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(R) Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Extrusions  
Premium Strength, Sintered and Stress-Relieved  
Radiographically Inspected

#### RATIONALE

AMS3658D results from a Five Year Review and update of this specification.

#### 1. SCOPE

##### 1.1 Form

This specification covers virgin, unfilled polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) in the form of extruded rods, tubes, and profiles.

##### 1.2 Application

These products have been used typically for parts, such as seals, back-up rings, and bearings, requiring chemical inertness and dimensional stability up to 500 °F (260 °C) and better mechanical and/or electrical properties than AMS3656, but usage is not limited to such applications.

##### 1.3 Classification

Extrusions are classified as follows:

- Type 1 Parts requiring dielectric strength test (3.2.4) and radiographic inspection (3.3.1). Testing of all other specified properties is required.
- Type 2 Parts requiring radiographic inspection (3.3.1) but where electric insulation is not important. Dielectric strength test (3.2.4) is not required.

1.3.1 Unless a specific type is ordered, Type 1 shall be supplied.

##### 1.4 Safety - Hazardous Materials

While the materials, methods, applications, and processes described or referenced in this specification may involve the use of hazardous materials, this specification does not address the hazards which may be involved in such use. It is the sole responsibility of the user to ensure familiarity with the safe and proper use of any hazardous materials and to take necessary precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of all personnel involved.

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## 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The issue of the following documents in effect on the date of the purchase order forms a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The supplier may work to a subsequent revision of a document unless a specific document issue is specified. When the referenced document has been cancelled and no superseding document has been specified, the last published issue of that document shall apply.

### 2.1 SAE Publications

Available from SAE International, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, Tel: 877-606-7323 (inside USA and Canada) or 724-776-4970 (outside USA), [www.sae.org](http://www.sae.org).

AMS3656                      Polytetrafluoroethylene Extrusions, Normal Strength, As Sintered

### 2.2 ASTM Publications

Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

ASTM D 149                      Dielectric Breakdown Voltage and Dielectric Strength of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials at Commercial Power Frequencies

ASTM D 792                      Specific Gravity (Relative Density) and Density of Plastics by Displacement

ASTM D 4894                      Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Granular Molding and Ram Extrusion Materials

## 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Material

The product shall be extruded from PTFE powder conforming to ASTM D 4894 Type IV or Type V without admixture of fillers, pigments, or adulterants, and shall be sintered and stress-relieved.

#### 3.1.1 Color

Shall be opaque white. Minor discolorations or contamination are acceptable provided they do not have a detrimental effect on the finished product.

### 3.2 Properties

Extrusions shall conform to requirements shown in Table 1, Table 2, Table 3, Table 4, and 3.2.5; tests shall be performed on the extrusions supplied and in accordance with specified test methods, insofar as practicable. Properties are applicable to both types except as specified in 3.2.4.

## 3.2.1 Tensile Strength at 73 °F ± 2 (23 °C ± 1)

Shall be as shown in Table 1, determined in accordance with 4.3.1.

TABLE 1 - MINIMUM TENSILE STRENGTH

Form	Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches (Millimeters)	Tensile Strength psi (MPa)
Rods, Profiles	Up to 0.500 (12.70), excl	1800 (12.4)
Rods, Profiles	0.500 to 1.500 (12.70 to 13.10), incl	1900 (13.1)
Rods, Profiles	Over 1.500 (38.10)	2000 (13.8)
Tubes	All sizes	1800 (12.4)

## 3.2.2 Elongation at 73 °F ± 2 (23 °C ± 1)

Shall be as shown in Table 2, determined in accordance with 4.3.1.

TABLE 2 - MINIMUM ELONGATION

Form	Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Millimeters	Elongation %
Rods, Profiles	Up to 0.500, excl	Up to 12.70, excl	150
Rods, Profiles	0.500 to 1.500, incl	12.70 to 38.10, incl	175
Rods, Profiles	Over 1.500	Over 38.10	200
Tubes	All sizes	All sizes	150

## 3.2.3 Specific Gravity at 73 °F ± 5 (23 °C ± 3)

Shall be as shown in Table 3, determined in accordance with ASTM D 792, Method A, with two drops of wetting agent added to the water.

TABLE 3 - SPECIFIC GRAVITY

Form	Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Millimeters	Specific Gravity
Rods, Profiles	Up to 0.500, excl	Up to 12.70, excl	2.14 - 2.19
Rods, Profiles	0.500 and over	12.70 and over	2.15 - 2.20
Tubes	All sizes	All sizes	2.14 - 2.19

### 3.2.4 Dielectric Strength, Short Time Test

Shall be as shown in Table 4, determined in accordance with 4.3.2; applicable only to Type 1 extrusions.

TABLE 4 - MINIMUM DIELECTRIC STRENGTH

Form	Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides	Dielectric Strength Volts/mil (kV/mm)
	Inches (Millimeters)	
Rods, Profiles	Up to 0.500 (12.70), excl	700 (27.6)
Rods, Profiles	0.500 to 1.500 (12.70 to 38.10), incl	750 (29.5)
Rods, Profiles	Over 1.500 (38.10)	800 (31.5)
Tubes	All sizes	700 (27.6)

### 3.2.5 Dimensional Stability

Rods and shapes up to 1.500 inches (38.10 mm), inclusive, in nominal diameter or distance between parallel sides and all tubes shall not change in length by more than 1.5% and in diameter or distance between parallel sides by more than 0.5%, determined as in 4.3.3. Dimensional stability of rods and shapes over 1.500 inches (38.10 mm) in nominal diameter or distance between parallel sides shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

### 3.3 Quality

Extrusions, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, smooth, and free from foreign materials and from imperfections detrimental to usage of the extrusions.

3.3.1 Extrusions shall be radiographically inspected. Radiographic procedures and standards for acceptance shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

### 3.4 Tolerances

Unless otherwise agreed between vendor and purchaser, dimensional tolerances of extrusions shown in Table 5, Table 6, and Table 7 apply at 73 to 86 °F (23 to 30 °C):

3.4.1 Rods and shapes shall be in accordance with Table 5:

TABLE 5 - DIAMETER TOLERANCES

Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Inches	Nominal Diameter or Distance Between Parallel Sides Millimeters	Tolerance Inch (Millimeter) plus only
Up to 0.250, incl	Up to 6.35, incl	0.008 (0.20)
Over 0.250 to 0.500, incl	Over 6.35 to 12.70, incl	0.016 (0.41)
Over 0.500 to 0.750, incl	Over 12.70 to 19.05, incl	0.020 (0.51)
Over 0.750 to 1.000, incl	Over 19.05 to 25.40, incl	0.024 (0.61)
Over 1.000 to 1.250, incl	Over 25.40 to 31.75, incl	0.030 (0.76)
Over 1.250 to 1.500, incl	Over 31.75 to 38.10, incl	0.038 (0.97)
Over 1.500 to 1.750, incl	Over 38.10 to 44.45, incl	0.046 (1.17)
Over 1.750 to 2.000, incl	Over 44.45 to 50.80, incl	0.052 (1.32)
Over 2.000 to 2.250, incl	Over 50.80 to 57.15, incl	0.068 (1.73)
Over 2.250 to 2.500, incl	Over 57.15 to 63.50, incl	0.076 (1.93)

3.4.2 Tubes shall be in accordance with Tables 6 and 7:

TABLE 6 - DIAMETER TOLERANCES

Nominal OD or ID Inches (Millimeters)	ID Tolerance Inch (Millimeter) minus only	OD Tolerance Inch (Millimeter) plus only
Over 0.187 (4.75) to 2.000 (50.80), incl	0.062 (1.57)	0.062 (1.57)

TABLE 7 - MAXIMUM CONCENTRICITY TOLERANCES

Nominal ID Inches	Nominal ID Millimeters	Variation from Concentricity Inch (Millimeter) (See 3.4.2.1)
Up to 0.500, incl	Up to 12.70, incl	0.020 (0.51)
Over 0.500 to 1.000, incl	Over 12.70 to 25.40, incl	0.031 (0.79)
Over 1.000 to 1.750, incl	Over 25.40 to 44.45, incl	0.045 (1.14)
Over 1.750 to 2.500, incl	Over 44.45 to 63.50, incl	0.062 (1.57)

3.4.2.1 With a zeroed dial indicator on the OD of a tube segment mounted on a tight-fitting mandrel, rotate the tube about the centerline of the ID. Alternatively, with zeroed dial indicator on the ID of a tube, rotate the tube in a V-block. In either case, note the highest positive and negative dial indicator readings; the sum of these numerical values is the maximum variation from concentricity.

Example: Highest positive reading: 0.005 inch (0.13 mm)  
 Highest negative reading: 0.003 inch (0.08 mm)  
 Maximum variation from concentricity: 0.008 inch (0.20 mm)

## 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

### 4.1 Responsibility for Inspection

The manufacturer of extrusions shall be responsible for the performance of all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any testing deemed necessary to ensure that the extrusions conform to AMS requirements.

### 4.2 Classification of Tests

#### 4.2.1 Acceptance Tests

Each lot of product shall conform to all technical requirements and shall be performed prior to shipment of extrusions to a purchaser.

##### 4.2.1.1 Sampling and Testing

Sufficient extrusions shall be taken at random from each lot to perform all required tests. Otherwise, test samples shall be machined from a sample test or other suitable extrusion from the same resin lot. The number of determinations for each requirement shall be as specified in the applicable test procedure or, if not specified therein, not less than three.

4.2.1.2 A lot shall be all extrusions of the same configuration, made from the same batch of resin, in one production run. Where multiple shipments are made, lot traceability shall be maintained.

4.2.1.3 When a statistical sampling plan has been agreed upon by purchaser and vendor, sampling shall be in accordance with such plan and the report of 4.4 shall state that such plan was used.

### 4.3 Test Methods

#### 4.3.1 Tensile Strength and Elongation

Where size permits shall be determined in accordance with ASTM D 4894. Otherwise, test specimens for rods, tubes and shapes shall conform to Figure 1 of this specification except that rods 0.250 inch (6.35 mm) and under in diameter may be tested in full cross-section. All results shall be reported.

#### 4.3.2 Dielectric Strength

Shall be determined in accordance with ASTM D 149 on specimens 0.040 inch  $\pm$  0.001 (1.02 mm  $\pm$  0.03) thick. The test shall be conducted under oil using 0.062 inch (1.57 mm) diameter corrosion-resistant steel electrodes with rounded edges. If flash-over is a problem on small diameter rod or on shapes, specimens shall be prepared by drilling holes from opposite ends of a piece of product, leaving a web, 0.040 inch  $\pm$  0.001 (1.02 mm  $\pm$  0.03) thick, in the middle of the specimen. Electrodes shall be the same as used for the wafer specimen and shall be inserted in the holes in the specimen.

#### 4.3.3 Dimensional Stability

Cut specimens from the product, each 1.500 inches  $\pm$  0.005 (38.10 mm  $\pm$  0.13) in length, and measure their length and their diameter or distance between parallel sides at mid-length to the nearest 0.001 inch (0.025 mm). Mark the points of original measurement so that measurements after heating and cooling can be made at the same points. Place the specimens in a heating chamber which is at ambient temperature and raise the temperature of the chamber to 554 °F  $\pm$  5 (290 °C  $\pm$  3) and hold at heat for 120 minutes  $\pm$  5. Lower the temperature at a rate not greater than 54 °F (30 °C) degrees per hour to ambient. Measure the length and diameter of the specimens to the nearest 0.001 inch (0.025 mm) at the same points as used for the original measurements. Calculate the changes in dimensions using Equation 1 and average the results for each dimension:

$$D = \frac{L_n - L_i}{L_i} \times 100\% \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where:

- D = dimensional change in %
- $L_n$  = dimension of section after heating
- $L_i$  = dimension of section before heating

### 4.4 Reports

The vendor of extrusions shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the results of tests on each lot, as applicable to the specified type, to determine conformance to tensile strength, elongation, specific gravity, and dielectric strength and stating that the extrusions conform to the other technical requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, lot number, AMS3658D, type, vendor's compound number, form and size or part number, and quantity.

### 4.5 Resampling and Retesting

If any specimen used in the above tests fails to meet the specified requirements, disposition of the extrusions may be based on the results of testing three additional specimens for each original nonconforming specimen. Failure of any retest specimen to meet the specified requirements shall be cause for rejection of the extrusions represented. Results of all tests shall be reported.