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*Standard Practice for Determining Resistance of Synthetic
Polymeric Materials to Fungi*

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Objective:

To evaluate the mold resistance properties of one sample as seen in the ASTM G21 fungal resistance test.

Test Sample Identification:

1. PVC Coated Fiberglass

Test Procedure Summary:

Samples are placed onto the surface of ASTM G21 nutrient salts agar and sprayed with a mixed spore suspension of five fungal strains. The nutrient salts agar provides all of the trace nutritional elements needed by fungi to support growth. However, to achieve a heavy growth, the fungi must use the test material as its primary carbon source. Inoculated samples are incubated and then examined for fungal growth.

Test Variables

Test Organisms:	<i>Aspergillus brasiliensis</i> ¹	ATCC 9642
	<i>Talaromyces pinophilus</i> ²	ATCC 11797
	<i>Chaetomium globosum</i>	ATCC 6205
	<i>Trichoderma virens</i> ³	ATCC 9645
	<i>Aureobasidium pullulans</i>	ATCC 15233
Sample Description:	2" x 2" white woven pieces	
Number of Replicates per Sample:	Three	
Positive Growth Control:	Sterile Filter Paper	
Media Used:	Nutrient-Salts Agar prepared according to standard	
Environmental Conditions:	28 - 30°C; ≥85% relative humidity	
Incubation Duration:	28 days	
Deviations from Standard Test Method:	None, testing performed per ASTM G21 without deviation.	

¹ *Aspergillus brasiliensis* formerly classified as *Aspergillus niger*

² *Talaromyces pinophilus* formerly identified as *Penicillium funiculosum*

³ *Trichoderma virens* formerly classified as *Gliocladium virens*



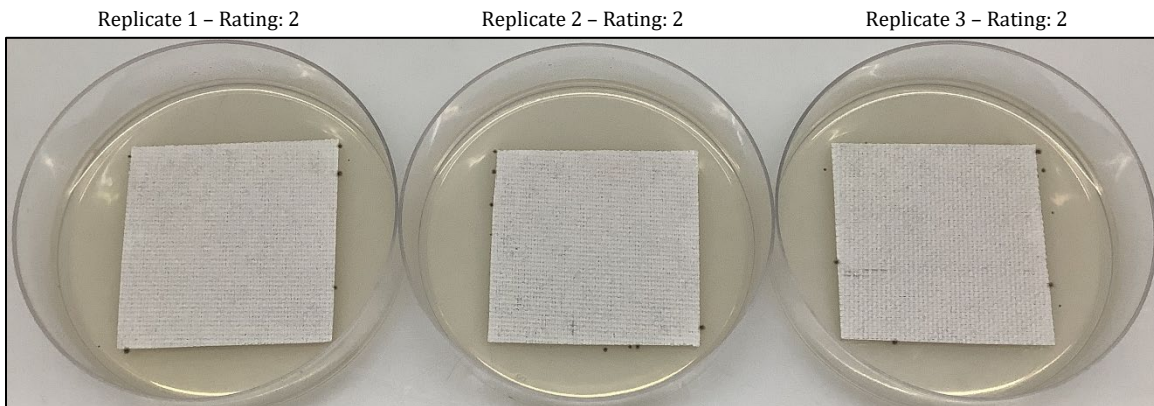
Results:

The results for the test pieces can be found in the data table below. The filter paper control pieces had copious fungal growth at Day 14. Temperature and relative humidity were maintained for the duration of the test. These results pertain only to the samples tested.

The rating scale for this test is as follows:

Rating	Observed Growth
0	No Growth
1	Trace of Growth (less than 10% coverage)
2	Light Growth (10-30% coverage)
3	Medium Growth (30-60% coverage)
4	Heavy Growth (60-100% coverage)

Sample Identification	Rep	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
PVC Coated Fiberglass	1	0	1	1	2
	2	0	1	1	2
	3	0	1	1	2



All replicates had light fungal growth.