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ASTM International Technical Committee F02 on Primary Barrier Packaging

SCOPE

The scope of the Committee shall include the development of standards for physical, chemical, and barrier properties of primary barrier packaging materials and the promotion of research in this field. The committee's focus includes the component materials, their properties, and primary package design, development, and production.

A primary barrier packaging is defined as a package constructed from porous or nonporous barrier materials and designed to control or eliminate the passage of gas vapor, humidity, liquid, microbes, and light into or out from the package and is in direct contact with the contents.

Typical primary barrier packaging materials are papers, nonwovens, plastic films, rigid plastics, glass, and metal foils, used alone, treated, or in various combinations

Typical primary barrier packages include but are not limited to bottles, vials, pouches, blisters, and trays.

Recognition shall be made of related national and international standards with the encouragement of full participation in those activities. Standards under the jurisdiction of other committees shall be used when applicable.

TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEES

- F02.10 Permeation
- **F02.15** Chemical/Safety Properties
- F02.20 Physical Properties
- F02.25 Rigid Container Closure Systems
- F02.30 Mechanical Dispensers
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KEY DOCUMENTS

F88 — Test Method for Seal Strength of Flexible Barrier Materials

F1980 — Guide for Accelerated Aging of Sterile Barrier Systems and Medical Devices

F1929 — Test Method for Detecting Seal Leaks in Porous Medical Packaging by Dye Penetration

F2096 — Test Method for Detecting Gross Leaks in Packaging by Internal Pressurization (Bubble Test)

F1886 — Test Method for Determining Integrity of Seals for Flexible Packaging by Visual Inspection

D3985 — Test Method for Oxygen Gas Transmission Rate Through Plastic Film and Sheeting Using a Coulometric Sensor

F1249 — Test Method for Water Vapor Transmission



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