



Standard Practices for Resistance of Adhesives to Cyclic Laboratory Aging Conditions¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These practices cover the determination of the resistance of adhesives to cyclic accelerated service conditions by exposing bonded specimens to conditions of high and low temperatures and high and low relative humidities. The extent of degradation is determined from changes in strength properties as a result of exposure to the test conditions (**Note 1**). It is recognized that no accelerated procedure for degrading materials correlates perfectly with actual service conditions, and that no single or small group of laboratory test conditions will simulate all actual service conditions. Consequently, care must be exercised in the interpretation and use of data obtained in this practice. The test condition, the number of cycles of the test condition to be used, the particular strength property to be used to determine the extent of degradation, and whether test specimens or test panels are to be used, is specified in the material specification.

NOTE 1—These practices/conditions are intended for use with specimens described in the approved ASTM strength test methods for adhesives as follows:

Test Methods **D897**, **D903**, **D906**, **D950**, **D1002**, **D1062**, and Method **D1344**.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as 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.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

D897 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Adhesive Bonds
D903 Test Method for Peel or Stripping Strength of Adhesive Bonds

D906 Test Method for Strength Properties of Adhesives in Plywood Type Construction in Shear by Tension Loading

D907 Terminology of Adhesives

D950 Test Method for Impact Strength of Adhesive Bonds

D1002 Test Method for Apparent Shear Strength of Single-Lap-Joint Adhesively Bonded Metal Specimens by Tension Loading (Metal-to-Metal)

D1062 Test Method for Cleavage Strength of Metal-to-Metal Adhesive Bonds

D1141 Practice for the Preparation of Substitute Ocean Water

D1344 Test Method for Testing Cross-Lap Specimens for Tensile Properties of Adhesives (Withdrawn 1985)³

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Many terms in these practices are defined in Terminology **D907**.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice provides information on the resistance to cyclic laboratory aging.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Circulating Air Ovens*, capable of being controlled at the required temperatures.

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.

5.2 *Rooms, Cabinets, or Desiccators*, with means for controlling the relative humidity of the air in them at the required values.

NOTE 2—The following saturated salt solutions give 85 to 90 % relative humidity:

- (1) Potassium chloride at 23°C
- (2) Manganous sulfate at 38.5°C

5.3 *Vessels with Water*, for immersion tests.

5.4 *Substitute Ocean Water*, with the following composition (Note 3):

Compound	Concentration, g/L
NaCl	24.53
MgCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	11.11
Na ₂ SO ₄	4.09
CaCl ₂	1.16
KCl	0.695
NaHCO ₃	0.201
KBr	0.101
H ₃ BO ₃	0.027
SrCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	0.042
NaF	0.003

NOTE 3—These requirements for composition of substitute ocean water are identical with those prescribed for substitute ocean water, without heavy metals, in Specification D1141.

5.5 *Other Apparatus* as required by the ASTM method for the particular strength property used to evaluate the extent of degradation.

6. Test Specimens

6.1 The number and type of test specimens meet the requirements of the particular strength method used to evaluate the extent of degradation. Test panels may also be exposed to those conditions, after which the specified test specimens shall be cut from the panels. One set of specimens shall be tested without exposure to the accelerated service condition, and another set after exposure.

7. Conditioning

7.1 Condition all specimens for 7 days at a relative humidity of 50 ± 2 % at 23 ± 1°C.

8. Procedure

8.1 Subject specimens or panels to the number of cycles of one of the test conditions listed in Table 1, as specified in the material specifications.

8.2 Place the specimens or panels in the containers so that free access of the controlled atmosphere is obtained for at least 75 % of the total area of each test specimen or panel.

8.3 After completion of the exposure of the test specimens or panels to one of the test conditions in Table 1, condition the test specimens or panels for 7 days at a relative humidity of 50 % at 23 ± 1°C (73.4 ± 2°F) and then test them immediately for the specified strength properties, unless otherwise stated in the material specifications.

9. Calculations

9.1 The average strength value determined in accordance with the designated method of test is used to calculate the change in strength, as follows:

$$R = [(Y - X)/X] \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where:

- R = percent change in strength as a result of exposure to the test conditions,
- X = initial strength, and
- Y = strength after exposure to the test conditions.

The sign of the result will indicate whether there is a gain (+) or loss (–) in strength.

9.2 Specimens or panels that delaminate during the tests have a change in strength of – 100 %. Specimens that delaminate during the tests before the strength test can be made have a strength of 0, included in calculating the average strength and standard deviation.

10. Report

10.1 Report the following information:

- 10.1.1 Title and designation of strength method used,
- 10.1.2 Information required in particular strength method used,

TABLE 1 Test Conditions

Test Condition Designation	Name	Period, h	Temperature	Relative Humidity, %
			°C	
A	Interior	24	23 ± 1	85 to 90
		24	48.5 ± 3	<25
		72	23 ± 1	85 to 90
		48	48.5 ± 3	<25
B	Interior	48	60 ± 3	<15
		48	38.5 ± 2	85 to 90
		8	–18 ± 2	about 100
		64	38.5 ± 2	85 to 90
C	Exterior, land and air	48	71 ± 3	<10
		48	23 ± 1	immersed in water
		8	–57 ± 3	about 100
		64	38.5 ± 2	about 100
D	Exterior, marine	48	71 ± 3	<10
		48	23 ± 1	immersed in substitute ocean water
		8	–57 ± 3	about 100
		64	23 ± 1	immersed in substitute ocean water



- 10.1.3 Test condition,
- 10.1.4 Number of cycles,
- 10.1.5 Whether test specimens or panels were used,
- 10.1.6 Percentage change in strength,
- 10.1.7 Changes in appearance of test specimens or panels,
- 10.1.8 Number of specimens which delaminated and percent delamination during the test before the strength tests were made,
- 10.1.9 Standard deviation, and

10.1.10 Average wood failure, in percent, for bonded wood specimens.

11. Precision and Bias

11.1 Precision and bias is a function of the test method used.

12. Keywords

12.1 adhesives; humidity; laboratory aging; temperature; test conditions

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