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Raychem XFFR Zero Halogen Heat Shrinkable Tubing

1. SCOPE

This specification covers the requirements for one type of low fire hazard, electrically insulating, extruded tubing whose diameter will reduce to a predetermined size upon the application of heat in excess of 120°C. It is suitable for use with Hot Melt Adhesive Tape S1030 or Flame-Retardant Mastic Tape S1305.

2. REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Composition and Appearance

The tubing shall be fabricated from thermally stabilized, flame-retardant modified polyolefin and shall be irradiation crosslinked. It shall be homogeneous and essentially free from flaws, defects, pinholes, bubbles, seams, cracks and inclusions. It shall contain essentially no halogens.

2.2 Color

The tubing color shall be black.

3. PROPERTIES

The tubing shall meet the requirements of Tables 1 and 2.

4. OUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 Classification of Tests

4.1.1 **Qualification Tests**

Qualification tests are those performed on the tubing submitted for qualification as a satisfactory product and shall consist of all the tests listed in this specification.

4.1.2 **Production Routine Tests**

Production routine tests shall be carried out on every batch, unless otherwise specified and shall consist of the following: dimensions, longitudinal change, tensile strength, ultimate elongation, low temperature flexibility and flammability.

5. SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Qualification Test Samples

Qualification test samples shall consist of 45 m (150 feet) of tubing. Qualification of size 15 or 20 qualifies all sizes. The color shall be black.

5.2 **Production Routine Test Samples**

Production routine test samples shall consist of a sufficient length to perform all the tests in 4.1.2 selected at random from each batch. A batch shall consist of all tubing of the same size, from the same production run and offered for inspection at the same time. Physical property tests performed at this time qualify subsequent tubing lots produced from the same compound batch.

6. TEST PROCEDURES

Unless otherwise specified the tubing shall be recovered in a forced air circulating oven for 10 minutes at $150 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C.

6.1 **Dimensions and Longitudinal Change**

The test method shall be as specified in ASTM D 2671.

The length and inside diameter of three 250 mm (10 inch) long specimens of expanded tubing shall be measured. The specimens shall be recovered and the length and inside diameter of each shall be measured. The longitudinal change shall be expressed as a percentage of the original length. The minimum and maximum recovered wall thicknesses shall be determined.

6.2 Tensile Strength and Ultimate Elongation

The test method shall be as specified in ASTM D 638.

For tubing of recovered inside diameter greater than 6.0 mm (0.236 inch), five Type IV dumbbell specimens shall be tested. For tubing of recovered inside diameter less than or equal to 6.0 mm (0.236 inch), five tubular specimens 150 mm (6 inches) long shall be tested. Rate of jaw separation shall be 500 ± 10 mm (20 ± 0.5 inches) per minute. The test shall be carried out at a temperature of $23 \pm 2^{\circ}C$.

6.3 **Halogen Content**

Determine the halogen content (fluorine, chlorine and bromine) of tubing by any suitable elemental analysis technique capable of measuring each halogen to \pm 50 ppm or all three halogens together to \pm 100 ppm.

7. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY

7.1 **Form**

The tubing shall be supplied in cut lengths unless otherwise specified.

7.2 Packaging

Packaging shall be in accordance with good commercial practice.

7.3 Marking

Each container of tubing shall be permanently and legibly marked with the size, quantity, manufacturer's identification and batch number.

8. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

This specification takes precedence over documents referenced herein. Unless otherwise specified, the latest issue of referenced documents applies. The following documents form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein.

8.1 GOVERNMENT FURNISHED DOCUMENTS

Military

MIL-H-5606 Hydraulic Fluid, Petroleum Base, Aircraft, Missile and Orc	Ordnance
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MIL-DTL-83133 Turbine Fuel, Aviation, Grade JP-8

MIL-C-24643 Cable and Cords Electrical Low Smoke for Shipboard Use, General Specification

NES 711 Determination of the Smoke Index of the Products of Combustion from Small Specimens of

Material

NES 713 Determination of the Toxicity Index of the Products of Combustion from Small Specimens of

Material

8.2 OTHER PUBLICATIONS

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

ASTM D 570	Standard Test Method for Water Absorption

ASTM D 638 Standard Test Methods for Tensile Properties of Plastics

ASTM D 792 Standard Test Methods for Specific Gravity (Relative Density) and Density of Plastic

by Displacement

ASTM D 876 Standard Test Methods for Non Rigid Vinyl Chloride Polymer Tubing Used for Electrical

Insulation

ASTM D 2671 Standard Methods of Testing Heat-Shrinkable Tubing for Electrical Use

ASTM D 2863 Test Method for Measuring Minimum Oxygen Concentration to Support Candle-Like

Combustion of Plastics (Oxygen Index)

(Copies of ASTM publications may be obtained from the American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 or via the ASTM website at http://www.astm.org).

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

ISO 846 Method B Plastics – Evaluation of the Action of Microorganisms

(Copies of ISO publications may be obtained from the International Organization for Standardization, 1, rue de Varembé, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland or via the ISO website at http://www.iso.ch/iso/en/ISOOnline.frontpage)

SAE International

SAE-AMS-DTL-23053 Insulating Tubing, Electrical, Heat Shrinkable, General Specification

(Copies of SAE publications may be obtained from SAE International, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001 or via the SAE website at http://www.sae.org.)

TABLE 1 TUBING DIMENSIONS						
	Internal Diam	Wall Thickness, mm (inch)				
	(Min.) Expanded	(Max.) Recovered After	(Nom.) Recovered			
Size	as Supplied	Heating	After Heating			
-03	7.62 (0.300)	2.54 (0.100)	2.03 (0.080)			
-04	10.16 (0.400)	3.81 (0.150)	2.03 (0.080)			
-07	19.05 (0.750)	5.59 (0.220)	2.03 (0.080)			
-11	27.94 (1.100)	9.53 (0.375)	2.79 (0.110)			
-15	38.10 (1.500)	12.70 (0.500)	3.05 (0.120)			
-20	50.80 (2.000)	19.05 (0.750)	3.05 (0.120)			
-30	76.20 (3.000)	31.75 (1.250)	4.06 (0.160)			
-40	101.60 (4.000)	44.45 (1.750)	4.06 (0.160)			

TABLE 2 REQUIREMENTS					
PROPERTY	UNIT	XFFR	TEST METHOD		
PHYSICAL	01111	ATT	TEST METHOD		
Dimensions	mm (inch)	In accordance with Table 1	Section 6.1 ASTM D 2671		
Longitudinal Change	percent	+1, -10	Section 6.1 ASTM D 2671		
Tensile Strength	MPa (psi)	9.0 (1,300) minimum	Section 6.2 ASTM D 638		
Ultimate Elongation	percent	150 minimum	Section 6.2 ASTM D 638		
Specific Gravity		1.5 maximum	ASTM D 792		
Low Temperature Flexibility		No cracking	SAE-AMS-DTL-23053		
4 hrs at -55 ± 2 °C					
Heat Resistance					
168 hrs at 175 ± 2°C					
Followed by tests for:					
Tensile Strength	MPa (psi)	8.4 (1,200) minimum	ASTM D 638		
Ultimate Elongation	percent	100 minimum	ASTM D 638		
ELECTRICAL					
Dielectric Strength	kV/mm (V/mil)	10 (250) minimum	ASTM D 2671 *Note 1		
Volume Resistivity	ohm-cm	10 ¹² minimum	ASTM D 876		
CHEMICAL					
Copper Mirror Corrosion		No removal of copper	SAE-AMS-DTL-23053		
16 hours at 120 ± 2°C					
Copper Contact Corrosion		No pitting or blackening of	SAE-AMS-DTL-23053		
16 hrs at 120 ± 2°C		copper			
Halogen Content	percent (ppm)	0.1 (1,000) maximum	Section 6.3		
Flammability	seconds	15 maximum	ASTM D 2671 Procedure A		
Water Absorption	percent	0.2 maximum	ASTM D 570		
24 hrs at 23 ± 2 °C					
Fungus Resistance			ISO 846 Method B		
Followed by tests for:					
Tensile Strength	MPa (psi)	9.0 (1,300) minimum	ASTM D 638		
Ultimate Elongation	percent	150 minimum	ASTM D 638		
Dielectric Strength	kV/mm (V/mil)	7.9 (200) minimum	ASTM D 2671		
Fluid Resistance			SAE-AMS-DTL-23053		
24 hours at 23 ± 2°C					
JP-8 Fuel (MIL-DTL-83133)					
Hydraulic Fluid (MIL-H-5606)					
Followed by tests for:	MPa (psi)	5.0 (720) minimum	ASTM D 638		
Tensile Strength Ultimate Elongation	percent	100 minimum	ASTM D 638 ASTM D 638		
Acid Gas Generation	percent	2 maximum	MIL-C-24643		
Smoke Index	percent	25 maximum	NES 711 with Wire Support Screen		
Toxicity Index		5 maximum	NES 713 with wife Support Screen		
Oxygen Index	+	30 minimum	ASTM D 2863		
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*Note 1: Recover specimens on the metal mandrels for 10 minutes minimum at 200 ± 3 °C or until the tubing is completely recovered on the mandrels.