage points
L	Lubricant (that is, graphite, silicone, and stearates)	to be specified
M	Mineral-reinforced—	
	<15 %	±2 percentage points
	>15 %	±3 percentage points
R	Reinforced-combinations/ mixtures of reinforcements or other fillers/reinforcements	±3 percentage points based on the total reinforcement

NOTE 4—This part of the system uses the type and percentage of additive to designate the modification of the base material. To facilitate this designation, the type and percentage of additive can be shown on the supplier’s Technical Data Sheet, unless it is proprietary in nature. If necessary, additional requirements shall be indicated by the use of the suffix part of the system as given in Section 5.

4.2.2 Specific requirements for reinforced, pigmented, filled, or lubricant polypropylene materials will be shown by a six-character designation. The designation will consist of the letter A, B, C, G, or T and the five digits comprising the cell

[15] Available from Underwriters Laboratories, 333 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, IL 60662.

[16] Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

numbers for the property requirements in the order in which they appear in Table A, Table B, Table C, Table G, or Table T.

4.2.2.1 Although the values listed are necessary to include the range of properties available in existing materials, they should not be interpreted as implying that every possible combination of the properties exists or can be obtained.

4.2.3 When the grade of the basic materials is not known or is not important, the use of "0" grade classification will be used for reinforced materials in this system. (See Note 5.)

NOTE 5—An example of this classification system for a reinforced-polypropylene material is as follows. The designation PP0110M20A21130 would indicate the following, with the material requirements from Table A:

PP0110	=	General-purpose polypropylene homopolymer from Table PP
M20	=	Mineral reinforced, 20 %,
A	=	Table A property requirements.
2	=	35-MPa tensile stress, min,
1	=	1000-MPa flexural modulus (1 % secant), min,
1	=	15-J/m Izod impact, min,
3	=	110°C deflection temperature, min, and
0	=	Unspecified.

If no properties are specified, the designation would be PP0110M20-A00000.

4.3 Table B has been incorporated into this specification to facilitate the classification of special materials where Table PP does not reflect the required properties of that unreinforced material. This table will be used in a manner similar to Tables A, C, G, and T.

NOTE 6—Mechanical properties of polypropylene materials with pigments or colorants can differ from the mechanical properties of natural material, depending on the choice and the concentration.

NOTE 7—An example of a special material using this classification system is as follows. The designation PP0310B55443 would indicate the following with the material requirements from Table B:

PP0310	=	low impact polypropylene copolymer,
B	=	Table B property requirements,
5	=	25-MPa tensile stress, min,
5	=	1000-MPa flexural modulus (1 % scant), min,
4	=	200-J/m Izod impact, min,
4	=	80°C deflection temperature, min, and
3	=	>1.0 to 3.0 nominal flow rate.

5. Suffixes

5.1 When additional requirements are needed for the materials covered in this specification that are not covered in Table PP, Table A, Table B, Table C, Table G, or Table T then those requirements shall be designated through the use of suffixes. The primary suffix list can be found in Suffix Requirements, Section 7, of Classification D 4000. Other suffixes that pertain only to the material requirements in this specification are listed as follows. In general, the suffix letter indicates the requirement needed; the first number (digit) indicates the test condition, and the second number (digit) indicates the specimen requirement.

NOTE 8—Suffixes from Classification D 4000 will contain two letters followed by three numbers while suffixes from this specification will contain a single letter followed by two or three numbers. An example would be weatherability; a designation of WA510 would indicate that it is a Classification D 4000 suffix with the following requirements:

W	=	Weather resistant,
A	=	Practice D 1435,
5	=	Elongation properties,
1	=	10 % change, and
0	=	10 % change.

A designation of W210 would indicate that it is a Specification D 4101 suffix with the following requirements:

W	=	Weatherability,
2	=	Practice D 1499, Type DH,
1	=	200-h exposure, and
0	=	Change in properties to be specified.

Suffixes:

E = Electrical requirements as designated by the following digits:

First Digit

0 = To be specified by user.

1 = Specimens preconditioned 40 h at 23°C and 50 % relative humidity, then 14 days in distilled water at 23 ± 1°C.

Second Digit

0 = To be specified by user.

1 = Insulation resistance, dielectric constant, and dissipation factor meet property limits as shown below. These are electrical limits usually applied to unreinforced polypropylene when control of their electrical properties is required.

Electrical Properties:

Dielectric constant, max	Test Methods D 1531 or D 150	2.30
Dissipation factor, max	Test Methods D 1531	0.0005
Insulation resistance, min, Ω	Test Methods D 257	1×10^{15}
Water immersion stability	Test Methods D 1531 or D 150	Shall meet the dielectric constant and dissipation factor requirements

W = Weatherability requirements as designated by the following digits:

First Digit

0 = To be specified.

1 = Specimens exposed to xenon-arc type light source, as described in Practice D 2565, Type BH. Irradiance level shall be 0.35 W/m^2 at 340 nm. Specimens shall be Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars.

3 = Specimens exposed to fluorescent UV-condensation (CON) type light source, as described in Practice D 4329. Fluorescent lamps shall be UVA-340. Test cycle shall be 8 h UV/60°C 4 h CON/50°C. Specimens shall be Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars.

4 = Specimens exposed to conditions specified in SAE J 1960. Specimens shall be Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars.

5 = Specimens exposed to conditions specified in SAE J 1885. Specimens shall be Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars.

6 = Specimens shall be exposed to carbon-arc type light source as described in Practice D 1499, Type DH, with black panel temperature of 83°C and without water spray.

7 = Specimens exposed to conditions in accordance with SAE J2019. Specimens shall be Test Method D 638 Type I tensile bars.

8 = Specimens exposed to conditions in accordance with SAE J2212. Specimens shall be Test Method D 638 Type I tensile bars.
9 = Specimens exposed to concentrated natural sunlight in accordance with Practice D 4364. Total UV irradiation below 385 nm, in MJ/m^2. Specimens shall be Test Method D 638 Type I tensile bars.

Second Digit

0 = To be specified by user.
1 = 200-h exposure.
2 = 500-h exposure.
3 = 1000-h exposure.
4 = 2000-h exposure.
5 = 1250 kJ/m^2 at 340 nm.
6 = 2500 kJ/m^2 at 340 nm.
7 = 1000 MJ/m^2 total UV irradiation (approximately 3 years).
8 = 336-h exposure.

Third Digit

0 = To be specified by user.
1 = The exposed specimens shall not exhibit surface changes (such as dulling and chalking) or deep-seated changes (such as checking, crazing, warping, and discoloration). The tensile strength after exposure must be no less than 50 % of the original.
2 = American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) rating 4 to 5.
3 = Colorfastness by SAE J 1545, CIELAB color difference, 10° observer, Illuminant D 65.

$\Delta E = 2.5$ max

Z = Other special requirement characteristics (for example, internal mold release agent) not covered by existing call-out capabilities may be assigned. These will be spelled out in detail and identified in sequence, that is, 01 UV-stabilized, 02 special color, and 03, etc.

Additional suffixes will be added to this specification as test methods and requirements are developed or requested, or both.

6. Basic Requirements

6.1 Basic requirements from property or cell tables, as they apply, are always in effect unless these requirements are superseded by specific suffix requirements in the "Line Call-Out."

7. General Requirements

7.1 The plastic composition shall be uniform and shall conform to the requirements specified herein. The color and form of the material shall be specified. Note specification changes due to the effects of colorants and, when necessary, cover them by suffixes.

7.2 For recycled, reconstituted, and reground materials the level of contamination by nonpolymeric materials other than fillers and additives shall not be of a significant level that it prevents the product from meeting the performance criteria for which it was manufactured.

8. Detail Requirements

8.1 Test specimens for the various materials shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table PP, Table A, Table B, Table C, Table G, Table T, and to the suffix requirements as they apply.

8.2 Observed or calculated values obtained from analysis, measurement, or test shall be rounded in accordance with Practice E 29 to the nearest unit in the last right-hand place of figures used in expressing the specified limiting value. The value obtained is compared directly with the specified limiting value. Conformance or nonconformance with the specification is based on this comparison.

9. Sampling

9.1 Unless otherwise specified, the materials shall be sampled in accordance with the sampling procedure prescribed in Practice D 1898. Adequate statistical sampling shall be considered an acceptable alternative. A batch or lot of resin shall be considered as a unit of manufacture as prepared for shipment and may consist of a blend of two or more production runs of material.

10. Number of Tests

10.1 The number of tests conducted shall be consistent with the requirements of Section 13.

11. Specimen Preparation

11.1 All test specimens other than those for heat stability testing (see 11.2) shall be injection molded in accordance with the following specific procedures:

NOTE 9—Physical and mechanical properties are dependent upon the technique of specimen preparation. Specimen preparation by means other than those described as follows can lead to significant variation in test results, with resultant departure from specification values.

11.1.1 *Specimen Mold*—A Type I tension test specimen (Test Method D 638) mold, with a thickness of 3.2 ± 0.1 mm, shall be used in accordance with Practice D 3641.

11.1.2 *Cavity Gate Dimensions*—The cavity gate dimensions shall be 2.5 by 2.5-mm minimum to 3.2 by 6.4-mm maximum.

11.1.3 *Mold Temperature*—The temperature of the mold shall be 60 ± 3°C. Temperature measurements shall be made in each cavity of the mold after machine conditions are at equilibrium and shall be made with a surface-type pyrometer, or equivalent, to an accuracy of ±2°C after equilibrium or cycle conditions have been established.

11.1.4 *Cycle*—The total molding cycle time shall be 45 s, consisting of 20-s injection, 20-s cooling, and 5-s mold open.

11.1.5 *Melt Temperature*—The melt temperature for molding test specimens for materials with melt flows of 1 to 30 g/10 min shall correlate with the polymer melt flow (Test Method D 1238, Condition 230/2.16) as shown in Table 1. Melt temperatures shall be measured on cycle by taking the temperatures of several successive free shots with a needle-type pyrometer to an accuracy of ±3°C. The needle should be moved around in the plastic mass, and a sufficient number of measurements be made to establish a reliable result. To minimize heat loss from the plastic during measurement, the mass should be collected in a heated container, or in one made from material of low thermal conductivity. The quantity of plastic in the free shot should be controlled to be equivalent to the weight of a complete injection-molded shot. To avoid excessive thermal history the shot size shall be kept to a minimum; therefore, the cushion shall be 5 to 10 mm.

NOTE 10—For materials with melt flows less than 1 g/10 min, the temperature of the melt should be raised in 5°C increments from 250°C until the part weight of the entire shot is equivalent to the part weight of a 1 to 5-g/10 min material. Due to degradation and thermal expansion of

the material do not exceed 270°C. If unable to obtain the weight at 270°C, make slight adjustments in the injection pressure to achieve the proper weight. The melt temperature shall be 190°C for materials with melt flows greater than 30 g/10 min.

Since the needle-type pyrometer technique is somewhat tedious, a second technique using an infrared pyrometer may be used. The infrared pyrometer used must have an accuracy of 1 % of reading or ±1°F or ±1°C, a response time of at least 0.5 s, and a distance to target ratio of at least 30 to 1. It is recommended that the infrared pyrometer have a laser beam to establish the position being measured on the molten mass of polymer. This second technique shall only be used after a correlation between the needle-type pyrometer and the infrared pyrometer has been established. This correlation shall be verified at least every six months. The correlation shall be re-established each time either pyrometer is recalibrated.

11.1.6 *Back Pressure*—The back pressure shall be set at 0.7 MPa (gage).

11.1.7 *Injection Pressure and Speed*—All materials less than 30-g/10 min melt flow shall be molded using a single stage pressure. For a given machine and a given mold, the injection pressure and the injection speed controls shall be set to produce equal part weights, including sprue and runners (±2 %) regardless of material flow rates. The injection speed and injection pressure shall be set to minimize sink and flash. The maximum amount of flash shall not exceed 1 mm and will only be acceptable in the nontesting area. Once the injection speed and pressure are determined for a given machine and mold they shall not be varied by more than ±2 %.

NOTE 11—A single stage pressure can be obtained in two different ways: (*1*) Injection pressure may be set to reach a specified pressure then allowed to shift over to a hold pressure; the hold pressure maintains the pressure at the maximum pressure generated by the injection pressure, and (*2*) The cavity may be filled using hold pressure only; the first method is the preferred method. For materials with melt flow rates above 30 g/10 min the injection and hold pressures may be set to different pressures. Normally the hold pressure is set lower than the injection pressure, but must be high enough to finish filling out the molded part. For these high melt flow rate materials the injection and hold pressure shall be specified by the manufacturer.

11.1.8 *Reporting*—Report the injection molding conditions in accordance with Practice D 3641.

11.2 Prepare test specimens for heat stability testing in accordance with Test Method D 3012.

12. Conditioning

12.1 *Conditioning*:

12.1.1 Once specimens are molded, they shall be moved to a standard laboratory atmosphere or a controlled laboratory atmosphere. For natural unfilled polypropylene the controlled laboratory atmosphere shall be 23 ± 2°C. Specimens may be stored in storage medium, such as boxes, paper bags or envelopes, plastic bags, or racks, whichever is most practical for the laboratory storing the specimens. It is recommended that specimens be allowed to cool for about 30 min on a bench or in a rack before they are placed in any container where the specimens may come in contact with each other. For filled and reinforced polypropylene or polypropylene blends, which contain a hydrophilic comonomer or modifier the specimens should be conditioned in a standard laboratory atmosphere of 23 ± 2°C and 50 ± 5 % relative humidity, unless sufficient testing has been conducted that indicates that specific material type's properties are not affected by humidity. In those cases, the storage medium can be the same as for unfilled materials. Materials whose properties are affected by humidity, must be stored in accordance with Practice D 618, Procedure A. For all materials to be conditioned for electrical testing, conditioning shall comply with the requirements of the standard test methods for electrical testing. In all cases the laboratory shall report both the temperature and humidity conditions during the conditioning period.

NOTE 12—When the temperature in the molding area exceeds 28°C or the humidity level exceeds 55 % (applies only to filled materials) specimens should be moved as quickly as possible to the standard laboratory atmosphere.

12.1.2 Testing, except for those tests where a test time is specified, shall be conducted within 40 to 96 h after molding. This test time range shall apply to all testing conducted for development of a line callout, data for publication, or for cases of dispute over testing values.

12.1.3 Specimens that are to be tested for Izod or Charpy impact shall be notched within 1 to 16 h after molding. Once notched the specimens shall condition for a minimum of 40 h before testing. Specimens should be tested within 96 h after molding.

NOTE 13—Extending the conditioning time may result in increased or decreased test results. Polypropylene properties change with time as a result of amorphous densification and, in some cases, due to a small degree of secondary crystallization in the rubbery phase.

12.2 *Test Conditions*—Natural unfilled polypropylene shall be tested in a controlled laboratory atmosphere of 23 ± 2°C. For filled and reinforced polypropylene and polypropylene blends, which contain a hydrophilic comonomer or modifier the specimens should be tested in a standard laboratory atmosphere of 23± 2°C and 50 ± 5 % relative humidity, unless sufficient testing has been conducted that indicates that specific materials type's properties are not affected by humidity. For all materials to be tested for electrical properties, the laboratory shall comply with the requirements of the standard test methods for electrical testing. In all cases the laboratory shall report both the temperature and humidity conditions during testing.

13. Test Methods

13.1 Determine the properties enumerated in this specification in accordance with the ASTM test methods as they apply, unless otherwise stated herein.

13.1.1 *Flow Rate*—Condition 230/2.16 of Test Method D 1238. Make two determinations on the material in the form that it is to be molded (such as powder, pellets, or granules).

NOTE 14—This test method serves to indicate the degree of uniformity of the flow rate of the polymer of a single manufacturer as made by an individual process and, in this case, may be indicative of the degree of uniformity of molded specimens, and therefore other properties. However, uniformity of flow rate among various polymers of various manufacturers as made by various processes does not, in the absence of other tests, indicate uniformity of other properties and vice versa.

13.1.2 *Measurement of Test Specimen Dimensions*—The width and thickness of the test specimen shall be measured to an incremental discrimination of at least 0.025 mm. Measurements shall be made with a micrometer, preferably with ratchet, having a movable circular contact foot and a lower anvil foot, both 6.35 ± 0.025 mm in diameter. Specimens shall be measured in accordance with Test Methods D 5947.

13.1.3 *Tensile Stress*—Test Type I specimens using Test Method D 638. The material shall be tested at 50 mm/min when the material is one that shows a breaking strain greater than 10 %, or at 5 mm/min when the material breaks at a strain equal to or less than 10 %.

13.1.4 *Flexural Modulus (1 % Secant)*—Test Methods D 790, Method I, Procedure A, with a 50-mm span, a 5.0 ± 0.1-mm radius support and loading nose, and a 1.3-mm/min testing speed using the center test region of a Test Method D 638 Type I specimen. It is mandatory that the toe correction be made to correct for the slack in the test fixture and load cell. Center the specimen between the span flatwise and test with a crosshead speed of 1.3 mm/min. Calculate the average value of the flexural modulus (1 % secant) at 1 % strain in the outer surface of the test specimen.

NOTE 15—If the Test Method D 638 Type I specimens were molded on a mold containing a draft angle, the specimens will be trapezoidal. Therefore the flexural modulus may vary slightly depending on which side is placed away from the loading nose.

13.1.4.1 Calculate the deflection of the test specimen corresponding to 1 % strain (0.01 mm/mm) as follows:

$$D = rL^2/6d \quad (1)$$

where:

D = deflection of the center of the test specimen at 1 % strain, mm
r = strain in the outer surface of the test specimen = 0.01 mm/mm,
L = test span = 50 mm, and
d = specimen depth = 3.2 mm (nominal).

NOTE 16—**Caution:** The load measured must be a minimum of 1 % of the load cell capacity. The test span shall be known to an accuracy of 0.05 mm, and this value shall be used in the calculations in 12.1.4.1. The loading nose shall be precisely centered between the supports. The test specimen shall be aligned perpendicular to the supports to an accuracy of 2° and the center of the specimen shall be directly below the center of the loading nose.

13.1.4.2 Calculate the stress corresponding to 1 % strain as follows:

$$S = 3PL/2bd^2 \quad (2)$$

where:

S = stress in the outer surface of the test specimen at 1 % strain, MPa,
P = load corresponding to 1 % strain, N
L = test span = 50 mm,
d = specimen depth = 3.2 mm (nominal), and
b = specimen width = 12.7 mm (nominal).

The secant modulus at 1 % strain is the ratio of stress to strain or S/0.01.

13.1.5 *Impact Resistance (Izod)*—Test Method D 256 (A) shall be used for notched specimens tested at 23°C. Specimens shall be cut from the center section of the Test Method D 638, Type I tensile test specimen. Before cutting the test specimen from the tensile bar, a symbol of any design should be drawn in the straight center section of the bar to indicate which is the gated-end of the specimen. Cut out the 57.2 mm straight center-section of the bar. The specimens shall be notched in accordance with Test Method D 256 for tests at 23°C. Specimens shall be notched such that the notch is off -center on the 57.2 ± 1 mm long specimen. When notched the apex of the notch shall be 25.4 ± 2 mm from the non-gated end and 31.8 ± 1 mm from the gated end of the specimen. The more critical dimension is the 31.8 ± 1 mm from the gated end of the specimen. Notched specimens must be conditioned after notching for a minimum of 40 h before testing. The specimen shall be inserted in the clamp with the 25.4 ± 2 mm in the clamp and the 31.8 ± 1 mm length above the clamp. When testing, the specimen shall be clamped in the grip with a pressure of 0.3 to 0.35 MPa. Should this pressure deform the specimen, then the clamp pressure may be reduced.

NOTE 17—Although the 57.2 mm length of specimen does not comply with the minimum specimen length of 61.5 mm specified by Test Method D 256, studies with numerous types of polypropylene specimens has shown that clamp lengths as short as 19 mm are acceptable, with no change in test results. What is critical is that the length of material above the clamp, which is specified as 31.8 ± 1 mm. Failure to maintain the 31.8 ± 1 mm above the clamp will result in reduced or increased Izod impact values depending on whether the specimen length above the clamp is longer or shorter than that specified by Test Method D 256, Method A.

NOTE 18—It is important to maintain the clamping pressure constant from specimen to specimen. Too low a clamp pressure will result in higher than normal values, while too high a clamp pressure will induce stress in the specimen resulting in lower than expected test values. This is particularly true of propylene plastics when tested at sub-ambient temperatures close to their brittleness temperature.

13.1.6 *Deflection Temperature*—Test Method D 648 shall be used to test a rectangular specimen 3.2 by 12.7 by 127 mm with a load applied at the center to give maximum fiber stresses of 455 kPa.

13.1.7 *Reinforcement and Additive Concentrations*:

13.1.7.1 *Glass Percentage*— Use Test Method D 2584.

13.1.7.2 *All Others*—Method to be specified.

14. Inspection and Certification

14.1 Certification and inspection of the material supplied under this specification shall conform to the requirements specified herein and in Classification D 4000, Section 15.

15. Rejection and Rehearing

15.1 Material that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification may be rejected. If any failure occurs, the materials may be retested to establish conformity. Rejection shall be reported to the supplier promptly and in writing. In case of dissatisfaction with the results of the test, a claim for a rehearing may be made.

16. Packaging and Package Marking

16.1 Provisions of Practice D 3892 apply for packaging, packing, and marking of plastic materials.

17. Keywords

17.1 injection and extrusion materials; materials specification; polypropylene; polypropylene test methods; recycled plastics

TABLE PP Requirements for Unreinforced Polypropylene (Natural Color Only)

Group	Description	Class	Description	Grade	Description	Nominal Flow Rate,[A] Test Method D 1238, Condition 230/2.16, g/10 min	Density, max Test Methods D 1505 or D 792, kg/m^3	Tensile Stress[B] at Yield, Test Method D 638, min,[C] MPa	Flexural Modulus[D] (1 % Secant), Test Methods D 790, Procedure A, min,[C] MPa	Izod Impact,[E] Resistance at 23°C, Test Method D 256, min,[F] J/m	Deflection Temperature at 455-KPa Stress,[G] Test Method D 648[H], min, °C
01	Homopolymer	1	General purpose	1	. . .	<0.3	910	27.5	1050	32	81
				2	. . .	>0.2 to ≤1.0	910	27.5	1000	27	81
				3	. . .	>1.0 to ≤3.0	910	27.5	1000	25	74
				4	. . .	>3.0 to ≤10	910	27.5	950	20	71
				5	. . .	>10 to ≤20	910	26	850	16	71
				6	. . .	>20 to ≤40	910	25	800	14	64
				7	. . .	>40 to ≤100	910	24	800	12	64
				8	. . .	>100 to ≤200	910	23	850	12	64
				9	. . .	>200	910	21	850	8	74
				0	Other						
		2	Nucleated	1	. . .	>1.0 to ≤3.0	915	33.5	1350	27	100
				2	. . .	>1.0 to ≤3.0	915	30.5	1150	27	90
				3	. . .	>3.0 to ≤10	015	30.5	1150	22	100
				4	. . .	>3.0 to ≤10	915	30.5	1150	21	90
				5	. . .	>10 to ≤30	915	30	1150	20	95
				6	. . .	>10 to ≤30	915	30	1150	16	85
				7	. . .	>30	915	28.5	1050	16	80
				0	Other						
		3	High-crystallinity	1	. . .	<1.0	920	38	2000	21	100
				2	. . .	>1.0 to ≤5.0	920	36	1800	21	100
				3	. . .	>5.0 to ≤10	920	36	1600	21	100
				4	. . .	>10 to ≤20	920	33	1400	22	95
				5	. . .	>20 to ≤40	920	30	1300	24	90
				6	. . .	>40	920	26	1300	26	90
				0	Other						
		0	Other	0	Other						
02	Random copolymer	1	General purpose	1	. . .	. . .	910	24	1000	30	78
				2	. . .	. . .	910	24	800	30	67
				3	. . .	. . .	910	22	700	30	67
				4	. . .	. . .	910	20	600	40	62
				5	. . .	. . .	910	17	500	45	62
				6	. . .	. . .	910	16	400	50	60
				7	. . .	. . .	910	15	350	50	60
				0	Other						
		2	Nucleated	1	. . .	. . .	915	26	975	35	87
				2	. . .	. . .	915	24	675	40	77
				3	. . .	. . .	915	22	575	40	73
				4	. . .	. . .	915	21	375	50	67
				0	Other						
		0	Other	0	Other						
03	Copolymers or impact modified	1	Low impact	1	. . .	. . .	905	26	1000	10	80
				2	. . .	. . .	905	21	850	10	65
				3	. . .	. . .	905	23	850	30	70
				4	. . .	. . .	905	18	650	30	65
				5	. . .	. . .	905	17	450	30	60
				6	. . .	. . .	905	24	800	50	75
				7	. . .	. . .	905	22	750	50	70
				8	. . .	. . .	905	20	750	50	70
				9	. . .	. . .	905	18	650	50	65
				0	Other						
		2	Moderate impact	1	. . .	. . .	905	27	1000	60	85
				2	. . .	. . .	905	25	850	70	80
				3	. . .	. . .	905	23	850	70	75
				4	. . .	. . .	905	21	750	70	70
				5	. . .	. . .	905	19	550	70	70
				6	. . .	. . .	905	19	550	70	60
				7	. . .	. . .	905	22	700	90	75
				8	. . .	. . .	905	17	650	90	65
				9	. . .	. . .	905	15	550	90	60
				0	Other						
		3	Medium impact	1	. . .	. . .	905	25	1000	100	75

TABLE *Continued*

Group	Description	Class	Description	Grade	Description	Nominal Flow Rate,[A] Test Method D 1238, Condition 230/2.16, g/10 min	Density, max Test Methods D 1505 or D 792, kg/m^3	Tensile Stress[B] at Yield, Test Method D 638, min,[C] MPa	Flexural Modulus[D] (1 % Secant), Test Methods D 790, Procedure A, min,[C] MPa	Izod Impact,[E] Resistance at 23°C, Test Method D 256, min,[F] J/m	Deflection Temperature at 455-KPa Stress,[G] Test Method D 648[H], min, °C
				2	. . .	. . .	905	23	900	120	70
				3	. . .	. . .	905	19	700	120	65
				4	. . .	. . .	905	17	500	120	60
				5	. . .	. . .	905	17	600	150	65
				6	. . .	. . .	905	25	850	200	70
				7	. . .	. . .	905	20	850	200	70
				8	. . .	. . .	905	20	700	200	70
				9	. . .	. . .	905	16	500	200	60
				0	Other						
		4	High impact	1	. . .	. . .	905	24	800	300	80
				2	. . .	. . .	905	21	800	300	75
				3	. . .	. . .	905	21	550	300	70
				4	. . .	. . .	905	17	500	300	65
				5	. . .	. . .	905	15	450	300	60
				6	. . .	. . .	905	16	500	400	65
				7	. . .	. . .	905	24	750	600	70
				8	. . .	. . .	905	20	700	600	65
				9	. . .	. . .	905	19	500	600	60
				0	Other						
		5	Nucleated	1	. . .	. . .	905	29	1000	10	77
				2	. . .	. . .	905	27	1300	30	95
				3	. . .	. . .	905	23	950	30	90
				4	. . .	. . .	905	21	850	30	85
				5	. . .	. . .	905	23	1050	50	85
				6	. . . .	. . .	905	19	800	50	85
				7	. . .	. . .	905	26	1150	80	85
				8	. . .	. . .	905	22	850	80	80
				9	. . .	. . .	905	19	550	100	80
				0	Other						
		0	Other	0	Other						

[A] Nominal flow rate is as supplied by the manufacturer of the material. Maximum allowable tolerance = ±30 % per individual lot.

[B] Test specimens are unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars and shall be tested at 50 mm/min when the material is one that shows a breaking strain greater than 10 %, or at 5 mm/min when the material breaks at a strain equal to or less than 10 %.

[C] MPa × 145 = psi.

[D] Test specimens are the center of the unannealed Test Method D 638,, Type I tensile bars with a nominal 3.2 by 12.7-mm cross section. Span is a nominal 50 mm. Rate of crosshead is 1.3 mm/min using Method I. Report 1 % secant based on strain.

[E] Test specimens are nominal 3.2 mm in width and are cut from center section of unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar.

[F] J/m = ft·lbf/in.× 53.38.

[G] Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7-mm cross section and shall be unannealed.

[H] Minimum values are based on testing the material by Test Method D 648, Method A (test span 101.6 mm).

TABLE A Detail Requirements[A] of Polypropylene Not Called Out by Tables B, C, G, and T

Designation or Order No.	Property	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Tensile stress at yield,[B] Test Method D 638, min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	20	35	50	65	80	95	110	125	Specify value[D]
2	Flexural modulus (1 % secant),[E] Test Methods D 790 (A), min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	Specify value[D]
3	Izod impact resistance[F] at 23°C, Test Method D 256, min, J/m[G]	Unspecified	15	30	45	60	90	135	190	250	Specify value[D]
4	Deflection temperature at 455 kPa,[H] Test Method D 648, min, °C	Unspecified	80	95	110	130	150	170	90	210	Specify value[D]
5	To be determined	Unspecified	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .

[A] It is recognized that detailed test values, particularly Izod impact, may not predict nor even correlate with performance of parts molded of these materials.

[B] Test specimens are unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars and shall be tested at 50 mm/min when the material is one that shows a breaking strain greater than 10 %, or at 5 mm/min when the material breaks at a strain equal to or less than 10 %.

[C] MPa × 145 = psi or kPa × 0.145 = psi.

[D] If a specific value is required, it must appear on the drawing or contract, or both.

[E] Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7-mm cross section cut from the center of unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar. Span is a nominal 50 mm. Rate of crosshead is 1.3 mm/min using Method I. Report 1 % secant based on strain.

[F] Test specimens are nominal 3.2 mm in thickness and are cut from the center section of Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar.

[G] J/m × (1.873× 10^{-2}) = ft · lb/in. or J/m = ft · lb/in. × 53.38.

[H] Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7-mm cross section and shall be unannealed.

TABLE B Detail Requirements[A] of Unfilled and Unreinforced Polypropylene

Designation or Order No.	Property	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Tensile stress at yield,[B] Test Method D 638, min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	Specify value[D]
2	Flexural modulus (1 % secant),[E] Test Methods D 790, (A), min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	100	250	500	750	1000	1250	1500	1750	Specify value[D]
3	Izod impact resistance[F] at 23°C, Test Method D 256, min, J/m[G]	Unspecified	10	50	100	200	300	400	500	700	Specify value[D]
4	Deflection temperature at 455 kPa,[H] Test Method D 648, min, °C	Unspecified	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	Specify value[D]
5	Flow rate,[I] Test Method D 1238, Condition 230/2.16, g/10 min	Unspecified	≤0.3	>0.3-1.0	>1.0-3.0	>3.0-10	>10-20	>20-40	>40-100	>100	Specify value[D]

[A]It is recognized that detailed test values, particularly Izod impact, may not predict nor even correlate with performance of parts molded of these materials.
[B]Test specimens are unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars and shall be tested at 50 mm/min when the material is one that shows a breaking strain greater than 10 %, or at 5 mm/min when the material breaks at a strain equal to or less than 10 %.
[C]MPa × 145 = psi or kPa × 0.145 = psi.
[D]If a specific value is required, it must appear on the drawing or contract, or both.
[E]Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7-mm cross section cut from the center of unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar. Span is a nominal 50 mm. Rate of crosshead is 1.3 mm/min using Method I. Report 1 % secant based on strain.
[F]Test specimens are nominal 3.2 mm in thickness and are cut from center section of Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar.
[G]J/m × (1.873×10^{-2}) = ft · lb/in. or J/m = ft · lb/in. × 53.38.
[H]Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7-mm cross section and shall be unannealed.
[I]Nominal flow rate is as supplied by the manufacturer of the material. Allowable tolerance ±30 % per individual lot.

TABLE C Detail Requirements[A] of Calcium Carbonate Filled Polypropylene

Designation or Order Number	Property	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Tensile Stress at Yield[B] Test Method D 638, min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	10	14	17	21	24	27	31	34	Specify Value[D]
2	Flexural Modulus (1 % secant)[E] Test Method D 790 (A), min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	800	1100	1400	1700	1900	2200	2500	2700	Specify Value[D]
3	Izod impact resistance[F] at +23°C Test Method D 256, min, J/m[G]	Unspecified	15	35	55	75	90	110	135	255	Specify Value[D]
4	Deflection Temperature at 455 kPa[H] Test Method D 648, min, °C	Unspecified	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	Specify Value[D]
5	To be determined	Unspecified	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Specify Value[D]

[A]It is recognized that detailed test values, particularly Izod impact, may not predict nor even correlate with performance of molded parts.
[B]Test specimens are unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars and shall be tested at 50 mm/min when the material is one that shows a breaking strain greater than 10 %, or at 5 mm/min when the material breaks at a strain equal to or less than 10 %.
[C]MPa × 145 = psi or kPa × 0.145 = psi.
[D]If a specific value is required, it must appear on the drawing or contract, or both.
[E]Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7-mm cross section cut from the center of unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar. Span is a nominal 50 mm. Rate of crosshead is 1.3 mm/min using Method I. Report 1 % secant modulus based on strain.
[F]Test specimens are a nominal 3.2 mm in thickness and are cut from the center of a Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar.
[G]J/m × (1.873×10^{-2}) = ft- lb/in. or J/m = ft-lb/in. × 53.38.
[H]Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7-mm cross section and shall be unannealed.

TABLE G Detail Requirements[A] of Glass Reinforced Polypropylene

Designation or Order Number	Property	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Tensile Stress at Yield[B] Test Method D 638, min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	24	32	40	48	57	65	74	82	Specify Value[D]
2	Flexural Modulus (1 % secant)[E] Test Method D 790 (A), min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	1000	1900	2800	3700	4600	5500	6400	7300	Specify Value[D]
3	Izod impact resistance[F] at +23°C Test Method D 256, min, J/m[G]	Unspecified	15	35	55	80	100	130	150	170	Specify Value[D]
4	Deflection Temperature at 455 kPa[H] Test Method D 648, min, °C	Unspecified	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	Specify Value[D]
5	To be determined	Unspecified	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Specify Value[D]

[A] It is recognized that detailed test values, particularly Izod impact, may not predict nor even correlate with performance of molded parts.
[B] Test specimens are unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars and shall be tested at 50 mm/min when the material is one that shows a breaking strain greater than 10 %, or at 5 mm/min when the material breaks at a strain equal to or less than 10 %.
[C] MPa × 145 = psi or kPa × 0.145 = psi.
[D] If a specific value is required, it must appear on the drawing or contract, or both.
[E] Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7-mm cross section cut from the center of unannealed Test Method D 638 Type I tensile bar. Span is a nominal 50 mm. Rate of crosshead is 1.3 mm/min using Method I. Report 1 % secant modulus based on strain.
[F] Test specimens are a nominal 3.2 mm in thickness and are cut from center section of Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar.
[G] J/m × (1.873×10^{-2}) = ft- lb/in. or J/m = ft-lb/in. × 53.38.
[H] Test specimens are a nominal 3.2 by 12.7 mm cross section and shall be unannealed.

TABLE T Detail Requirements[A] of Talc Filled Polypropylene

Designation or Order Number	Property	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Tensile stress at Yield[B] Test Method D 638, min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	Specify Value[D]
2	Flexural Modulus (1 % secant)[E] Test Method D 790 (A), min, MPa[C]	Unspecified	650	1000	1350	1700	2050	2400	2750	3100	Specify Value[D]
3	Izod impact resistance[F] at +23°C Test Method D 256, min, J/m[G]	Unspecified	15	35	55	75	95	115	135	155	Specify Value[D]
4	Deflection Temperature at 455 kPa[H] Test Method D 648, min, °C	Unspecified	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	Specify Value[D]
5	To be determined	Unspecified	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Specify Value[D]

[A] It is recognized that detailed test values, particularly Izod impact, may not predict nor even correlate with performance of molded parts.
[B] Test specimens are unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bars and shall be tested at 50 mm/min when the material is one that shows a breaking strain greater than 10 %, or at 5 mm/min when the material breaks at a strain equal to or less than 10 %.
[C] MPa × 145 = psi or kPa × 0.145 = psi.
[D] If a specific value is required, it must appear on the drawing or contract, or both.
[E] Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7 mm cross section cut from the center of unannealed Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar. Span is a nominal 50 mm. Rate of crosshead is 1.3 mm/min using Method I. Report 1 % secant modulus based on strain.
[F] Test specimens are a nominal 3.2 mm in thickness and are cut from the center of a Test Method D 638, Type I tensile bar.
[G] J/m × (1.873×10^{-2}) = ft- lb/in. or J/m = ft-lb/in. × 53.38.
[H] Test specimens are nominal 3.2 by 12.7 mm cross section and shall be unannealed.

TABLE 1 Melt Temperature Requirements for Molding

Flow Rate, g/10 min	Melt Temperature, °C
1.0–1.5	250
1.6–2.5	240
2.6–4.0	230
4.1–6.5	220
6.6–10.5	210
10.6–17.5	200
17.6-30.0	190

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

The following supplementary items may become part of this specification, when applicable, as agreed upon between the user and the supplier.

S1. Approval

S1.1 Material submitted by a new supplier must be approved by the user. Material or test specimens submitted by the supplier and intended for evaluation shall be accompanied by the supplier's laboratory test report.

S2. New Sources

S2.1 The user may elect to temporarily accept shipment on the supplier's certification.

S3. Infrared Spectrophotometry or Thermal Analysis, or Both

S3.1 At the option of the user, infrared or thermal analysis, or both, may be conducted on material/parts supplied to this specification. The curves established for initial approval shall constitute the reference standard and shall be kept on file at the user's laboratory. All samples shall produce curves that correspond to the reference standard within agreed upon tolerances when tested under the same conditions as those specified on the master set of curves.

S3.2 In the event such tests are to be designated as requirements to be tested by the supplier, this must appear on the part drawing or purchase contract, or both.

S4. Quality Assurance Provisions for Government/ Military Procurement

S4.1 Selection of Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) and of Inspection Level (IL) shall be made with consideration of the specific use requirements. This is discussed in Sections 7 and 8 of Practice D 1898, with reference to MIL-STD-105. In the absence of contrary requirements, the following values shall apply:

	IL	AQL
Testing (Polymer, Unfabricated)	S−1[A]	. . .

[A] Samples shall be drawn from the required number of units and pooled for preparation of molded samples for property evaluation.

S5. Government/Military Packaging

S5.1 (Text of this section will be the same as presently being balloted by Subcommittee D20.94.)

APPENDIX

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. ADDITIONAL TEST METHODS AND CONDITIONS

X1.1 Table X1.1 specifies the other test methods and conditions, other than the five standard test methods, that can be used to characterize polypropylene.

TABLE X1.1 Test Methods and Conditions[A]

Number	Property	Standard Test Method	Specimen Type Dimensions, mm	Processing Method	Units	Suffix from D 4000 or D 4101, Section 5	Test Conditions and Supplementary Instructions
1.	Rheological properties						
1.1	Melt flow rate	D 1238	Granules or powder		g/10 min	VC2	Test temperature 230°C, 2.16 kg load
1.2	Melt rheology	D 3835	Granules or powder		Pa-s		Test temperatures 190, 210, and 230°C
2.	Mechanical properties						
2.1	Tensile stress at yield	D 638	Type I, thickness = 3.2	Injection	MPa	KY	Test at 50 mm/min when the material is one that shows a breaking strain greater than 10 %, or at 5 mm/min when the material breaks at a strain equal to or less than 10 %
2.2	Tensile elongation at yield				%	LY	
2.3	Tensile modulus				MPa		Speed of 5 mm/min with Class B-2 or better extensometer

TABLE X1.1 *Continued*

Number	Property	Standard Test Method	Specimen Type Dimensions, mm	Processing Method	Units	Suffix from D 4000 or D 4101, Section 5	Test Conditions and Supplementary Instructions
2.4	Tensile creep modulus	D 2990	Type I, thickness = 3.2	Injection	MPa		At room temperature and at least two elevated temperatures for 1000 h at three stress levels
2.5	Flexural modulus	D 790	Center of Type I bar, 63.5 × 12.7 × 3.2	Injection	MPa	UC	1 % secant, 50 mm span, 1.3 mm/min speed 5 ± 0.1 mm radius support rods and loading nose at yield if yield occurs at less than 5 % strain, otherwise report value at 5 %
2.6	Flexural strength				MPa	NA	
2.7	Flexural creep modulus	D 2990	Center of Type I bar, 63.5 × 12.7 × 3.2	Injection	MPa		At room temperature and at least two elevated temperatures for 1000 h at three stress levels
2.8	Compressive strength	D 695	12.7× 12.7 × 25.4 prism or 12.7 mm diameter × 25.4 mm long right cylinder	Injection	MPa	QA	Speed 1.3 mm/min (strain rate 0.05 mm/mm/min)
2.9	Compressive modulus		12.7 × 12.7 × 50.8 prism or 12.7 mm diameter × 50.8 mm long right cylinder		MPa		Slenderness ratio 11 to 16 to 1, speed 1.3 mm/min (strain rate 0.025 mm/mm/min)
2.10	Compressive creep modulus	D 2990	12.7 × 12.7 prism or 12.7 mm diameter length (must be sufficient to meet slenderness ratio or 11 to 15)	Injection			At room temperature and at least two elevated temperatures for 100 h at three stress levels
2.11	Shear strength	D 732	50 disk or 50 × 50 × 50 square with thickness of 3.2	Injection	MPa		Speed 1.3 mm/min
2.12	Shear modulus	D 5279	76 × 13 × 3.2	Injection	Pa		−150°C to Tg+20°C or Tm+10°C @ 1 Hz
					Pa	SM	
2.13	Izod impact resistance	D 256A	Center of Type I bar, 63.5 × 12.7 × 3.2	Injection	J/m	PA	
2.14	Charpy impact resistance	D 256B	127 × 127 × 3.2	Injection	J/m	PB	
2.15	Cantilever beam impact	D 4812	Center of Type I bar, 63.5× 12.7 × 3.2		J/m		
2.16	Tensile impact resistance	D 1822	Type S, thickness = 3.2	Injection	kJ/m^2		
2.17	Gardner impact	D 5420	Minimum 50 × 50× 3.2 square or 50 diameter × 3.2 disk	Injection	J	PG3	Geometry CG, @ −30°C
2.18	Rockwell hardness	D 785	Minimum 25 × 25 square × 6 or 25 diameter disk × 6 thick	Injection compression	HRR		Rockwell R scale (thickness of specimen may be achieved by plying specimens or thinner specimens may be used if hardness is shown not to be changed)
2.19	Shore A or D hardness	D 2240	Minimum 25 × 25 square × 6 or 25 diameter disk × 6 thick	Injection com-pression	Shore A or D		Shore A or D scale (thickness of specimen may be achieved by plying specimens or thinner specimens may be used if hardness is shown not to be changed). Values at 1 s.
3.	Thermal properties						
3.1	Melting temperature	D 2117	Any material form		°C	CE	Fisher-Johns
		D 3418				CD	DSC/DTA
3.2	Heat deflection temperature	D 648	127 × 13 × 3.2	Injection	°C	YA	Unannealed specimen, 1820 kPa stress.
						YD	Unannealed specimen, 455 kPa stress.
3.3	Vicat softening temperature	D 1525	Minimum 12 × 12× 3 square or 12 diameter disk	Injection	°C	CB	Rate A, 50°C/h
3.4	Coefficient of linear thermal expansion	D 696	Between 50 and 120 length, other dimensions depend on test apparatus	Injection	µm/(m·°C)		Dilatometer, between −30° and +30°C (use E 228 for temperatures other than −30 and +30°C)

TABLE X1.1 *Continued*

Number	Property	Standard Test Method	Specimen Type Dimensions, mm	Processing Method	Units	Suffix from D 4000 or D 4101, Section 5	Test Conditions and Supplementary Instructions
		E 831	Between 2 and 10 length and less than 10 lateral dimension	Injection	µm/(m·°C)		Report over ranges from −30 to 0°C, 0 to +30°C, and +30 to +60°C
3.5	Thermal conductivity	C 177	Depends on test apparatus	Injection	cal/s/cm^2/°C/cm		
3.6	Brittleness temperature	D 746	Length minimum 20 + minimum 5 in clamp × 6.35 × 1.91	Injection	°C	PL	Procedure A
3.7	Flammability	D 635	127 × 12.7 × 3.2	Injection	mm/min	FA	
		D 2863	127 × 6.5 ×3.2	Injection	%	FB	
		D 3801	127 × 12.7 × 3.2	Injection	s	FC	Generate rating based on burning time and glow time
		MVSS-302	355 × 102 × 1.25	Injection	mm/min		
4.	Electrical properties						
4.1	Volume resistivity	D 257	100 × 100 × 3.2 square or 100 diameter disk × 3.2	Compression	Ohm·cm	EG	Electrification for 60 s with applied voltage of 500 V
4.2	Dielectric strength	D 149	100× 100 × 3.2 square or 100 diameter disk × 3.2	Compression	kV/mm	EA	Method A—short time
						ED	Method B—step by step
4.3	Dielectric constant	D 150	100 × 100 × 3.2 square or 100 diameter disk × 3.2	Compression		ED	Test at 1 MHz
4.4	Dissipation factor					EE	
4.5	Arc resistance	D 495	Dependent on test apparatus, thickness 3.2	Compression	s	EF	
5.	Optical						
5.1	Yellowness index[A]	E 313	Minimum 63.5 × 63.5 × 3.2 or minimum 63.5 diameter disk × 3.2	Injection	YI		Reflectance with specular light included
5.2	Yellowness index	D 6290	Pellets		YI		Reflectance, specular light excluded, Illuminant C, 2° observer calculate YI with E 313 equation
5.3	Gloss	D 523	150 × 75 × 3.2	Injection			At 45 and 60°
6.							
6.1	Natural weathering	D 1435	Type I tensile bar	Injection		WA	Angle of exposure 45°, report exposure time, % retention of physical properties and total solar radiant energy
6.2	Accelerated weathering	D 1499	Type I tensile bar	Injection		W2	Carbon arc type DH as described in D 1499,, Method 1 of G 23, 102 minutes light and 18 minutes light and water spray exposure for 720 h
		D 2565	Type I tensile bar	Injection		W1	Xenon arc Type BH irradiance 0.35 W/m^2 at 340 nm, Method A of G 26, 102 minutes light and 18 minutes light and water spray exposure for 720 h
		D 4329	Type I tensile bar	Injection		W3	Fluorescent UV, condensation type, (fluorescent lamps shall be UVA-340 8 h UV exposure at 60°C, then 4 h condensation at 50°C)
		SAE J1885	Type I tensile bar or minimum 63.5 × 63.6 square or minimum 63.5 diameter disk × 3.2	Injection		W5	Water-cooled xenon arc weathering device[B] light exposure 1250 kJ/m^2 at 340 nm
		SAE J1960				W4	Light exposure 2500 kJ/m^2 at 340 nm. Failure criteria: must retain 50 % of tensile strength and Izod impact resistance. If color change is critical, delta E cannot exceed 3.0.
		SAE J2019	Type I tensile bar or minimum 63.5 × 63.6 square or minimum 63.5 diameter disk × 3.2	Injection		W7	Air-cooled xenon arc weathering device[B] light exposure 1250 kJ/m^2 at 340 nm

TABLE X1.1 *Continued*

Number	Property	Standard Test Method	Specimen Type Dimensions, mm	Processing Method	Units	Suffix from D 4000 or D 4101, Section 5	Test Conditions and Supplementary Instructions
		SAE J2212				W8	Light exposure 2500 kJ/m^2 at 340 nm. Failure criteria: must retain 50 % of tensile strength and Izod impact resistance. If color change is critical, delta E cannot exceed 3.0.
		D 4364	Type I tensile bar or minimum 63.5 × 63.6 square or minimum 63.5 diameter disk × 3.2	Injection		W9	Total UV radiation exposure below 385 nm, 1000 MJ/m^2(approximately 3 years). Specify whether Procedure A or B. Failure criteria: must retain 50 % of tensile strength and Izod impact resistance. If color change is critical, delta E cannot exceed 3.0.
6.3	Oven aging	D 3012	50 × 10 × 1.0	Compression or Injection	Days	SA	Test temperature = 150°C
7.	Other						
7.1	Water absorption	D 570	50.8 × 3.2 disk	Injection	%		24 h immersion at ambient temperature
7.2	Water absorption	D 570	50.8 × 3.2 disk	Injection	%		Long-term immersion to saturation
7.3	Chemical resistance	D 543	50.8 × 3.2 thick disk or Type I bar, 3.2 thickness	Injection	%		Disk for weight and dimensional changes
				Injection	%		Type I for mechanical properties retention, 7 day immersion
7.4	Density	D 792	37 × 12.7 × 3.2	Injection	kg/m^3	GC	
7.5	Ash	D 5630	Granules or pellets		%		

[A]The measurement of yellowness index of molded flat specimens for comparison between other laboratories is not as reproducible as with pellets due to the difference in molding techniques to make the specimen; the additional heat history applied to the material; differences in design of the colorant measurement systems; the level of specimen transparence, translucence, or opaqueness; and the color of the background backing up the specimen.

[B]SAE J1885 and SAE J1960 are based on water-cooled xenon arc weathering devices, while SAE J2019 and SAE J2212 are based on air-cooled xenon arc weathering devices. Due to differences in the spectral distribution of the filtered xenon light source, in terms of irradiance level and cut-on wavelength, different ratios of total light to total dark time using SAE J1885 and SAE J2212 can be expected to have different degrees of influence on specimen performance when weathered to the same total irradiant energy. SAE J1960 and SAE J2019 are different in irradiance level, spectral distribution, and rain simulation cycles and specimens would be expected to have different performance at the same total irradiant energy.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This section identifies the location of selected changes to this specification. For the convenience of the user, Committee D20 has highlighted those changes that may impact the use of this specification. This section may also include descriptions of the changes or reasons for the changes, or both.

D 4101 – 03:
(*1*) Added 7.2 Water absorption to Table X1.1. Renumbered the lines following 7.2.
D 4101 – 02b:
(*1*) Revised 13.1.5. Added tolerances to length of specimen.
(*2*) Revised Note 17. Added tolerances and indicated the impact data could increase or decrease.
D 4101 – 02a:
(*1*) Revised 13.1.5 to address cutting and notching of test specimen.
(*2*) Added Note 17.
(*3*) Renumbered Note 17 to Note 18.
D 4101 – 02:
(*1*) The occurrence of the phrase “yielding or” has been removed throughout this specification.
D 4101 – 01a:
(*1*) Added new paragraph to 11.1.5 for infra-red pyrometer.
(*2*) Changed specimen parameters of 6.3 in Table X1.1.
D 4101 – 01:
(*1*) Revised conditioning requirements in Section 12.1.1.
(*2*) Revised testing requirements in Section 12.2.
(*3*) Addition of Footnote H to Table PP.
D 4101 – 00:
(*1*) Changed title from “Propylene Plastics” to “Polypropylene.”
(*2*) Changed “propylene plastics” to “polypropylene” throughout.
(*3*) Added Table C, Table G, Table T in 4.1.1.
(*4*) Added Table C, Table G, Table T and changed Table A to Tables A, C, G, or T in 4.2.
(*5*) Changed Table A or B to Table A, B, C, G, or T; changed Table A or Table B to Table A, Table B, Table C, Table G, or Table T in 4.2.2.
(*6*) Changed Table A to Tables A, C, G, and T in 4.3.
(*7*) Changed Table A or Table B to Table A, Table B, Table C, Table G, or Table T in 5.1.
(*8*) Added Table C, Table G, Table T in 8.1.
D 4101 – 99:

(*1*) Terminology—Addition of definitions for polypropylene, polypropylene heterophasic copolymers, polypropylene homopolymer, and polypropylene random copolymer.
(*2*) Section 2—Added Test Method D 6290.
(*3*) Table X1.1—Added new 5.2, Yellowness Index, for test method, specimen, and test conditions based on Test Method D 6290.
(*4*) Table X1.1—Renumbered 5.2, Gloss, to 5.3.
(*5*) Table X1.1—Added footnote describing problems of measuring yellowness index (YI) on plaques.
D 4101 – 98a:
(*1*) Table X1.1, Row 5.1, % haze and related information has been eliminated from the table.
(*2*) Revised 13.1.3.
(*3*) Revised Footnote B, Table PP.
(*4*) Revised Footnote B, Table A.
(*5*) Revised Footnote B, Table B.
(*6*) Revised Table X1.1, Sections 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3.
(*7*) Revised Footnote B, Table C.
Revised Footnote B, Table G.
Revised Footnote B, Table T.
(*8*) Revised 12.1 and 12.2 on Conditioning.
(*9*) Removed elastomers. Those that were previously included in this specification can now be found in Classification System D 5593.
(*10*) Scope, 1.1—Removed the word elastomer.
(*11*) Table PP—Eliminated Group 04, Elastomers.
(*12*) Table PP—Eliminated Footnote H.
(*13*) Added wording in Summary of Changes regarding Classification System D 5593.
(*14*) Corrected 4.3, Note 7.
(*15*) Text PP0210B55443 changed to PP0310B55443.
(*16*) Callout PP0310—Based on Table PP this should read propylene plastic copolymer, *low impact*, not *general purpose* propylene plastic copolymer.
(*17*) Removed Test Method D 374 and replaced with Test Methods D 5947 in 2.1. This change is a result of the finding that Test Method D 374 could not be applied to Type I tensile and flexural specimens. Test Methods D 5947 were written to address that problem.
(*18*) 13.1.2—Deleted Test Method D 374, replaced with Test Methods D 5947.
(*19*) 12.1, Conditioning, added 12.1.1-12.1.3.
(*20*) Added new notes Note 12 and Note 13.
(*21*) Deleted old Note 12.
(*22*) Changed Note 13 to Note 14.
(*23*) Changed Note 14 to Note 15.
(*24*) Changed Note 15 to Note 16
(*25*) Changed Note 16 to Note 18.
(*26*) Editorial Change to 13.1.4 and 13.1.4.2—Changed outer fiber to outer surface of the test specimen to agree with wording in revised Test Methods D 790.