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## **Raychem BSTS/BSTS-FR Tubing General Purpose Polyolefin Heat-Shrinkable**

### **1. SCOPE**

This specification covers requirements for two types of electrically insulating, extruded tubing whose diameter will reduce to a predetermined size upon the application of heat in excess of 120°C.

#### **BSTS**

BSTS is not flame-retardant. The standard color shall be black, but also available in white, red or clear.

#### **BSTS-FR**

BSTS-FR is flame-retardant. The standard color shall be black, but also available in white or red.

### **2. REQUIREMENTS**

#### **2.1 Composition and Appearance**

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

### **3. PROPERTIES**

The tubing shall meet the requirements of Tables 1 and 2.

### **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 Production Routine**

Production routine tests shall be carried out on every batch, unless otherwise specified and shall consist of the following: dimensions, longitudinal change, tensile strength, ultimate elongation, heat shock, low temperature flexibility and flammability. Flammability is not applicable to BSTS.

### **5. SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **5.1 Qualification Test Samples**

Qualification test samples shall consist of 15 m (50 feet) of tubing. Qualification of one size from 13 to 17 qualifies all sizes. The color shall be black or clear (BSTS only) unless otherwise specified.

#### **5.2 Production Routine Test Samples**

Production routine test samples shall consist of a sufficient length to perform the tests listed in 4.1.2. selected at random from each batch. A batch shall consist of all tubing of the same size, from the same production run and offered for inspection at the same time. Physical property tests performed at this time qualify subsequent tubing lots produced from the same compound batch.

### **6. TEST PROCEDURES**

Unless otherwise specified the tubing shall be recovered in a forced air circulation oven for 10 minutes at 150 ± 2°C.

- 6.1 **Dimensions and Longitudinal Change**  
 The test method shall be as specified in ASTM D 2671.  
 The length and inside diameter of three 250 mm (10 inch) long specimens of expanded tubing shall be measured. The specimens shall be recovered and the length and inside diameter of each shall be measured. The longitudinal change shall be expressed as a percentage of the original length. The minimum and maximum recovered wall thicknesses shall be determined.
- 6.2 **Tensile Strength and Ultimate Elongation**  
 The test method shall be as specified in ASTM D 638.  
 For tubing of recovered inside diameter greater than 6.0 mm (0.236 inch), five Type IV dumbbell specimens shall be tested. For tubing of recovered inside diameter less than or equal to 6.0 mm (0.236 inch), five specimens 150 mm (6 inches) long shall be tested. Rate of jaw separation shall be  $500 \pm 10$  mm ( $20 \pm 0.5$  inches) per minute. The test shall be carried out at a temperature of  $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ .
7. **PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY**
- 7.1 **Form**  
 The tubing shall be supplied in cut lengths unless otherwise specified.
- 7.2 **Packaging**  
 Packaging shall be in accordance with good commercial practice.
- 7.3 **Marking**  
 Each container of tubing shall be legibly marked with the size, quantity, manufacturer's identification and batch number.
8. **RELATED DOCUMENTS**
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| SAE-AMS-1424      | De-icing Fluid  |
| SAE-AMS-DTL-23053 | Insulation Tubing, Electrical, Heat Shrinkable, General Specification                                 |
| MIL-STD-104       | Limits for Electrical Insulating Color  |
| MIL-H-5606        | Hydraulic Fluid, Petroleum Base, Aircraft, Missile and Ordinance                                      |
| MIL-PRF-7808      | Lubricating Oil   |
| MIL-L-23699       | Lubricating Oil   |
| MIL-DTL-83133     | Turbine Fuel, Aviation, Grade JP-8  |
| A-A-694           | 5% NaCl   |
| ASTM D 570        | Standard Test Method for Water Absorption   |
| ASTM D 638        | Standard Test Methods for Tensile Properties of Plastic   |
| ASTM D 792        | Standard Test Methods for Specific Gravity (Relative Density) and Density of Plastics by Displacement |
| ASTM D 876        | Standard Test Methods for Non Rigid Vinyl Chloride Polymer Tubing Used for Electrical Insulation      |
| ASTM D 882        | Standard Test Methods for Tensile Properties of Thin Plastic Sheeting                                 |
| ASTM D 2671       | Standard Methods of Testing Heat-Shrinkable Tubing for Electrical Use                                 |
| ISO 846 Method B  | Plastics – Evaluation of the Action of Microorganisms   |

**TABLE 1  
TUBING DIMENSIONS for BSTS and BSTS-FR**

<b>Size</b>	<b>Internal Diameter, mm (inch)</b>		<b>Wall Thickness Nom., mm (inch)</b>
	<b>Minimum Expanded D</b>	<b>Maximum Recovered D</b>	<b>Recovered W</b>
-03	7.62 (0.300)	2.54 (0.100)	1.78 (0.070)
-04	10.16 (0.400)	3.81 (0.150)	1.78 (0.070)
-07	19.05 (0.750)	5.59 (0.220)	2.54 (0.100)
-11	27.94 (1.100)	9.53 (0.375)	3.05 (0.120)
-13	33.02 (1.300)	9.65 (0.380)	3.05 (0.120)
-15	38.10 (1.500)	12.70 (0.500)	3.56 (0.140)
-17	43.18 (1.700)	12.70 (0.500)	3.56 (0.140)
-20	50.80 (2.000)	19.05 (0.750)	4.06 (0.160)
-27	68.58 (2.700)	22.86 (0.900)	4.06 (0.160)
-30	76.20 (3.000)	31.75 (1.250)	4.06 (0.160)
-35	88.90 (3.500)	31.75 (1.250)	4.06 (0.160)
-40	101.60 (4.000)	44.45 (1.750)	4.06 (0.160)
-45	114.30 (4.500)	44.45 (1.750)	4.06 (0.160)

**TABLE 2  
REQUIREMENTS**

PROPERTY	UNIT	BSTS	BSTS -FR	TEST METHOD
<b>PHYSICAL</b> Dimensions	mm (inch)	In accordance with Table 1	In accordance with Table 1	Section 6.1 ASTM D 2671
Longitudinal Change	percent	+1, - 10	+1, -10	Section 6.1 ASTM D 2671
Tensile Strength	MPa (psi)	8.4 (1,200) minimum	8.4 (1,200) minimum	Section 6.2 ASTM D 638
Ultimate Elongation	percent	300 minimum	200 minimum	Section 6.2 ASTM D 638
2% Secant Modulus (Expanded)	MPa (psi)	N/A	172.4 (25,000) maximum	ASTM D 882
Specific Gravity		1.1 maximum	1.5 maximum	ASTM D 792
Low Temperature Flexibility 4 hours at $-55 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$		No cracking	No cracking	SAE-AMS-DTL-23053
Heat Shock 4 hours at $225 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$		No dripping, flowing or cracking	No dripping, flowing or cracking	SAE-AMS-DTL-23053
Heat Resistance 168 hrs at $175 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ Followed by tests for: Tensile Strength Ultimate Elongation	MPa (psi) percent	7.0 (1,000) minimum 100 minimum	7.0 (1,000) minimum 100 minimum	ASTM D 638 ASTM D 638
<b>ELECTRICAL</b> Dielectric Strength	kV/mm (V/mil)	7.9 (200) minimum	7.9 (200) minimum	ASTM D 2671 <b>*Note 1</b>
Volume Resistivity	ohm-cm	$10^{13}$ minimum	$10^{13}$ minimum	ASTM D 876
<b>CHEMICAL</b> Copper Mirror Corrosion 16 hours at $120 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$		No removal of copper	No removal of copper	SAE-AMS-DTL-23053
Copper Contact Corrosion 16 hours at $120 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$		No pitting or blackening of copper	No pitting or blackening of copper	SAE-AMS-DTL-23053
Flammability	seconds	N/A	60 maximum	SAE-AMS-DTL-23053 (ASTM D 2671 Procedure C)
Water Absorption 24 hours at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$	percent	0.5 maximum	0.5 maximum	ASTM D 570
Fungus Resistance Followed by tests for: Tensile Strength Ultimate Elongation Dielectric Strength	MPa (psi) percent kV/mm (V/mil)	8.4 (1,200) minimum 300 minimum 7.9 (200) minimum	8.4 (1,200) minimum 200 minimum 7.9 (200) minimum	ISO 846 Method B ASTM D 638 ASTM D 638 ASTM D 2671
Fluid Resistance 24 hours at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ JP-8 Fuel (MIL-DTL-83133) Hydraulic Fluid (MIL-H-5606) De-icing Fluid (SAE-AMS- 1424) Lube Oil (MIL-PRF-7808) Lube Oil (MIL-L-23699) 5% NaCl (A-A-694) Followed by tests for: Tensile Strength Ultimate Elongation Dielectric Strength	MPa (psi) percent kV/mm (V/mil)	5.2 (750) minimum 100 minimum 7.9 (200) minimum	5.2 (750) minimum 100 minimum 7.9 (200) minimum	SAE-AMS-DTL-23053 ASTM D 638 ASTM D 638 ASTM D 2671 <b>*Note 2</b>

**\*Note 1:** Recover specimens on the metal mandrels for 10 minutes minimum at  $200 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  or until the tubing is completely recovered on the mandrels.

**\*Note 2:** For dielectric strength, immerse the recovered specimens in the fluids for 24 hours at  $50 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ . After drying, place the specimens over closest fitting metal mandrels.

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