



Standard Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Jacket for Wire and Cable¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers a durable general-purpose thermoplastic jacket made from poly(vinyl chloride) or the copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate suitable for a minimum installing temperature of –10 °C.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are the standard, except in cases where SI units are more appropriate. The values in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D1711 Terminology Relating to Electrical Insulation

D2565 Practice for Xenon-Arc Exposure of Plastics Intended for Outdoor Applications

D2633 Test Methods for Thermoplastic Insulations and Jackets for Wire and Cable

D6360 Practice for Enclosed Carbon-Arc Exposures of Plastics

G23 Practice for Operating Light-Exposure Apparatus (Carbon-Arc Type) With and Without Water for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials (Withdrawn 2000)³

G151 Practice for Exposing Nonmetallic Materials in Accelerated Test Devices that Use Laboratory Light Sources

G152 Practice for Operating Open Flame Carbon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials

G153 Practice for Operating Enclosed Carbon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

G155 Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Non-Metallic Materials

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions pertinent to this specification, see Terminology **D1711**.

4. Test Applicable for Sunlight and Weather Resistant Materials

4.1 The jacket shall retain a minimum of 80 % of its unexposed tensile strength and elongation after 720 h of exposure in a dual carbon-arc apparatus or a Xenon arc light apparatus. Prepare the specimens in accordance with Test Methods **D2633** for physical tests of insulations and jackets. Do not buff the surface that is exposed to the light source. Perform the test in accordance with Practice **D2565** or Practice **D6360**, depending on which type of apparatus is used. Use Cycle 1 in Table X1.1 of Practice **G153** or Cycle 1 in Table X3.1 of Practice **G155**, depending on which type of apparatus is used.

5. Physical Properties

5.1 The jacket shall conform to the requirements for physical properties prescribed in **Table 1**.

5.2 When used on single-conductor nonshielded cable rated 2001 to 5000 V phase to phase, the jacket shall also conform to the requirements for surface resistivity and U-bend discharge in **Table 2**.

6. Sampling

6.1 Sample the jacket in accordance with Methods **D2633** unless otherwise specified.

7. Test Methods

7.1 Unless otherwise specified, test the jacket in accordance with Methods **D2633**.

8. Keywords

8.1 jacket for wire and cable; poly (vinyl chloride) jacket; thermoplastic jacket

TABLE 1 Physical Properties for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Jacket^A

<i>Unexposed (Unaged) Requirements:</i>	
Tensile strength, min, psi (MPa)	1500 (10.3)
Elongation at rupture, min, %	100
<i>Exposed (Aged) Requirements:</i>	
After Air Oven Aging Test at 100 ± 1 °C for 5 days:	
Tensile strength, min, % of unexposed (unaged) value	85
Elongation at rupture, min, % of unexposed (unaged) value	60
After Oil Immersion Test at 70 ± 1 °C for 4 h:	
Tensile strength, min, % of unexposed (unaged) value	80
Elongation at rupture, min, % of unexposed (unaged) value	60
Heat distortion, 121 ± 1 °C, max, %	50
Heat shock, 121 ± 1 °C	no cracks
Cold bend, -35 ± 1 °C	no cracks

^A The values specified are applicable only to jacket having a nominal wall thickness of 0.030 in. (0.76 mm) or greater.

TABLE 2 Requirements for Resisitivity and U-Bend Discharge

Surface resistivity, min, MΩ	200 000
U-bend discharge at the required cable insulation ac test voltage	no cable failures or cracks in the jacket

APPENDIX

X1. Exposures to Laboratory Light Sources

The initial version of this specification referenced carbon-arc devices described by Practice **G23**, which described very specific equipment designs. Practice **G23** has been withdrawn and replaced by Practice **G151**, which describes performance criteria for all exposure devices that use laboratory light

sources, and by Practice **G152** and Practice **G153**, which gave requirements for exposing nonmetallic materials in filtered open flame carbon-arc devices and enclosed carbon-arc devices, respectively.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D09 has identified the location of selected changes to this specification since the last issue, D1047 – 07, that may impact the use of this specification. (Approved August 1, 2011.)

- (1) Added Terminology **D1711** to Referenced Documents.
- (2) Added Terminology section.

- (3) Deleted Note 1.
- (4) Added Appendix section.

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