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## Raychem NT Tubing

### Modified Chlorinated Polyolefin, Elastomeric, Flexible, Flame Retardant, Heat Shrinkable

#### 1.0 Scope

This specification covers the requirements for one type of highly flexible, electrically insulating, extruded tubing whose diameter will reduce to a predetermined size upon the application of heat in excess of 135°C (275°F).

#### 2.0 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

SAE-AMS-1424

Anti-Icing and Deicing - Defrosting Fluid

MIL-DTL-83133

Turbine Fuels, Aviation, Kerosene Types, NATO F-34 (JP-8),  
NATO F-35 and JP-8 + 100

MIL-PRF-5606

Hydraulic Fluid, Petroleum Base, Aircraft, Missile and Ordnance

MIL-PRF-7808

Lubricating Oil, Aircraft Turbine Engine, Synthetic Base,  
NATO Code Number 0-148

#### 2.2 Other Publications

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

ASTM D412 Standard Test Methods for Rubber Properties in Tension

ASTM D2240 Standard Method of Test for Indentation Hardness of Rubber and Plastics by Means of a Durometer

ASTM D2671 Standard Methods of Testing Heat-Shrinkable Tubing for Electrical Use

ISO 846 Plastics – Evaluation of the Action of Microorganisms

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

#### 3.0 Requirements

##### 3.1 Material

The tubing shall be fabricated from a stabilized, flame resistant, modified Chlorinated Polyolefin and shall be radiation crosslinked. It shall be homogeneous and essentially free from flaws, defects, pinholes, bubbles, seams, cracks and inclusions.

##### 3.2 Color

The tubing shall be black.

##### 3.3 Properties

The tubing shall meet the requirements of Table 3.

## 4.0 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 consist of the following:

Dimensions  
Longitudinal Change  
Tensile Strength  
Tensile Stress  
Ultimate Elongation  
Heat Shock  
Flammability  
Low Temperature Flexibility

Physical property tests performed at this time qualify subsequent sleeving lots produced from the same batch of compound. 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 tubing of each size. Qualification of any size within each size range specified below will qualify all sizes in the same range.

**Size Range**

1/8 through 7/8

1 through 4

#### 4.2.2 Acceptance Test Samples

Acceptance test samples shall consist of not less than 16 feet (5 m) of tubing selected at random from each lot. A lot shall consist of all tubing of the same size, from the same production run and offered for inspection at the same time.

### 4.3 Test Procedures

Unless otherwise specified, tests shall be performed on specimens which have been fully recovered by conditioning for 10 minutes in a  $175 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  ( $347 \pm 9^\circ\text{F}$ ) oven. All ovens shall be of the mechanical convection type in which air passes over the specimens at a velocity of 100 to 200 feet (30 to 61 m) per minute. Tubing shall be allowed to cool to room temperature prior to testing. The Heat Shrinkable Sleeving and Measurement Gages shall be at room temperature with ambient relative humidity prior to testing before or after heat shrinking.

#### 4.3.1 Dimensions and Longitudinal Change

Three 6 inch (*150 mm*) specimens of tubing, as supplied, shall be measured for length  $\pm 1/32$  inch ( $\pm 1$  mm) and inside diameter in accordance with ASTM D2671, conditioned for 10 minutes in a  $175 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  ( $347 \pm 9^\circ\text{F}$ ) oven, cooled to  $23 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  ( $73 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$ ) and then re-measured. 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. Longitudinal change shall be calculated 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, Tensile Stress and Ultimate Elongation

Test three specimens of tubing for tensile strength and ultimate elongation in accordance with ASTM D2671 and for tensile stress in accordance with ASTM D412.

The rate of jaw separation shall be  $20 \pm 2$  inches ( $500 \pm 50$  mm) per minute.

#### 4.3.3 Copper Stability

Three 6 inch (*150 mm*) specimens of tubing shall be slid over snug fitting, straight, clean, bare copper mandrels, either solid or tubular. The specimens on the mandrels shall be conditioned for 24 hours in a desiccator or similar humidity chamber at 90 to 95 percent relative humidity and  $25 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  ( $77 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$ ). The specimens on the mandrels then shall be conditioned for 168 hours in a  $121 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  ( $250 \pm 4^\circ\text{F}$ ) oven. After conditioning, the specimens shall be removed from the oven, cooled to  $23 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  ( $73 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$ ). The copper mandrels shall then be removed from the tubing, then the tubing and copper mandrels shall be examined. Darkening of the copper due to normal air oxidation shall not be cause for rejection. The tubing shall be tested for Ultimate Elongation in accordance with 4.3.2.

#### 4.4 Rejection And Retest

Failure of any sample of tubing to comply with 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 defect and then resubmitted for acceptance. Before resubmitting, full particulars concerning the rejection and the action taken to correct the defect shall be furnished to the inspector.

### 5.0 Preparation for Delivery

#### 5.1 Packaging

Packaging shall be in accordance with good commercial practice. The shipping container shall be not be less than 125 pound-test fiberboard.

#### 5.2 Marking

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

**TABLE 1**  
**Tubing Dimensions**

Size	AS SUPPLIED		RECOVERED							
	Inside Diameter		Inside Diameter		Wall Thickness					
	Minimum		Maximum		Minimum		Maximum		Nominal	
	in.	mm.	in.	mm.	in.	mm.	in.	mm.	in.	mm.
1/8	.125	3.18	.061	1.55	.019	0.48	.035	0.91	.027	0.69
3/16	.187	4.75	.100	2.54	.023	0.58	.043	1.09	.033	0.83
1/4	.250	6.35	.143	3.63	.025	0.63	.045	1.14	.035	0.89
3/8	.375	9.52	.214	5.45	.030	0.76	.050	1.27	.040	1.01
1/2	.500	12.70	.286	7.25	.033	0.83	.063	1.60	.048	1.21
5/8	.625	15.87	.357	9.06	.037	0.93	.067	1.70	.052	1.32
3/4	.750	19.05	.428	10.88	.042	1.06	.072	1.82	.057	1.44
7/8	.875	22.22	.500	12.70	.050	1.27	.080	2.03	.065	1.65
1	1.000	25.40	.570	14.48	.050	1.27	.090	2.28	.070	1.77
1-1/4	1.250	31.75	.714	18.13	.067	1.70	.107	2.71	.087	2.20
1-1/2	1.500	38.10	.857	21.76	.075	1.90	.115	2.92	.095	2.41
1-3/4	1.750	44.45	1.000	25.40	.087	2.20	.127	3.22	.107	2.71
2	2.000	50.80	1.140	28.96	.090	2.28	.130	3.30	.110	2.79
3	3.000	76.20	1.710	43.43	.105	2.65	.145	3.67	.125	3.17
4	4.000	101.60	2.280	58.90	.120	3.04	.160	4.05	.140	3.55

**TABLE 2**  
**Mandrel Dimensions for Bend Testing**

Tubing Size in.	Mandrel Diameter	
	in.	mm.
1/8 through 3/16	5/16	7.9
1/4 through 3/8	3/8	9.5
1/2 through 1-3/4	7/16	11.1
2 through 3	7/8	22.2
4	1.0	25.4

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**TABLE 3**  
**Requirements**

<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>TEST METHOD</b>
<b>PHYSICAL</b>			
Dimensions	inches ( <i>mm</i> )	In accordance with table 1	ASTM D 2671
Longitudinal Change	percent	+1, -10	Section 4.3.1
Tensile Strength	psi ( <i>MPa</i> )	1500 ( <i>10.3</i> ) minimum	Section 4.3.2 ASTM D 2671
Ultimate Elongation	percent	225 minimum	ASTM D2671
Tensile Stress at 100% elongation	psi ( <i>MPa</i> )	1500 ( <i>10.3</i> ) maximum	ASTM D 412
Specific Gravity	---	1.5 maximum	ASTM D 2671
Low Temperature Flexibility 4 hours at $-70^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $-94^{\circ} \pm 4^{\circ}\text{F}$ )	---	No cracks	ASTM D 2671 Procedure C Table 2
Heat Shock 4 hours at $200^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $392^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$ )	---	No cracks, flowing or dripping	ASTM D 2671 Table 2
Heat Resistance 168 hours at $121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $250 \pm 4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) Followed by tests for: Tensile strength	---	---	ASTM D 2671
Ultimate elongation	psi ( <i>MPa</i> )	1200 ( <i>8.3</i> )	Section 4.3.2 ASTM D 2671
	percent	175 minimum	ASTM D 2671
<b>ELECTRICAL</b>			
Dielectric Strength	volts/mil ( <i>kV/mm</i> )	300 minimum ( <i>11.8</i> )	ASTM D 2671
Volume Resistivity	ohm-cm	$10^{11}$ minimum	ASTM D 2671
<b>CHEMICAL</b>			
Copper Mirror Corrosion 16 hours at $150^{\circ} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $302^{\circ} \pm 4^{\circ}\text{F}$ )	---	Noncorrosive	ASTM D 2671 Procedure A
Copper Contact Corrosion 16 hours at $150 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $302^{\circ} \pm 4^{\circ}\text{F}$ )		No pitting or blackening of copper	ASTM D 2671 Procedure B
Copper Stability 168 hours at $121^{\circ} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $250^{\circ} \pm 4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) Followed by test for: Ultimate Elongation	---	No brittleness, glazing, cracking, or severe discoloration of tubing	Section 4.3.3
	percent	175 minimum	ASTM D 2671
Flammability	Seconds	Self-extinguishing within 15 seconds;	ASTM D 2671 Procedure A
Fungus Resistance	---	---	ISO 846 Method B
Followed by tests for: Tensile Strength	psi ( <i>MPa</i> )	1500 ( <i>10.3</i> ) minimum	Section 4.3.2
Ultimate Elongation	percent	225 minimum	ASTM D 2671
Dielectric Strength	volts/mil ( <i>kV/mm</i> )	300 ( <i>11.8</i> ) minimum	ASTM D 2671
Water Absorption 24 hours at $23^{\circ} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $73^{\circ} \pm 4^{\circ}\text{F}$ )	Percent	1.0 maximum	ASTM D 2671

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

<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>TEST METHOD</b>
<b>CHEMICAL</b> (continued)	---	---	
Fluid Resistance			ASTM D 2671
24 hours at $23^{\circ} \pm 2^{\circ}C$ ( $73^{\circ} \pm 4^{\circ}F$ )			
JP-8 Fuel (MIL-DTL-83133)			
Hydraulic Fluid (MIL-PRF-5606)			
Skydrol* 500			
Lubricating Oil (MIL-PRF-7808)			
De-Icing Fluid (SAE-AMS-1424)			
Water			
Followed by tests for:			
Tensile Strength	psi ( <i>MPa</i> )	1000 ( <i>6.9</i> ) minimum	Section 4.3.2 ASTM D 2671
Dielectric Strength	volts/mil ( <i>kV/mm</i> )	250 ( <i>9.8</i> ) minimum	ASTM D 2671

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