



First Revision No. 1-NFPA 701-2025 [Section No. 1.1.1.1]

1.1.1.1

Test Method 1 shall apply to materials with an areal density less than or equal to 700 g/m^2 (21 oz/yd^2), including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Fabrics or other materials used in curtains, draperies, or other window treatments
- (2) Single-layer fabrics
- (3) Multilayer curtain and drapery assemblies in which the layers are fastened together by sewing or other means
- (4) Combustible artificial decorative vegetation ~~with an areal density less than or equal to 700 g/m^2 (21 oz/yd^2)~~

~~Where required, fabrics with an areal density less than or equal to 700 g/m^2 (21 oz/yd^2) and used in other construction applications~~

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: The charging statement was revised to not limit the list of materials listed in items 1 through 4. This section could include construction applications. NFPA 241 requires films used in construction applications to comply with Test Method 2. The areal density in item (4) was removed because it is already captured in the charging language.

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1.1.1.3

Test Method 1 shall not apply to wall coverings, ceiling coverings, floor coverings, and other interior finishes.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: The standard says that test method 2 shall not apply to interior finish but does not state that test method 1 shall not apply to it either. Neither test method is appropriate for evaluating interior finish including wall coverings, ceiling coverings or floor coverings.

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First Revision No. 12-NFPA 701-2025 [Section No. 1.1.2.1]

1.1.2.1

Test Method 2 shall apply to the following:

- (1) Decorative materials other than fabrics meeting the requirements of 1.1.1.1
- (2) Fabrics, including multilayered fabrics, films, and plastic blinds, with or without reinforcement or backing, with areal densities greater than 700 g/m^2 (21 oz/yd^2)
- (3) Vinyl-coated fabric blackout linings and lined draperies using a vinyl-coated fabric blackout lining
- (4) Plastic films
- (5) Fabrics, with or without reinforcement or backing, used for decorative or other purposes inside a building or as temporary or permanent enclosures for buildings under construction
- (6) Fabrics used in the assembly of awnings, tarps, or banners
- (7) Fabrics used in the assembly of both temporary and permanent tents, membrane structures, and tent appurtenances, including their sidewalls, drops, tarpaulins, and floors ~~coverings~~
- (8) Combustible artificial decorative vegetation with an areal density greater than 700 g/m^2 (21 oz/yd^2)

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: This revision is to clarify that the floor coverings mentioned in this section is specific to fabric tent floors.

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1.2.4

Test Methods 1 and 2 shall not be used to determine whether a material is appropriate for fire extinguishment or fire containment.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: NFPA 701 has been misapplied to various products used to extinguish fires or contain them. This standard does not evaluate a fabrics ability to extinguish or contain a fire.

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2.3.2 ASTM Publications.

ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM D5025, *Standard Specification for Laboratory Burner Used for Small-Scale Burning Tests on Plastic Materials*, 2020a.

ASTM D5207, *Standard Practice for Confirmation of 20-mm (50-W) and 125-mm (500-W) Test Flames for Small-Scale Burning Tests on Plastic Materials*, 2020.

ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, 2021a 2024 .

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: Update to referenced standards.

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2.3.3 UL Publications.

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2096.

UL 723, *Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, 2018, revised 2023 .

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: Updating reference to most current publications.

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2.4 References for Extracts in Mandatory Sections.

NFPA 101[®], *Life Safety Code*[®], 2021 2024 edition.

NFPA 286, *Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Evaluating Contribution of Wall and Ceiling Interior Finish to Room Fire Growth*, 2019 2024 edition.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: Update of extracted standards.

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3.3.3 Decorative Vegetation (Artificial).

Artificial imitations of natural vegetation used for commercial or residential decoration.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: Decorations are not always suspended from walls, ceilings, or structural members and yet they may still pose a fire safety issue if they are combustibile. Such decorations are typically regulated by codes, often by means of NFPA 701.

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3.3.1 Building.

Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy. [101, 2024]

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: The definition of building is helpful in the context of the term "membrane structure". The definition is extracted from NFPA 101.

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First Revision No. 6-NFPA 701-2025 [Section No. 17.6]

17.6 Test Results.

The results from individual specimens as well as the sample average for the following measurements and observations shall be reported:

- (1) The time of burning for any material that falls to the bottom of the test chamber to the nearest 0.5 second
- (2) The mass of each specimen [to the nearest gram (ounce)] before and after exposure to the ignition flame (Test Method 1)
- (3) The char length to the nearest 3 mm (0.12 in.) (Test Method 2)
- (4) The afterflame time to the nearest 0.5 second (Test Method 2)
- (5) The formation of flaming droplets or other flaming debris during the test
- (6) Any unusual behavior of specimens and other observations beyond those above
- (7) Whether the material has been exposed to the ~~cleaning and laundering, dry cleaning, or water leaching procedures in Chapter 16, as appropriate, in Chapter 16~~ and whether the results after exposure meet the requirements

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: Chapter 16 requires only one of the three procedures to be conducted: water leaching, laundering, or dry cleaning. Chapter 16 does not require that all 3 be conducted.

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[Public Input No. 10-NFPA 701-2024 \[Section No. 17.6\]](#)



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17.7 Final Conclusion.

~~The report shall specify whether the material passes or fails the test based on the test results and the criteria of either Chapter 10 or Chapter 15 , whichever is appropriate.~~

17.7.1

The report shall specify whether the material passes or fails the test based on the test results and the criteria of either Chapter 10 or Chapter 15, whichever is appropriate.

17.7.2

The report shall also specify whether the material passes or fails the test after it has been exposed to the dry cleaning, laundering, or water leaching procedures in Chapter 16 , as appropriate.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: The "final conclusion" is not clear as to whether the material still passes the test after the weathering in chapter 16. Chapter 16 does not require all 3 procedures to be conducted, but only one of them, as appropriate to the intended application.

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Public Input No. 9-NFPA 701-2024 [Section No. 17.7]



First Revision No. 8-NFPA 701-2025 [Section No. A.3.3.1]

A.3.3.2 Decorative Materials.

Materials attached to the wall are to be tested to NFPA 265; NFPA 286; ~~or~~ ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*; or UL 723, *Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, as applicable. Freestanding decorative materials should be tested to NFPA 289. Maximum permissible amounts of combustible decorative materials on walls or ceilings are typically established by codes.

Some materials, such as decorative vegetation, which are not suspended from walls, ceilings, or structural members, are also assessed for flame propagation performance in accordance with NFPA 701.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: This addition clarifies the use of NFPA 701 as additional decorative materials may be tested to NFPA 701, even if not suspended from walls, ceilings or structural members.

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Public Input No. 14-NFPA 701-2024 [Section No. A.3.3.1]



First Revision No. 9-NFPA 701-2025 [Section No. D.1.2]

D.1.2

The hazards introduced by combustible textiles might, ~~of course,~~ be avoided entirely where the use of noncombustible fibers such as glass is practical. ASTM E136, *Test Method for Assessing Combustibility of Materials Using a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750 ° C*, is used to determine if a textile is noncombustible.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: There has been a tendency to assume that any material composed of glass fiber is noncombustible. That is not always correct, since glass fiber materials typically contain a combustible resin or binder and the level of resin or binder incorporated may determine whether the material meets the requirements of ASTM E136.

Response Message: FR-9-NFPA 701-2025

[Public Input No. 13-NFPA 701-2024 \[Section No. D.1.2\]](#)



First Revision No. 10-NFPA 701-2025 [Section No. E.1.2.1]

E.1.2.1 ASTM Publications.

ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM D3659, *Standard Test Method for Flammability of Apparel Fabrics by Semi-Restraint Method*, 1980 (1993 e1; withdrawn 2001).

ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, 2021a 2024 .

ASTM E136, *Standard Test Method for Assessing Combustibility of Materials Using a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750 ° C*, 2024c.

ASTM F1506, *Standard Performance Specification for Flame Resistant and Electric Arc Rated Protective Clothing Worn by Workers Exposed to Flames and Electric Arcs*, 2020a 2022 .

ASTM F1891, *Standard Specification for Arc and Flame Resistant Rainwear*, 2019.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: Update to referenced standards. New standard referenced in D.1.2.

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E.1.2.2 UL Publications.

Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2096.

UL 723, *Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, 2018, revised 2023 .

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Committee Statement

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