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# AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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**TOW OR YARN, CARBON (GRAPHITE) FIBERS  
For Structural Composites  
GF 400 (2760) Tensile Strength, 40 (275) Tensile Modulus**

**1. SCOPE:**

1.1 **Form:** This specification covers one type of continuous multifilament carbon (graphite) fibers in the form of a tow or yarn (when twisted). The weight per unit length of the tow or yarn is governed by the filament count which is identified by the supplier's grade or material designation.

1.2 **Classification:** Carbon (graphite) tow or yarn, derived from a polyacrylonitrile precursor, with typical 400,000 psi (2760 MPa) tensile strength and 40,000,000 psi (275 GPa) tensile modulus for use in general purpose structural composites requiring high strength and moderately high modulus of elasticity in tension.

**2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: See AMS 3892.**

**3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

3.1 **Basic Specification:** The complete requirements for procuring the carbon (graphite) tow or yarn described herein shall consist of this document and the latest issue of the basic specification, AMS 3892.

3.2 **Storage Life:** The product shall meet the interlaminar shear strength requirements of this specification when tested at any time up to 6 months from date of receipt by purchaser provided it has been stored at room temperature in the original closed container.

3.3 **Properties:** Shall be as follows; the requirements of 3.3.1, 3.3.2, and 3.3.3 apply to the average of the number of determinations indicated in the basic specification but no individual value shall be less than 90% of the specified minimum average unless due to an obvious testing problem, in which case a substitute specimen may be tested:

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3.3.1	Tensile Strength, min ø	375,000 psi (2585 MPa)
3.3.2	Modulus of Elasticity, min ø	38,000,000 psi (262,000 MPa) max 46,000,000 psi (317,000 MPa)
3.3.3	Interlaminar Shear ø Strength, min (See 8.1)	14,000 psi (96.5 MPa)
3.3.4	Length per unit weight ø	Preproduction Value <u>+5%</u>
3.3.5	Fiber Finish, by weight, max ø	2%
3.3.6	Fiber Density ø	0.060 - 0.063 1b per cu in. (1.66 - 1.74 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
3.3.7	Yarn Twist (when ø applicable), nominal max	0.4 turns per in. (15 turns/m) 0.8 turns per in. (30 turns/m)

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS: See 3892.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY: See AMS 3892.

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT: See AMS 3892.

7. REJECTIONS: See AMS 3892.

8. NOTES:

8.1 The interlaminar shear strength values are based on the use of a high performance epoxy resin system for the laminate, such as tetraglycidyl methylene-dianiline/diamino-diphenyl sulfone or equivalent.