



Standard Test Method for Impact Resistance of Pipeline Coatings (Limestone Drop Test)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the relative resistance of pipeline coatings to impact by observing the effects of falling stones on coated pipe specimens.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

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:²

G12 Test Method for Nondestructive Measurement of Film Thickness of Pipeline Coatings on Steel

G62 Test Methods for Holiday Detection in Pipeline Coatings

2.2 AASHTO Standard:³

M80–51 (No. 67) Specification for Coarse Aggregate for Portland Cement Concrete

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The impact resistance of pipeline coatings is determined by dropping weighed amounts of a specified type of limestone

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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 Available from American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), 444 N. Capitol St., NW, Suite 249, Washington, DC 20001, <http://www.transportation.org>.

through a chute onto a coated pipe specimen. Results are reported as the number of drops required to pierce through the coating to bare metal, as determined visually or electrically.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method is intended to simulate the effects of backfilling after pipe has been placed in the trench. The backfill is often rocky soil and, if it is unscreened and the coated pipe is unshielded by sand or other protective padding, the falling rocks may seriously damage the coating.

5. Apparatus

5.1 The impact apparatus shall be essentially as shown in Fig. 1 and shall include the following:

5.1.1 *Box with Chute*, providing a means of dropping stones from a height of 1830 mm [6.0 ft] measured to the top of a piece of coated pipe under test. Construction details are shown in Fig. 2.

NOTE 1—The box and chute described in Fig. 2 are designed for testing coatings on 100-mm [4-in.] and 150-mm [6-in.] pipe specimens. Smaller diameter pipe may be used by inserting wood V-blocks in the trough in the box below the chute.

5.1.2 *Stones*, hard, coarse, limestone aggregate, conforming to AASHTO Designation: M80-51 (No. 67) which is taken from American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials “Standard Specifications for Coarse Aggregate for Portland Cement Concrete.”

NOTE 2—These specifications cover the quality and size of coarse aggregate. No. 67 designates a 19-mm [$\frac{3}{4}$ -in.] to No. 4 size stone with the following sieve analysis:

Square Opening, mm [in.]	Weight % Passing
25 [1]	100
19 [$\frac{3}{4}$]	95 to 100
10 [$\frac{1}{8}$]	20 to 55
No. 4	0 to 10

5.1.3 *Bucket*—Any suitable bucket that will hold 16 kg [35 lb] of stones.

5.1.4 *Holiday Detectors*—Two types are needed as described in Test Methods G62.

NOTE 3—A holiday is defined as small faults or pinholes that permit current drainage through protective coatings on steel pipe.

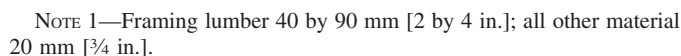


FIG. 2 Construction Details of Box and Chute

6. Test Specimens

7. Procedure

7.2 The procedure consists of dropping up to 10 buckets of stones on coated specimens. The number of buckets of stones required represents the resistance of the coating to this type of impact.

procedure has indicated that the stones are so constricted within the narrow confines of the chute that they fall in a uniform manner.

7.4 After each drop, remove the specimen. Examine the specimen visually for breaks in the coating. If there are no visual breaks, check with the holiday detector appropriate for the coating thickness for holidays in the coating. If there is no visual or electrical evidence of holidays, repeat the test until the first holiday is detected and record the number of drops and the number of holidays detected. In repeating the test, replace the specimen in the trough so that the same portion of the coated surface is always subjected to the falling stones. After the same stones have been used five times, replace them.

7.5 If no failure has occurred after 10 buckets, terminate the test.

NOTE 4—As indicated in 7.4, the same charge of stones may be used five times. Experiments in which the same charges of stones were dropped more than five times have shown relatively little attrition of the stones.

8. Report

8.1 Report the following information:

8.1.1 Complete identification of the specimen including: name and code number of the coating, pipe diameter, coating thickness, source, production data, and production-run number.

8.1.2 Approximate pipe temperature at the beginning and at the end of the test, and



8.1.3 Number of buckets of stone to produce the first holiday and the number of holidays produced during this drop.

NOTE 5—If there is a large number of holidays after a given number of drops, the report should state this by the term “too numerous to count.”

9. Keywords

9.1 impact resistance; limestone drop; pipeline coatings

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