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Introduction

The purpose of this standard is to define the minimum requirements for the installation of monolithic refractory linings and to provide guidance for the establishment of quality control elements necessary to achieve the defined requirements.

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1 Scope

This standard provides installation quality control procedures for monolithic refractory linings and may be used to supplement owner specifications. Materials, equipment, and personnel are qualified by the methods described, and applied refractory quality is closely monitored, based on defined procedures and acceptance criteria. The responsibilities of inspection personnel who monitor and direct the quality control process are also defined.

2 Normative References

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ACI 547-79 ¹ (revised 1983, reapproved 1997), *Refractory Concrete: Abstracts of State-of-the-Art Report* (out of print)

ACI 547.1 R-89 (reapproved 1997), *Report - Refractory Plastics and Ramming Mixes* (out of print)

ASTM C71 ², *Standard Terminology Relating to Refractories*

ASTM C113, *Standard Test Method for Reheat Change of Refractory Brick*

ASTM C133, *Standard Test Methods for Cold Crushing Strength and Modulus of Rupture of Refractories*

ASTM C181, *Standard Test Method for Workability Index of Fireclay and High-Alumina Plastic Refractories*

ASTM C704, *Standard Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Refractory Materials at Room Temperature*

ASTM C1054, *Standard Practice for Pressing and Drying Refractory Plastic and Ramming Mix Specimens*

Harbison-Walker Handbook of Refractory Practices ³

SSPC SP 3 ⁴, *Power Tool Cleaning*

SSPC SP 7/NACE No. 4, *Brown-Off Blast Cleaning*

3 Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following definitions apply.

NOTE—See Annex A for a glossary of additional refractory terms that are not referenced in this standard.

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