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SPECIFICATION FOR INSULATING MATERIALS BASED ON MICA

PART 3  SPECIFICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MATERIALS

Section 4  Polyester Film-Backed Mica Paper with a B-Stage Epoxy Resin Binder

ICS 29.035.50
NATIONAL FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Part 3/Sec 4) which is identical with IEC 60371-3-4 : 1992 ‘Specification for insulating materials based on mica — Part 3: Specifications for individual materials — Sheet 4: Polyester film-backed mica paper with a B-stage epoxy resin binder’ issued by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards on the recommendation of the Solid Electrical Insulating Materials and Insulating Systems Sectional Committee and approval of the Electrotechnical Division Council.

This standard is a part of series of standards based on IEC 60371 series. The committee has now decided to adopt the IEC Standard to harmonize it with the latest developments taken place at international level. This standard is now being published in single number based on IEC 60371 in various parts/sections. Other parts/sections in this series are:

- Part 1 Definitions and general requirements
- Part 2 Methods of test
- Part 3 Specifications for individual materials,
  - Section 1 Commutator separators and materials
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  - Section 3 Specification for rigid mica materials for heating equipment
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  - Section 9 Moulding micanite

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b) Comma (,) has been used as a decimal marker while in Indian Standards, the current practice is to use a point (.) as the decimal marker.

In this adopted standard, reference appears to certain International Standards for which Indian Standards also exist. The corresponding Indian Standards which are to be substituted in their respective places are listed below along with their degree of equivalence for the editions indicated:

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1 Scope

This International Standard gives requirements for electrical insulating materials made by combining mica paper with a single polyester film and impregnating the mica paper with an epoxy resin. The material is supplied in a flexible state with the resin in the B-stage for final cure after application. It may be supplied in the form of sheets or rolls.

The specification covers material having nominal thickness from 0,16 mm to 0,23 mm.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.


3 Designation

When ordering materials to this specification only the specification and type numbers need be quoted (see table 1).

Example: IEC 371-3-4: type 4.1.01
The type number is derived from:
- the specification sheet number 4
- plus the sheet table number 4.1
- plus the number of the product in the sheet table 4.1.01.

The descriptive code quoted in table 1, for example F23/M150/R54 for type 4.1.01, is derived from:
- film thickness (F) 23 μm,
- muscovite mica content (M) 150 g/m²,
- resin content (R) 54 g/m².

**NOTE** - For phlogopite mica paper the letter "M" is replaced by the letter "P".

**Table 1 – Composition**

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4 Requirements: raw materials

4.1 Mica paper

Mica paper referred to in this specification shall comply with the requirements of IEC 371-3-2.

4.2 Polyester film

Plastics films used as backing material shall be PET and shall comply with the requirements of IEC 674-3-2.

4.3 Epoxy resin

Any epoxy resin system may be used which enables the material to meet the requirements of this specification.
5 Requirements: compositions and tolerances

When tested by the method of clause 6 of IEC 371-2 the composition of the products shall lie within the limits of table 1.

6 Requirement for material (as received)

6.1 General

All materials in any one consignment shall have the same properties, within the limits of this specification, throughout the length of each roll.

The surfaces shall be uniform and free from defects such as bubbles, pin-holes, creases and flaws.

Material supplied in rolls shall be capable of being unrolled continuously without damage, and the force required to unroll the material shall be substantially uniform. Where interleaving is necessary or required by the purchaser, it shall not have any deleterious effect.

To prevent damage to the mica paper component during winding, the unwinding tension shall be less than:

- 25 N/10 mm for 32 g/m² film (23 µm film thickness),
- 45 N/10 mm for 70 g/m² film (50 µm film thickness).

Unless otherwise specified in the purchase contract the material shall be rolled with the mica surface on the outside.

6.2 Width

This specification contains no requirement for width of tape. However, the following widths are preferred: 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 mm.

The maximum trimmed width of full width material and sheet normally available is 1 000 mm.

The tolerance on the width of the material shall be as in table 2.

Table 2 – Tolerance on width

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6.3 Thickness

Measure the thickness in accordance with clause 3 of IEC 371-2, using the apparatus given in 3.1.1 of that standard, making 10 measurements on one thickness of material. The measured values shall be in accordance with the requirements of table 1.

6.4 Length

There is no requirement in this specification for roll length, and this should therefore be subject to the purchase contract.

6.5 Cores

The tape shall be supplied compactly wound on cores of 25 mm, 40 mm, 55 mm, or 76 mm ID which shall be free from sharp edges.

The width of the cores in relation to that of the tape should be subject to agreement between purchaser and supplier.

Full width material and material wider than 100 mm shall be supplied on 55 mm or 76 mm cores.

6.6 Joins

The number of rolls with joins shall be limited to 25 % of any one consignment. Joined rolls of length less than 100 m shall contain no more than one join. The number of joins in rolls of length of 100 m or greater should be subject to the purchase contract.

The method of making joins should be subject to the purchase contract.

6.7 Stiffness

The stiffness of the material should be subject to the purchase contract. When the stiffness is specified, the material should be tested by the method of clause 10 in IEC 371-2.

6.8 Resin flow

When tested at 160 °C ± 2 °C by the method of clause 13 of IEC 371-2, resin flow shall be a minimum of 10 %.

7 Requirements for material after curing

7.1 General

When required by the purchaser the supplier shall provide evidence that the material meets the requirements of clause 7.

For the following tests the specimens shall be prepared in accordance with method 1 of clause 2 of IEC 371-2, the number of layers being chosen to give a final thickness as required for the measurement of properties after curing. Curing conditions should follow the recommendations of the supplier.
7.2 Flexural strength

When tested by the method of clause 8 of IEC 371-2, the flexural strength shall be not less than 150 N/mm² at (23 ± 2) °C nor less than 100 N/mm² at (155 ± 5) °C.

Visual evidence of delamination during the flexural strength test shall constitute failure.

7.3 Elastic modulus

When tested by the method of clause 8 of IEC 371-2, the elastic modulus shall be not less than 30 kN/mm².

7.4 Electric strength

When tested by the method of clause 15 of IEC 371-2 with electrodes according to 4.1.1.1 (25/75 mm diameter) of IEC 243-1, the electric strength shall be not less than 50 kV/mm.

7.5 Dissipation factor /Temperature characteristics at 48-62 Hz

When tested by the method of clause 16 of IEC 371-2, the dissipation factor shall not exceed the values stated in table 3 at the temperature given.

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7.6 Thermal endurance

This shall be tested in accordance with clause 20 of IEC 371-2 using flexural strength at (23 ± 2) °C as the property with reduction to 50 % of the original value as the end point criterion.

This temperature index shall be not less than 155.

8 Packing

The materials should be packaged to ensure adequate protection during transport, handling and storage. Any necessary packing requirements should be the subject of purchase contract.

Each package containing a number of unit packs shall have the following information clearly and indelibly marked on it.

a) description of the material and the number of this specification;
b) for material delivered in rolls, the width of the material and the length;
c) for material delivered as sheets, the dimensions of the sheet and the number of sheets in a stack, or the weight of the stack;
d) the number of rolls, if applicable;
e) the date of manufacture;
f) shelf-life and storage conditions.

The manufacturer's reference number and batch number shall be identified on each package or roll.

Joined rolls shall be packed together clearly labelled on the outside of the container.
1 Scope

Insert the following two paragraphs after the existing paragraphs:

Materials which conform to this specification meet established levels of performance. However, the selection of materials by a user for a specific application should be based on the actual requirements necessary for adequate performance in that application and not based on this specification alone.

Safety warning:

It is the responsibility of the user of the methods contained or referred to in this document to ensure that they are used in a safe manner.

2 Normative references

Replace the existing references by the following:


IEC 60674-3-2:1992, Specification for plastic films for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 2: Requirements for balanced biaxially oriented polyethylene terephthalate (PET) films used for electrical insulation

3 Designation

Replace the existing first two paragraphs by the following new paragraphs:

When ordering materials to this specification, only the specification and type numbers need be quoted (see Table 1).

Example: IEC 60371-3-4: type 4.1.01

The type number is derived from:

– the specification sheet number 4
– followed by the sheet table number 1
– followed by the number of the product in the sheet table 01

Thus giving type number 4.1.01.

The final paragraph and table remain unchanged.
4 Requirements: raw materials

4.1 Mica paper

Replace the existing text of this subclause by the following new text:

Mica paper referred to in this specification shall comply with the requirements of IEC 60371-3-2.

4.2 Polyester film

Replace the existing text of this subclause by the following new text:

Plastic films used as backing material shall be PET and shall comply with the requirements of IEC 60674-3-2.

5 Requirements: compositions and tolerances

Replace the existing text of this clause by the following new text:

When tested by the method of Clause 7 of IEC 60371-2, the composition of the products shall lie within the limits of Table 1.

6.3 Thickness

Replace the first sentence by the following new sentence:

Measure the thickness in accordance with Clause 4 of IEC 60371-2, using the apparatus given in 4.1.1 of that standard, making 10 measurements of one thickness of material.

6.7 Stiffness

Replace the second sentence by the following new sentence:

When the stiffness is specified, the material should be tested by the method of Clause 11 in IEC 60371-2.

6.8 Resin flow

Replace the existing text of this subclause by the following new text:

When tested at (160 ± 2) °C by the method of Clause 14 of IEC 60371-2, resin flow shall be between 40 % and 70 %.
7.1 General

*Replace the first sentence of the second paragraph by the following new sentence:*

For the following tests, the specimens shall be prepared in accordance with method 1 of Clause 3 of IEC 60371-2, the number of layers being chosen to give a final thickness as required for the measurement of properties after curing.

7.2 Flexural strength

*Replace the first paragraph by the following new paragraph:*

When tested by the method of Clause 9 of IEC 60371-2, the flexural strength shall be not less than 150 MPa at (23 °C ± 2 K) nor less than 100 MPa at (155 °C ± 5 K).

7.3 Elastic modulus

*Replace the existing subclause by the following new subclause:*

When tested by the method of Clause 9 of IEC 60371-2, the elastic modulus shall be not less than 30 GPa.

7.4 Electric strength

*Replace the existing subclause by the following new subclause:*

When tested by the method of Clause 16 of IEC 60371-2 with electrodes according to 4.1.1.1 (25/75 mm diameter) of IEC 60243-1, the electric strength shall be not less than 50 kV/mm.

7.5 Dissipation factor/temperature characteristics at 48-62 Hz

*Replace the first paragraph by the following new paragraph:*

When tested by the method of Clause 17 of IEC 60371-2, the dissipation factor shall not exceed the values stated in Table 3 at the temperature given.

7.6 Thermal endurance

*Replace the first paragraph by the following new paragraph:*

This shall be tested in accordance with Clause 21 of IEC 60371-2 using flexural strength at (23 °C ± 2 K) as the property with reduction of 50 % of the original value as the end point criterion.
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Only the English language text of the International Standard has been retained while adopting it in this Indian Standard, and as such the page numbers given here are not the same as in the IEC Standard.

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