


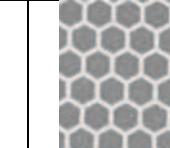
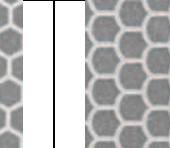
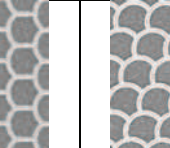
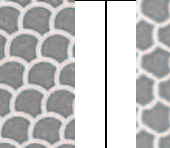
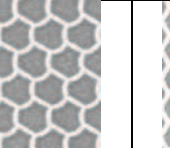


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Retroreflective Sheeting Materials Made with Glass Beads

Example of Sheeting (Shown to scale)								
ASTM D4956-04	I	II	II	III	III	III	III	III
ASTM D4956-13	I	II	II	III	III	III	III	III
AASHTO M268-13	(1)	(1)	(1)	A	A	A	A	A
Manufacturer	Several companies	Avery Dennison®	Nippon Carbide	3M™	ATSM, Inc.	Avery Dennison®	Nippon Carbide	ORAFOL Americas Inc
Brand Name	Engineer Grade	Super Engr Grade	Super Engr Grade	High Intensity	High Intensity	High Intensity	High Intensity	ORALITE® High Intensity
Series	Several	T-2000	15000	2800 3800	ATSM HI	T-5500	N500	5800
NOTES:	(2) (8)	(3) (4) (9)	(4)	(3) (4) (9)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)

- 1) Sheeting material does not meet minimum AASHTO classification criteria.
- 2) Glass Bead Engineer Grade sheeting is uniform without any patterns or identifying marks.
- 3) Material no longer sold in the United States as of the date of this publication.
- 4) Section 2A.08 of the 2009 MUTCD (<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>) does not allow this sheeting type to be used for new legends on green signs.

- ASTM D4956-04 is referenced in Table 2A-3 of the 2009 MUTCD.
- ASTM D4956-13 is the most current ASTM sign sheeting specification (the 2013 version is designated by "-13").
- AASHTO M268-13 is the most current AASHTO specification (the 2013 version is designated by "-13").

Manufacturer Contact Information

3M - http://www.3M.com/roadwaysafety	ATSM, Inc. - http://www.atsminc.com
Avery Dennison - http://www.reflectives.averydennison.com	Nippon Carbide - http://www.nikkalite.com
ORAFOL Americas Inc. – http://www.orafolamericas.com	

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Retroreflective Sheeting Materials Made with Micro-Prisms

Example of Sheeting (Shown to scale)								
D4956-04	(5)	(5)	III, IV	III, IV, X	(5)	(5)	(5) / X	(5)
D4956-13	I	I	III, IV	III, IV	III, IV	III, IV	VIII	VIII
M268-13	(6)	(6)	B	B	B	B	B	B
Manufacturer	3M™	Avery Dennison®	Avery Dennison®	3M™	ORAFOL Americas Inc	Nippon Carbide	Nippon Carbide	3M™
Brand Name	EGP	PEG	HIP	HIP	ORALITE® HIP	HIM	Crystal Grade	Reflective Sheeting
Series	3430	T-2500	T-6500	3930	5900/5930	CRG 94000	CRG 92000	3940
NOTES:	(8)	(8)						

Example of Sheeting (Shown to scale)								
D4956-04	VIII	VII, VIII, X	IX	IX	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
D4956-13	VIII	VIII	IX	IX	IX	IX	XI	XI
M268-13	B	(7)	B	B	B	B	D	D
Manufacturer	Avery Dennison®	3M™	3M™	Avery Dennison®	Nippon Carbide	ORAFOL Americas Inc	3M™	Avery Dennison®
Brand Name	MVP Prismatic	Diamond Grade™ LDP	Diamond Grade™ VIP	OmniView™	Crystal Grade	ORALITE®	Diamond Grade™ DG3	OmniCube™
Series	T-7500	3970	3990	T-9500	95000	7900	4000	T-11500
NOTES:		(9)			(9)			

- 5) Material was either unavailable in 2005 (previous version of this Guide) or unassigned in the 2004 version of ASTM D4956.
- 6) Sheeting material does not meet minimum AASHTO classification criteria.
- 7) Material has been discontinued prior to AASHTO M268-10.
- 8) Section 2A.08 of the 2009 MUTCD (<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>) does not allow this sheeting type to be used for new yellow or orange signs, or new legends on green signs.
- 9) Material no longer sold in the United States as of the date of this publication.

Resources

Federal Highway Administration – <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/retro>
 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) – <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>
 Texas A&M Transportation Institute – <http://tti.tamu.edu/visibility>
 ASTM – <http://www.astm.org> AASHTO – <http://www.transportation.org>