HOW TO READ A YELLOW CARD

A Yellow Card contains multiple specialized terms and abbreviations. See below for an explanation of the terms and abbreviations most commonly found on UL Yellow Cards.

Note: For some tests a Performance Level Category (PLC) may be assigned. This is typically a numeric rating from 0-5, where each number represents a range of property values, and 0 represents the best rating available.

Flame Class – UL94

Tests for Flammability of Plastic Materials for Parts in Devices and Appliances, now harmonized with IEC 60695-11-10, 60695-11-20, ISO 9772 and ISO 9773. There are twelve UL 94 specified flame classifications assigned to materials based on the results of these small-scale flame tests.

HWI – Hot Wire Ignition

The test method for the determination of resistance to ignition of plastic materials from an electrically heated wire is described in the Standard ASTM D 3874.

HAI – High Arc Ignition

The HAI test determines a material's ability to withstand electrical arcing either directly on or just above the surface of the plastic material. This can occur in the presence of open switch contacts or in the event of the failure of an electrical connection.

RTI – Relative Thermal Index

The maximum service temperature for a material where a class of critical property will not be unacceptably compromised through chemical thermal degradation over the reasonable product lifetime. Electrical RTI is associated with critical electrical insulating properties. Mechanical impact RTI is associated with critical impact resistance, resilience and flexibility properties. Mechanical strength RTI or mechanical without impact is associated with critical mechanical strength where impact resistance, resilience, and flexibility are not essential.

CTI – Comparative Tracking Index

ASTM D 3638 (IEC 60112) Method: This test is used as a measure of the susceptibility of the material to tracking.

Dielectric Strength

The test method for the determination of the dielectric breakdown and strength of insulating materials, described in the Standard ASTM D 149 (IEC 60243).

HVTR – High Voltage Arc Tracking Rate

Test method to determine the susceptibility of the test material to track or form a visible carbonized conducting path over the surface when subjected to high-voltage, low-current arcing.

Dimensional Stability

For measuring changes in linear dimensions of plastics, described in the Standard ASTM D 1042 (ISO 2796).

IPT – Inclined Plane Tracking

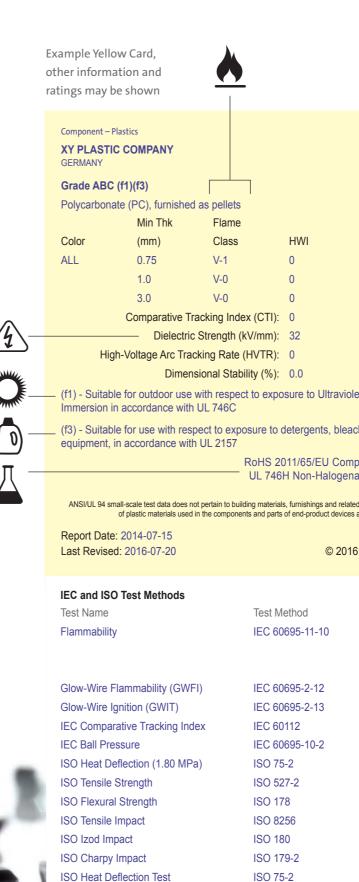
Described in the Standard ASTM D 2303, used as a measure of the susceptibility of a material to track.

Volume Resistivity

Testing according to ASTM D 257 (IEC 60167), procedures for the determination of d-c volume resistance, volume resistivity, surface resistance, and surface resistivity of electrical insulating materials.

High Voltage, Low Current Arc Resistance

Testing to ASTM D495, based on the number of seconds that a material resists the formation of a surface-conducting path when subjected to an intermittently occurring arc of high-voltage, low-current characteristics.



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