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Preface

This is the third edition of CSA A123.21, Standard test method for the dynamic wind uplift resistance of membrane-roofing systems. It supersedes the previous editions published in 2010 and 2004.

This Standard is based on the ongoing research and testing that is being carried out at the National Research Council (NRCC).

This edition is applicable to the majority of the commercial roof assemblies in North America under three different categories depending on the component attachment to the substrate, namely adhesive applied membrane roofing system, mechanically attached membrane roofing system and partially attached (hybrid) membrane roofing system.

Two test methods that are now included in this Standard are as follows:

- a) Method 1 — a dynamic test procedure developed by the National Research Council Canada (NRCC) industry-based consortium, initiated in 1994. The consortium is known as the Special Interest Group for Dynamic Evaluation of Roofing Systems (SIGDERS).
- b) Method 2 — a dynamic test procedure developed by the National Research Council Canada (NRCC) industry-based consortium, initiated in 2005 in collaboration with the University of Ottawa. The consortium is known as the Adhesive Applied Roofing Systems (AARS).

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1 Scope

1.1

This test method determines the wind uplift resistance of membrane-roofing systems when subjected to dynamic wind load cycles. The test methods are applicable to

- a) mechanically attached membrane roofing systems; and
- b) adhered membrane roofing systems.

The roofing system consists of a deck and roofing membrane. It includes components such as vapour barriers or retarders, insulation, cover board, etc. It is subjected to a dynamic load sequence that has been developed based on wind pressure records, simulating the effect of wind on membrane-roof assemblies.

Note: The roof membrane may be designated as the plane of air tightness.

1.2

The following limitations apply for the test methods in this standard:

- a) Method 1: Testing in accordance with this test method is limited to mechanically attached membrane roofing systems having a fastener row separation not greater than 2896 mm (114 in) and fastener in-line spacing not greater than 610 mm (24 in).
- b) Method 2: Testing in accordance with this test method is limited to adhered membrane roofing systems.

1.3

The values given in SI (metric) units are the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.4

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