

## **THERMOFIT® RNF-100 TUBING** **Polyolefin, Flexible, Heat-Shrinkable**

### **1. SCOPE**

This specification covers the requirements for two types of flexible electrical insulating, extruded tubing whose diameter will reduce to a predetermined size upon the application of heat in excess of 121°C (250°F).

#### 1.1 TYPE 1

Type 1 tubing shall be flame-retardant and shall be black, white, red, yellow, or blue unless otherwise specified.

#### 1.2 TYPE 2

Type 2 tubing shall not be flame-retardant and shall be clear.

### **2. 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.

#### 2.1 GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED DOCUMENTS

##### Military

ASTM D 910 Gasoline, Aviation, Grades 80/87, 100, and 115/145  
MIL-PRF-5606 Hydraulic Fluid, Petroleum Base, Aircraft, Missile and Ordnance  
MIL-T-83133 Turbine Fuel, Aviation, Grade JP-8  
MIL-STD-104 Limits for Electrical Insulation Color

#### 2.2 OTHER PUBLICATIONS

##### American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

D 910 Standard Spec. for Aviation Gasolines  
D 2671 Standard Methods of Testing Heat-Shrinkable Tubing for Electrical Use

(Copies of ASTM publications may be obtained from the American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.)

##### International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

ISO 846 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>)

### 3. REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 MATERIALS

The tubing shall be fabricated from thermally stabilized, modified polyolefin and shall be crosslinked by irradiation. It shall be homogeneous and essentially free from flaws, defects, pinholes, bubbles, seams, cracks, and inclusions.

#### 3.2 PROPERTIES

The tubing shall meet the requirements of Table 3.

### 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

#### 4.1 CLASSIFICATION OF TESTS

##### 4.1.1 Qualification Tests

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

##### 4.1.2 Acceptance Tests

Acceptance tests are those performed on tubing submitted for acceptance under contract. Acceptance tests shall be: dimensions, longitudinal change, tensile strength, ultimate elongation, secant modulus, flammability (Type 1 only), and heat shock. Statistical process control data may be used to demonstrate conformance for dimensions.

#### 4.2 SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

##### 4.2.1 Qualification Test Samples

Qualification test samples shall consist of 50 feet (15 m) of black, white and clear tubing. Qualification of black and white shall qualify all colors. Clear shall be qualified separately. Qualification of any size within each size range specified below shall qualify all sizes within that size range.

##### **Range of Sizes**

3/64 through 1/4

3/8 through 1

1-1/4 through 5

##### 4.2.2 Acceptance Test Sample

Acceptance test samples shall consist of not less than 16 feet (5 m) of tubing selected at random from each compound batch or the first sleeving production lot of the batch compound. Physical property tests performed at this time qualify subsequent sleeving lots produced from the same compound batch.

#### 4.3 TEST PROCEDURES

Condition test specimens and measurement gauges at  $23 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $73 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and ambient relative humidity prior to all testing, whether before or after heat shrinking. Unless otherwise specified, perform tests on specimens which have been fully recovered by conditioning for 3 minutes in a  $200 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $392 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) oven. Use mechanical convection type ovens in which air passes the specimens at a velocity of 100 to 200 feet (30 to 60 m) per minute.

#### 4.3.1 Dimensions and Longitudinal Change

Measure three 6-inch (*150 mm*) specimens of tubing, as supplied, for length  $\pm 1/32$  inch ( $\pm 1$  *mm*), and inside diameter in accordance with ASTM D 2671. Condition the specimens for 3 minutes in a  $200 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  ( $392 \pm 9^\circ\text{F}$ ) oven, cool to  $23 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  ( $73 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$ ) and then remeasure. Prior to and after conditioning, the dimensions of the tubing shall be in accordance with Table 1 and the longitudinal change shall be in accordance with Table 3. Calculate the longitudinal change as follows:

$$C = \frac{L_1 - L_0}{L_0} \times 100$$

Where: C = Longitudinal Change [Percent]  
L<sub>0</sub> = Length Before Conditioning [Inches (*mm*)]  
L<sub>1</sub> = Length After Conditioning [Inches (*mm*)]

#### 4.3.2 Tensile Strength and Ultimate Elongation

Determine the tensile strength and ultimate elongation of the tubing in accordance with ASTM D 2671 using 1-inch (*25-mm*) bench marks, a 1-inch (*25-mm*) initial jaw separation, and jaw separation speed of  $20 \pm 2$  inches ( $500 \pm 50$  *mm*) per minute.

#### 4.4 REJECTION AND RETEST

Failure of any sample of tubing to conform to any one of the requirements of this specification shall be cause for rejection of the lot represented. Tubing which has been rejected may be replaced or reworked to correct the defects and resubmitted for acceptance. Before resubmitting, full particulars concerning previous rejection and action taken to correct the defects shall be furnished to the inspector.

### 5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY

#### 5.1 FORM

The tubing shall be supplied on spools or in lengths of  $48 +1, -0$  inches ( $1220 +25.4, -0$  *mm*) unless otherwise specified.

#### 5.2 PACKAGING

Packaging shall be in accordance with good commercial practice.

#### 5.3 MARKING

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

**TABLE 1  
Tubing Dimensions**

Size	As Supplied		As Recovered							
	Inside Diameter		Inside Diameter		Wall Thickness					
	Minimum		Maximum		Minimum		Maximum		Nominal	
	in.	mm.	in.	mm.	in.	mm.	in.	mm.	in.	mm.
3/64	.046	1.17	.023	0.58	.013	0.33	.019	0.48	.016	0.40
1/16	.063	1.60	.031	0.79	.014	0.35	.020	0.50	.017	0.43
3/32	.093	2.36	.046	1.17	.017	0.43	.023	0.58	.020	0.50
1/8	.125	3.17	.062	1.57	.017	0.43	.023	0.58	.020	0.50
3/16	.187	4.74	.093	2.36	.017	0.43	.023	0.58	.020	0.50
1/4	.250	6.35	.125	3.17	.022	0.56	.028	0.71	.025	0.64
3/8	.375	9.50	.187	4.74	.022	0.56	.028	0.71	.025	0.64
1/2	.500	12.70	.250	6.35	.022	0.56	.028	0.71	.025	0.64
3/4	.750	19.05	.375	9.50	.027	0.69	.033	0.84	.030	0.76
1	1.000	25.40	.500	12.70	.030	0.76	.040	1.01	.035	0.88
1-1/4	1.250	31.75	.625	14.30	.034	0.86	.046	1.17	.040	1.01
1-1/2	1.500	38.10	.750	19.05	.034	0.86	.046	1.17	.040	1.01
2	2.000	50.80	1.000	25.40	.038	0.96	.052	1.32	.045	1.14
3	3.000	76.20	1.500	38.10	.042	1.06	.058	1.47	.050	1.27
4	4.000	101.60	2.000	50.80	.046	1.16	.064	1.63	.055	1.39
5	5.000	127.00	2.500	63.50	.051	1.30	.069	1.75	.060	1.52

**TABLE 2  
Mandrel Dimensions for Bend Testing**

Tubing Size	Mandrel Diameter	
	in.	mm.
3/64 to 1/4 inclusive	5/16	7.9
3/8 to 5 inclusive	3/8	9.5

**TABLE 3**  
**Requirements**

PROPERTY	UNIT	REQUIREMENT		TEST METHOD
		TYPE 1	TYPE 2	
<b>PHYSICAL</b> Dimensions	Inches ( <i>mm</i> )	In accordance with Table 1	In accordance with Table 1	Section 4.3.1 ASTM D 2671
Longitudinal Change	Percent	+0, -5	+0, -5	
Tensile Strength	psi ( <i>MPa</i> )	1500 minimum (10.3)	1500 minimum (10.3)	Section 4.3.2 ASTM D 2671
Ultimate Elongation	Percent	200 minimum	200 minimum	
Secant Modulus (Expanded)	psi ( <i>MPa</i> )	2.5 x 10 <sup>4</sup> maximum (172)	2.5 x 10 <sup>4</sup> maximum (172)	ASTM D 2671
Specific Gravity	---	1.35 maximum	1.0 maximum	ASTM D 2671
Low Temperature Flexibility 4 hours at -55 ± 1°C (-67 ± 2°F)	---	No cracking	No cracking	Table 2 ASTM D 2671 Procedure C
Heat Shock 4 hours at 250 ± 3°C (482 ± 5°F)	---	No dripping, flowing or cracking	No dripping, flowing or cracking	Table 2 ASTM D 2671
Heat Resistance 168 hours at 175 ± 2°C (347 ± 4°F) Followed by test for: Ultimate Elongation	---	---	---	ASTM D 2671
	Percent	150 minimum	150 minimum	
Color	---	MIL-STD-104	---	MIL-STD-104
Color Stability 48 hours at 175 ± 2°C (347 ± 4°F)	---	MIL-STD-104	---	ASTM D 2671
<b>ELECTRICAL</b> Dielectric Strength	Volts/mil (volts/mm)	500 minimum (19,680)	500 minimum (19,680)	NOTE 1 ASTM D 2671
Volume Resistivity	ohm-cm	10 <sup>14</sup> minimum	10 <sup>16</sup> minimum	ASTM D 2671
<b>CHEMICAL</b> Copper Mirror Corrosion 16 hours at 175 ± 2°C (347 ± 4°F)	--	No removal of copper	No removal of copper	ASTM D 2671 Procedure A
Copper Contact Corrosion 168 hours at 160 ± 2°C (320 ± 4°F)	---	No pitting or blackening of copper	No pitting or blackening of copper	ASTM D 2671 Procedure B
Copper Stability 168 hours at 160 ± 2°C (320 ± 4°F)	---	No brittleness, glazing, cracking, or severe discoloration of tubing	No brittleness, glazing, cracking, or severe discoloration of tubing	
Followed by test for: Ultimate Elongation	Percent	200 minimum	200 minimum	

**TABLE 3**  
**Requirements**  
(continued)

PROPERTY	UNIT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TEST METHOD
<b>CHEMICAL</b> (continued) Flammability	---	Self-extinguishing within 1 minute, 25% maximum flag burn	---	ASTM D 2671 Procedure B
Water Absorption 24 hours at 23°C (73°F)	Percent	0.5 maximum	0.2 maximum	ASTM D 2671
Fluid Resistance 24 hours at 23°C (73°F) in: JP-8 Fuel (MIL-T-83133) Skydrol* 500 Hydraulic Fluid (MIL-PRF-5606) Aviation Gasoline (100) (ASTM D 910) Water Followed by tests for: Dielectric Strength  Tensile Strength	---	---	---	ASTM D 2671
	Volts/mil (volts/mm)	400 minimum (15,760)	400 minimum (15,760)	
	psi (MPa)	1000 minimum (6.9)	1000 minimum (6.9)	
Fungus Resistance  Followed by tests for: Tensile Strength  Ultimate Elongation Dielectric Strength	psi (Mpa)  percent Volts per mil (volts per mm)	1500 minimum (10.3) 200 minimum 500 minimum (19,680)	1500 minimum (10.3) 200 minimum 500 minimum (19,680)	ISO 846 Method B  Section 4.3.2 ASTM D 2671 ASTM D 2671

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NOTE 1: Recover the specimens on the metal mandrels for 10 minutes, minimum, at 175 ± 3°C (347 ± 5°F) or until the tubing is completely shrunk on the mandrels.

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