



Standard Specification for Asbestos-Cement Pressure Pipe¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers asbestos-cement pressure pipe for use in supply lines and distribution systems that carry water under pressure. The specification also covers asbestos-cement pressure pipe for use in sewer force mains which carry sewage under pressure.

1.2 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. Those notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values stated in parentheses are for information only.

1.4 **Warning**—Breathing of asbestos dust is hazardous. Asbestos and asbestos products present demonstrated health risks for users and for those with whom they come into contact. In addition to other precautions, when working with asbestos-cement products, minimize the dust that results. For information on the safe use of chrysotile asbestos, refer to “Safe Use of Chrysotile: A Manual on Preventive and Control Measures.”²

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, 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:*³

C 150 Specification for Portland Cement

C 458 Test Method for Organic Fiber Content of Asbestos-Cement Products

C 500 Test Methods for Asbestos-Cement Pipe

C 595 Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements

C 618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use as a Mineral Admixture in Concrete

D 1869 Specification for Rubber Rings for Asbestos-Cement Pipe

D 2946 Terminology for Asbestos and Asbestos-Cement Products

2.2 *Federal Standard:*

Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Domestic Shipment (Civilian Agencies)⁴

2.3 *Military Standard:*

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage⁴

2.4 *Other Documents:*

AWWA C401 Standard Practice for the Selection of Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe⁵

Uniform Freight Classification Rules⁶

Motor Freight Classification Rules⁷

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *coupling*—section for joining asbestos-cement pipe that, when properly installed with the proper accessories, develops a joint equivalent in strength and serviceability to the pipe sections.

3.1.2 *lot*—for pipe sizes 525 mm (21 in.) in diameter and smaller, each 300 lengths of pipe or less, of identical class and size manufactured on each machine during a 24-h period. For pipe larger than 525 mm (21 in.) each 300 lengths of pipe or less, of identical class and size manufactured on each machine during a period of consecutive working days not exceeding seven days.

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

⁵ Available from American Water Works Association, 6666 West Quincey Avenue, Denver, CO 80235.

⁶ Available from the Uniform Classification Commission, Room 1106, 222 S. Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606.

⁷ Available from National Motor Freight Inc., 1616 “P” St. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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² Available from The Asbestos Institute, http://www.chrysotile.com/en/sr_user/manual.htm.

³ 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.

3.2 Definitions for the following terms are presented in Terminology **D 2946**: accessories, crushing strength, cure, flexural strength (in pipes), free lime, hydrostatic strength, organic fiber content, purchaser, silica, supplier, and uncombined calcium.

4. Classification

4.1 Asbestos-cement pipe furnished under this specification shall conform to Classes 100, 150, and 200. These nominal designations in psi are equivalent to nominal SI units of 7, 10, and 14 kPa, respectively.

NOTE 1—The purchaser shall determine the proper class of pipe to be used under the installation and operation conditions anticipated. For this purpose refer to Standard Practice AWWA C401 – 83.

4.2 The types of pipe shall be known as Type I and Type II corresponding to the chemical requirements in Section 10 of this specification.

NOTE 2—To assist the purchaser in choosing the type of pipe most suitable for his use, guidelines for the definition of aggressiveness of water and of soil environments for selection of the proper type of asbestos-cement pipe are covered in Test Methods **C 500**.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Asbestos-cement pressure pipe shall be composed of an intimate mixture of portland cement conforming to Specification **C 150**, or portland slag cement or pozzolan cement conforming to Specification **C 595**, and asbestos fiber, with or without finely divided silica or minerals containing such silica conforming to Specification **C 618**, that is capable of reacting during autoclaving to form calcium silicate reaction products in the ratio of cement:silica equal to 3:2. The mixture shall contain no more than 0.2 % of nondeleterious organic additives as determined by Test Method **C 458**. The material shall be of laminar construction formed under pressure to a homogeneous structure and cured to meet the physical and chemical requirements of this specification.

6. Rubber Rings

6.1 The rubber rings used to seal the joints of the asbestos-cement pipe shall conform to the requirements of Specification **D 1869**.

7. Hydrostatic Strength

7.1 Each standard, random or short length of pipe (Section **12**) and each coupling sleeve shall be hydrostatically tested by the manufacturer prior to shipment and shall have sufficient strength to withstand the internal hydrostatic pressure prescribed in **Table 1**, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **C 500**.

7.2 From each lot which has passed the routine hydrostatic proof test, one length shall be selected by the inspector. Each

selected length shall be hydrostatically tested in accordance with Test Methods **C 500** to a pressure of four times the rated working pressure for the class of pipe, maintaining such pressure for not less than 5 s. In case of failure under pressure, refer to **15.5**. Each pipe so tested shall be retested in accordance with **7.1** of this specification.

8. Flexural Strength

8.1 Each length of pipe in sizes 100, 150, and 200 mm (4, 6, and 8 in.) shall have sufficient flexural strength to withstand, without failure, the total load prescribed in **Table 2**, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **C 500**. In case of failure under load, refer to **15.4**.

9. Crushing Strength

9.1 When specifically requested by the purchaser in his order, crushing tests shall be conducted before shipment at the purchaser's expense. A 30-cm (1-ft) length of pipe for each lot cut from an unmachined portion of the pipe shall have sufficient strength to resist the minimum crushing load prescribed in **Table 3**, when tested in accordance with Test Methods **C 500**.

9.2 In case of failure under the crushing load, refer to **15.4**.

10. Chemical Requirements

10.1 When uncombined calcium hydroxide tests are requested, one sample shall be taken from each lot of pipe and tested in accordance with Test Methods **C 500**. The sample to be tested shall be taken from one of the specimens selected for the crushing test. The amount of uncombined calcium hydroxide shall not exceed 1.0 % for Type II pipe.

NOTE 3—There are no chemical requirements for Type I pipe.

10.2 In case a specimen fails to meet the 1 % limit, refer to **15.6**.

11. Sampling

11.1 All pipe and couplings tested under this specification shall be in a normal air-dried condition in equilibrium with atmospheric moisture.

12. Sizes and Dimensions

12.1 Couplings and coupling areas of pipe shall be machined or otherwise finished to such dimensions as will provide tight joints when assembled with proper accessories and put into service for which the pipe is intended.

12.2 Pipe shall be manufactured with nominal inside diameters of 102, 152, 203, 254, 304, 356, 406, 457, 508, 610, 762, and 914 mm (4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24, 30, and 36 in.) in Classes 100, 150, and 200 as defined in Section **3**. The average diameters of standard and random lengths shall be less

TABLE 1 Applied Hydrostatic Proof Pressures

Class (nominal psi)	Applied Pressure	
	MPa	(psi)
100	2.4	(350)
150	3.6	(525)
200	4.8	(700)

TABLE 2 Applied Flexural Proof Loads

Nominal Size		Total Applied Load, kN (lbf)		
mm	in.	Class 100	Class 150	Class 200
100	4	5.3 (1200)	6.6 (1470)	8.4 (1870)
150	6	12.5 (2800)	16.5 (3700)	21.8 (4900)
200	8	25.9 (5330)	33.8 (7600)	45.1 (10130)

TABLE 3 Minimum Crushing Loads per Unit Length

Nominal Size		Crushing Strength, kN/m (lbf/ft)					
		Class 100		Class 150		Class 200	
mm	in.	kN/m	(lbf/ft)	kN/m	(lbf/ft)	kN/m	(lbf/ft)
00	4	60	(4100)	79	(5400)	127	(8700)
150	6	58	(4000)	79	(5400)	131	(9000)
200	8	58	(4000)	80	(5500)	136	(9300)
250	10	64	(4400)	102	(7000)	161	(11000)
300	12	76	(5200)	111	(7600)	172	(11800)
360	14	76	(5200)	126	(8600)	197	(13500)
410	16	85	(5800)	134	(9200)	225	(15400)
460	18	95	(6500)	147	(10100)	254	(17400)

than the nominal by not more than 5.0 %, when measured approximately 75 mm (3 in.) from the end.

12.3 The standard length shall be 3960 ± 25 mm (13 ft \pm 1 in.). Alternative lengths shall be 3050 ± 25 mm (10 ft \pm 1 in.) for 100 and 200 mm (4 and 6 in.) pipe and 4880 ± 25 mm (16 ft \pm 1 in.) for 360 mm (14 in.) and larger pipe. At least 85 % of the combined total length of pipe of any one class, type, and size, excluding short lengths, shall be furnished in standard lengths. The remaining 15 % shall be in random lengths of not less than 2 m (7 ft). Short lengths, when specifically ordered, shall not exceed 2 m (7 ft).

13. Workmanship and Finish

13.1 Machined ends of the pipe that receive the coupling shall be free of dents and gouges that will affect the tightness of the joint.

13.2 Each pipe shall be free of bulges, dents, and tears in the inside surface that result in a variation in diameter of more than 5 mm (0.2 in.) from that obtained on adjacent unaffected portions of the surface.

13.3 Each length of pipe shall not vary in straightness by more than 0.04 mm/m (0.05 in./ft) of length when the variation is measured in accordance with Test Methods C 500.

14. Marking and Shipping

14.1 Each standard and random length of pipe shall be marked by the manufacturer with the trade name, nominal size, class, hydrostatic proof pressure, and date of manufacture. Each coupling sleeve, if made of the same material as the pipe, shall be marked by the manufacturer with the nominal size, class, and the letter “T” to indicate that it has been hydrostatically tested.

14.2 Pipe and couplings shall be prepared for commercial shipment so as to ensure acceptance by common or other carriers.

15. Inspection and Rejection

15.1 All material furnished under this specification shall conform to the requirements stated herein and shall be subjected to the factory inspection and tests prescribed in this specification. When requested by the purchaser in his order, the supplier shall notify the purchaser of the time that the inspection and testing will take place so that the purchaser shall arrange for witnessing such tests and inspections at his own expense. Instead of such inspection, when requested, the supplier shall certify that his product conforms to the requirements of this specification.

15.2 Each pipe and coupling shall be inspected by the supplier, before shipment, for compliance with the standards for dimensions, tolerances, and workmanship and finish (see also Section 11).

15.3 Failure of any specimen tested for crushing strength to withstand 75 % of the load specified in Section 8 shall be cause for rejection of the lot from which the test specimen was taken.

15.4 When any specimen tested for crushing strength withstands over 75 % but under 100 % of the load specified in Section 9, one specimen shall be cut from each of two additional pipes of the same lot and be tested. Failure of either of these additional specimens to meet the strength requirements of Section 9 shall be cause for rejection of the entire lot from which the original sample was taken.

15.5 If any pipe subjected to the hydrostatic test described in Test Methods C 500 fails to withstand the higher pressure specified in 7.2, two additional lengths of the same size and class shall be selected from the pipe manufactured during the same shift and shall be subjected to the higher hydrostatic test. The failure of one of these additional lengths to withstand the specified pressure shall be cause for rejection of the entire lot of that size and class manufactured during the same shift as the test lengths.

15.6 If the results of the uncombined calcium hydroxide test show that the sample failed to meet the specification requirements, two additional specimens shall be selected and sampled for test. The failure of one of these two additional samples to meet the specification requirements of Section 8 shall be cause for rejection of the lot.

16. Keywords

16.1 asbestos-cement; pipe; pressure pipe

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

The following supplementary requirements shall apply when material is supplied under this specification for U.S. Government procurement.

S1. Packaging

S1.1 Unless otherwise specified in the contract, the material shall be packaged in accordance with the producer's standard practice which will be acceptable to the carrier at lowest rates. Containers and packing shall comply with Uniform Freight Classification Rules⁶ or National Motor Freight Classification Rules.⁷ Marking for shipment of such material shall be in accordance with **Fed. Std. No. 123** for civil agencies and **MIL-STD-129** for military agencies.

S2. Responsibility for Inspection

S2.1 Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the supplier is responsible for the testing of all material to assure compliance with the requirements specified herein. Except as otherwise specified in the contract or order, the supplier shall use his own or any other suitable facilities for the performance of the inspection and test requirements specified herein, unless disapproved by the purchaser. The purchaser shall have the right to perform any of the inspections and tests set forth in this specification where such inspections are deemed necessary to assure that material conforms to prescribed requirements.

APPENDIX

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

X1.1 It is suggested to the purchaser, without being made a part of this specification, that the purchaser shall request inclusion of the following information in his order or agreement for purchase of the pipe:

X1.1.1 Any tests, in addition to those prescribed by this specification, as the special circumstances shall require,

X1.1.2 The place or places where any additional tests are to be made,

X1.1.3 Description of the additional testing facilities,

X1.1.4 Who shall bear the expense of such additional tests,

X1.1.5 Whether such additional tests may be made by any sampling process or other method approved by the parties.

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