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**Interlaboratory Study to Establish Precision Statements for ASTM
D545-08, Standard Test Methods for Preformed Expansion Joint
Fillers for Concrete Construction (Nonextruding and Resilient Types)**

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1. Introduction:

Interlaboratory Study 38 was conducted to establish a precision statement for D0545, Standard Test Methods for Preformed Expansion Joint Fillers for Concrete Construction (Nonextruding and Resilient Types).

2. Test Method:

The Test Method used for this ILS is ASTM D 545-08. To obtain a copy of D0545, go to ASTM's website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service by phone at 610-832-9585 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern U.S. Standard Time, Monday through Friday) or by email at service@astm.org.

3. Participating Laboratories:

The following laboratories participated in this interlaboratory study

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4. Description of Samples:

There were 5 samples of varying targeted results used for this study. Each sample was prepared and distributed by Tom Verrill of Knight-Celotex. Below is a list of the samples with the corresponding supplier:

1. 1.Cork
Provided FOAMTASTIC, A Hohmann & Barnard Company
2. 2.Self-Expanding Cork
Provided by FOAMTASTIC, A Hohmann & Barnard Company
3. 3.Sponge Rubber
Provided by FOAMTASTIC, A Hohmann & Barnard Company
4. 4.Closed-Cell Polyolefin Foam
Provided by Sealed Air
5. 5.Preformed Expansion Joint, Bituminous Type
Provided by Knight-Celotex, LLC

5. Interlaboratory Study Instructions

Laboratory participants were emailed the test program instructions. For a copy of the instructions, please see Annex A.

6. Description of Equipment/Apparatus¹:

For information on the equipment/apparatus used by each laboratory, please see Annex B.

7. Data Report Forms:

Each laboratory was provided with a data report form for the collection of data. A copy of the data is provided in Annex C.

¹ The equipment listed was used to develop a precision statement for ASTM D545-08. This listing is not an endorsement or certification by ASTM International.

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Please note: The laboratories have been randomly coded and cannot be identified herein.

8. Statistical Data Summary:

A summary of the statistics calculated from the data returned by the participating laboratories is provided in Annex D.

9. Precision and Bias Statement:

9.1 The precision of this test method is based on an interlaboratory study of D545, Standard Test Method for Preformed Expansion Joint Fillers for Concrete Construction (Nonextruding and Resilient Types), conducted in 2007. Results in this study were obtained from a total of six laboratories, testing five different joint filler materials. Every “test result” reported represents an individual determination. Each participating laboratory reported up to ten replicate test results for each material. Except for the inability of every participating laboratory to provide test results for all study parameters, Practice E691 was followed for the design and analysis of the data; the details are given in ASTM Research Report No. D04-1027.

9.1.1 *Repeatability limit (r)* - Two test results obtained within one laboratory shall be judged not equivalent if they differ by more than the “*r*” value for that material; “*r*” is the interval representing the critical difference between two test results for the same material, obtained by the same operator using the same equipment on the same day in the same laboratory.

9.1.1.1 Repeatability limits are listed in Tables 1 – 7 below.

9.1.2 *Reproducibility limit (R)* - Two test results shall be judged not equivalent if they differ by more than the “*R*” value for that material; “*R*” is the interval representing the critical difference between two test results for the same material, obtained by different operators using different equipment in different laboratories.

9.1.2.1 Reproducibility limits are listed in Tables 1 – 7 below.

9.1.3 The above terms (repeatability limit and reproducibility limit) are used as specified in Practice E 177.

9.1.4 Any judgment in accordance with statements 9.1.1 and 9.1.2 would normally have an approximate 95% probability of being correct, however the precision statistics obtained in this ILS must not be treated as exact mathematical quantities which are applicable to all circumstances and uses. The limited number of laboratories reporting results guarantees that