

Reasoned Document for Draft IRS Specification for Glass filled Nylon-66 & High Viscous Nylon-66 Insulating Liners, Sl. No. T-44-2023(Second Revision)

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0	Forward	0.1 This specification was originally issued in 1980. In its first revision in 1987, the tensile and cross-breaking strength values were revised.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	This specification was originally issued in 1980. In its first revision in 1987, the tensile and cross-breaking strength values were revised.
		0.1 In the second revision of the provisional specification issued in 1993, the acceptance tests earlier required to be conducted on “as moulded specimens” were specified to be conducted on liners after the conditioning, except that the cross-breaking load test of GFN Liner shall be done on “as moulded” liners.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	In the second revision of the provisional specification issued in 1993, the acceptance tests earlier required to be conducted on “as moulded specimens” were specified to be conducted on liners after the conditioning, except that the cross-breaking load test of GFN Liner shall be done on “as moulded” liners.
		0.2 For deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value observed or calculated expressing the results of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	For deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value observed or calculated expressing the results of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.
		0.3 The IRS Specification (provisional)-1993 second revision was discussed in the 66th Track Standards committee meeting and as approved by the Railway Board, the specification has been issued under the fixed serial No.T-44-1995 with minor modification in clause 4.2.2 in the present form.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	The IRS Specification (provisional)-1993 second revision was discussed in the 66th Track Standards committee meeting and as approved by the Railway Board, the specification has been issued under the fixed serial No.T-44-1995 with minor modification in clause 4.2.2 in the present form.
		0.4 To improve the quality and serviceability, corrigendum no. 01 to 06 were issued in 2007, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016 & 2018 respectively	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	To improve the quality and serviceability, corrigendum no. 01 to 06 were issued in 2007, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016 & 2018 respectively
		0.5 This specification has now been revised and issued in	No	No change	This specification has now been revised and issued in 2020 to

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		2020 to cover the entire Corrigendums issued to this specification till date and updating the latest revision of relevant codes.	comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received		cover the entire Corrigendums issued to this specification till date and updating the latest revision of relevant codes.
		0.6 This specification has now been revised and issued in 2023 to cover the provisions for HVN-66 liner.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	This specification has now been revised and issued in 2023 to cover the provisions for HVN-66 liner.
1.0	Scope	<p>This specification covers the requirements, method of tests and sampling for Glass filled Nylon-66 and High Viscous Nylon-66 insulating liners interposed between the rail and the Elastic Rail Clips in rail fastening assembly mainly to provide electrical insulation.</p> <p>All the provisions contained RDSO's ISO procedures laid down in Document No. QO-D-7.1-11 dated 19.07.2016 (titled "vendor-changes in approved status") and subsequent versions/amendments thereof, shall be binding and applicable on the successful vendor/vendors in the contracts floated by Railways to maintain quality of products supplied to Railways.</p>	Comments of M/s Industrial Components Industries & M/s Polymer Products of India	Comments of the firms are accepted. Para is modified. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	<p>This specification covers the requirements, method of tests and sampling for Glass filled Nylon-66 and High Viscous Nylon-66 insulating liners interposed between the rail and the Elastic Rail Clips in rail fastening assembly mainly to provide electrical insulation.</p> <p>All the provisions contained RDSO's ISO procedures laid down in Document No. QO-D-7.1-11 dated 19.07.2016 No. QO-D-8.1-11 dated 30.11.2022 (titled "vendor-changes in approved status") and subsequent versions/amendments thereof, shall be binding and applicable on the successful vendor/vendors in the contracts floated by Railways to maintain quality of products supplied to Railways.</p>
2.0	TERMINOLOGY	2.1 GFN-66: It is glass filled nylon-66	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	2.1 GFN-66: It is glass filled nylon-66
		2.2 HVN-66: High Viscous Nylon-66	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	2.2 HVN-66: High Viscous Nylon-66
		2.3 As moulded specimen: It is defined as that specimen which upon immediate removal from the mould is	No comments/Suggestions	No change	2.3 As moulded specimen: It is defined as that specimen which upon immediate removal from the mould is sealed in container

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		sealed in container impermeable to moisture/water vapour.	from approved/developmental vendors has been received		impermeable to moisture/water vapour.												
		2.4 Dry weight: It refers to the weight of the as moulded specimen	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	2.4 Dry weight: It refers to the weight of the as moulded specimen												
		2.5 Conditioning: It is the process which consists in keeping the liners immersed in boiling water for a period sufficient for the liner to absorb specified percentage of water	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	2.5 Conditioning: It is the process which consists in keeping the liners immersed in boiling water for a period sufficient for the liner to absorb specified percentage of water												
		2.6 Type tests: These refer to the tests given in Table-1 of this specification to be conducted on moulded test specimen to assess the moulding capability/process control of a firm for quality assurance.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	2.6 Type tests: These refer to the tests given in Table-1 of this specification to be conducted on moulded test specimen to assess the moulding capability/process control of a firm for quality assurance.												
		2.7 Pre-acceptance tests: These refer to the tests which are required to be conducted on the test specimen before according clearance to the firm for bulk production of liners.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	2.7 Pre-acceptance tests: These refer to the tests which are required to be conducted on the test specimen before according clearance to the firm for bulk production of liners.												
		2.8 Acceptance tests: These refer to the tests conducted on the liners for purpose of acceptance/rejection of the liners during inspection.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	2.8 Acceptance tests: These refer to the tests conducted on the liners for purpose of acceptance/rejection of the liners during inspection.												
3.0	REFEREN CE DOCUME NTS	3.1 This standard refers to the following/BS/IS/ASTM specifications. These should be available at the manufacturer's work premises for reference. <table><tr><td>S. N</td><td>Standard</td><td>Title</td></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>IS:5762-1970, (Reaffirmed</td><td>Method for Determination of Melting Point and Melting Range.</td></tr></table>	S. N	Standard	Title	1.	IS:5762-1970, (Reaffirmed	Method for Determination of Melting Point and Melting Range.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	3.1This standard refers to the following/BS/IS/ASTM specifications. These should be available at the manufacturer's work premises for reference. <table><tr><td>S. N</td><td>Standard</td><td>Title</td></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>IS:5762-1970, (Reaffirmed</td><td>Method for Determination of Melting Point and Melting Range.</td></tr></table>	S. N	Standard	Title	1.	IS:5762-1970, (Reaffirmed	Method for Determination of Melting Point and Melting Range.
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			2020)				2020)	
		2	BS EN ISO 1183-1:2019	Plastics- Method for determining the density of non cellular plastic		2	BS EN ISO 1183-1:2019	Plastics- Method for determining the density of non cellular plastic
		3	BS ISO 14309:2019	Rubber, Vulcanized or thermoplastic- Determination of volume and/or surface resistivity		3	BS ISO 14309:2019	Rubber, Vulcanized or thermoplastic- Determination of volume and/or surface resistivity
		4	IS:1998-1962 (Reaffirmed 2018)	Method of test for thermosetting synthetic resin bonded laminated sheets.		4	IS:1998-1962 (Reaffirmed 2018)	Method of test for thermosetting synthetic resin bonded laminated sheets.
		5	(ASTM D785 – 08(2015)	Standard test method for Rockwell hardness of plastics and electrical insulating materials.		5	(ASTM D785 – 08(2015)	Standard test method for Rockwell hardness of plastics and electrical insulating materials.
		6	ASTM-D-638-14	Standard test method for tensile properties of plastics.		6	ASTM-D-638-14	Standard test method for tensile properties of plastics.
		7	ASTM-D-149-20	Standard test method for dielectric breakdown voltage and dielectric strength of solid electrical insulating materials at commercial power frequency.		7	ASTM-D-149-20	Standard test method for dielectric breakdown voltage and dielectric strength of solid electrical insulating materials at commercial power frequency.
		8	IS: 2-1960 (Reaffirmed 2016)	Rules for rounding off numerical values.		8	IS: 2-1960 (Reaffirmed 2016)	Rules for rounding off numerical values.
		9	IS:7151-91	Corrugated fiberboard boxes for para-dropping of supplies – specification		9	IS:7151-91	Corrugated fiberboard boxes for para-dropping of supplies – specification
		10	ISO:178:2010 or ASTM:D790	Determination of flexural properties		10	ISO:178:2010 or ASTM:D790	Determination of flexural properties
		11	BS ISO 14309:2019	Determination of volume and/or surface resistivity		11	BS ISO 14309:2019	Determination of volume and/or surface resistivity
		12	ISO: 307	Determination of viscosity number		12	ISO: 307	Determination of viscosity number
		13	IS :3073-1967	Assessment of surface roughness		13	IS :3073-1967 (Reaffirmed	Assessment of surface roughness

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							1 4	ISO 111357-3:2018	Determination of temperature and enthalpy of melting and crystallization
		3.2 The specific provision in this standard will over-ride these in the above specification where these are not in conformity with one another. Any specific requirement given in the drawing of the liner will over-ride the relevant provision of this standard specification.			No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	3.2 The specific provision in this standard will over-ride these in the above specification where these are not in conformity with one another. Any specific requirement given in the drawing of the liner will over-ride the relevant provision of this standard specification.		
		3.3 RDSO drawings relevant to the liner under production should be available for reference at the manufacturer's works.			No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	3.3 RDSO drawings relevant to the liner under production should be available for reference at the manufacturer's works.		
4.0	MANUFACTURE	4.1 Material							
		4.1.1 Material for GFN Liner: The material used for manufacture of insulating liners shall be glass filled nylon 66 (GFN-66) Moulding Nylon Granules of natural colours with about 33% glass filler equipped with UV resistant properties which should be clearly indicated in the raw material certificate. Addition of any colourants during moulding of liners is not permitted and the reconstituted or recovered material shall not be used for the manufacture of liners.			No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	4.1.1 Material for GFN Liner: The material used for manufacture of insulating liners shall be glass filled nylon 66 (GFN-66) Moulding Nylon Granules of natural colours with about 33% glass filler equipped with UV resistant properties which should be clearly indicated in the raw material certificate. Addition of any colourants during moulding of liners is not permitted and the reconstituted or recovered material shall not be used for the manufacture of liners.		
		4.1.2 Material for HVN Liner: The material used for the manufacture of Insulating Liners shall be "High Viscosity Nylon 66" as specified in RAL color standard mentioned in this clause or the relevant drawing Regenerated / reconstituted material shall not be used for the manufacture of liners. The manufacturer shall have a valid tie-up in the form of a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/contract with primary raw material manufacturer for "Nylon 66 (HVN-66)" or other equivalent "Nylon 66 (HVN-66)",			Comments of i. M/s Okay Industries, ii. M/s Carbonaire Industries (Madras) Pvt.Ltd., iii. M/s UNIQUE PLASTIC INDUSTRIES, iv. M/s CALSTAR STEEL LIMITED, v. M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd.,	Para has been modified Detailed Remarks at Annexure-1	4.1.2 Material for HVN Liner: Material for HVN Liner :The material used for the manufacture of Insulating Liners shall be "High Viscosity Nylon 66" as specified in RAL colour standard mentioned in this clause or otherwise mentioned in the relevant drawing. Regenerated / reconstituted material shall not be used for the manufacture of liners. The manufacturer of HVN liner shall have a valid tie-up in the form of a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Contract with Primary raw material manufacturer for		

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		<p>covering raw material supplies and technical support including quality control. The manufacturer of the insulating liners shall not change the constituents of the copolymer and shall only mould the liners out of the material supplied to them by the primary manufacturer.</p> <p>During inspection of HVN Liner, the supplier should submit, the invoice alongwith e-way bill in support of procurement of raw material of particular grade from the primary raw material manufacturer with whom the written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Contract has been signed.</p> <p>Respective RAL color should be UV stabilized. Liner supplier has to submit the certificate of conformity for UV resistant property of the product material as well as the RAL colour as obtained from the primary raw material and RAL colour manufacturer.</p> <table><tr><th>S No.</th><th>Color</th><th>RAL</th><th>Liner Drg. No.</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Brown Beige</td><td>1011</td><td>RT-3702</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Traffic Red</td><td>3020</td><td>RT-3706</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Heather Violet</td><td>4003</td><td>RT-3707</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Grey Beige</td><td>1019</td><td>RT-3708</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Emerald Green</td><td>6001</td><td>RT-6937</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Signal Blue</td><td>5005</td><td>RT-6938</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Saffron Yellow</td><td>1017</td><td>RT-6939</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Coral Red</td><td>3016</td><td>RT-8751</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Traffic Yellow</td><td>1023</td><td>RT-8752</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Traffic Green</td><td>6024</td><td>RT-8753</td></tr></table>	S No.	Color	RAL	Liner Drg. No.	1	Brown Beige	1011	RT-3702	2	Traffic Red	3020	RT-3706	3	Heather Violet	4003	RT-3707	4	Grey Beige	1019	RT-3708	5	Emerald Green	6001	RT-6937	6	Signal Blue	5005	RT-6938	7	Saffron Yellow	1017	RT-6939	8	Coral Red	3016	RT-8751	9	Traffic Yellow	1023	RT-8752	10	Traffic Green	6024	RT-8753	<p>vi. M/s Polyset Plastics Art. Ltd. &</p> <p>vii. M/s Avadh Rail Infra Ltd</p>		<p>“Nylon 66 (HVN-66)” or other equivalent “Nylon 66 (HVN-66)”, covering raw material supplies and technical support including quality control. The manufacturer of the HVN insulating liners shall not change the constituents of the copolymer and shall only mould the liners out of the material supplied to them by the primary manufacturer.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>i) Primary raw material manufacturer can have a valid tie-up with one or more manufacturers of HVN liners or vice versa.</p> <p>ii)A Primary raw material manufacturer should mandatorily have facility the of polymerization plant to manufacture HVN 66 material starting from the precursor materials like Hexa Methylene Diamine (HMD) and / or Adipo Nitrile (ADN)</p> <p>The credentials of primary raw material manufacturer should be clearly mentioned in following in the MoU/Contract and should include.</p> <p>i) Declaration that they are the primary raw material manufacture as defined above</p> <p>ii) Grade of raw material being supplied along with its data sheet.</p> <p>During inspection of HVN Liner, the supplier should submit, the invoice alongwith e-way bill in support of procurement of raw material of particular grade from the primary raw material manufacturer with whom the written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Contract has been signed .</p> <p>Respective RAL color should be colour-fast coloured masterbatches UV stabilized. Liner supplier has to submit the certificate of conformity for UV resistant property of the product material as well as the RAL colour as obtained from the primary raw material and RAL colour manufacturer.</p>
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		S.No	Property	Units	Acceptance Values		x) Art. Ltd. & M/s Avadh Rail Infra Ltd		S.No	Property	Units	Acceptance Values		Test method	
					GFN Liner	HVN Liner							GFN Liner	HVN Liner	
		1.	Melting point	°C	258-268	255-265			1.	Melting point	°C	258-268	255-265	IS:5762-1970	
		2.	Specific gravity	-	1.38-1.43	1.10-1.16			2.	Specific gravity	-	1.38-1.43	1.10-1.16	BS EN ISO 1183-1:2019	
		3.	Glass filler/	%	33±2	--			3.	Glass filler/	%	33±2	--	Appendix IIIA	
			Ash content		--	0.5 (max)				--		0.5 (max)	Appendix IIIB		
		4.	Hardness Rockwell	R	110(min)	100 (min)			4.	Hardness Rockwell	R	110(min)	100 (min)	ASTM D-785-08(2015)	
		5.	Tensile strength	Kg/mm ²	17.5(min)	7.0(min)			5.	Tensile strength	Kg/m ²	17.5(min)	7.0(min)	ASTM D-638-14	
		6.	Elongation at break	%	10 (max)	35 (min)			6.	Elongation at break	%	10 (max)	35 (min)	-do-	
		7.	Cross-breaking strength	Kg/mm ²	20.0(min)	--			7.	Cross-breaking strength	Kg/m ²	20.0(min)	--	IS:1998-1962 (Reaffirmed 2018)	
		8.	Dielectric strength	KV/mm	11(min)	11(min)			8.	Dielectric strength	KV/m	11(min)	11(min)	ASTM D-149-20	
		9.	Volume resistivity	Ohm. Cm	10 ⁸ (min)	10 ¹⁴ (min)			9.	Volume resistivity	Ohm. Cm	10 ⁸ (min)	10 ¹⁴ (min)	BS ISO 14309:2019	
		10.	Viscosity Number of raw	cm ³ /g	--	270 (min)			10	Viscosity Number of raw material	cm ³ /g	--	270 (min)	ISO 307	
									11	Flexural Modulus	Kg/mm ²		250.0 (min)	ISO:178:2010 or ASTM: D 790	
									12	Surface roughness	Ra		0.1-0.2	IS :3073-1967 (Reaffirmed 2009)	

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			material							TABLE-1B (For HVN Liners)				
		11.	Flexural Modulus	Kg/mm ²	--	250.0 (min)	ISO:178:2010 or ASTM: D 790			S. No	Property	Units	Acceptance Values HVN Liner	Test method
		12	Surface roughness	Ra	--	0.1-0.2	IS :3073-1967 (Reaffirmed 2009)			1.	Melting point	°C	255-265 260 (min)	IS:5762-1970 ISO 11357-3-2018
										2.	Specific gravity	-	1.10-1.16	BS EN ISO 1183-1:2019
										3.	Ash content	%	0.5 (max)	Appendix IIIB
										4.	Hardness Rockwell	R	100 (min)	ASTM D-785-08(2015)
										5.	Tensile strength	Kg/mm ²	7.0(min)	ASTM D-638-14
										6.	Elongation at break	%	35 (min)	-do-
										7.	Cross-breaking strength	Kg/mm²	--	IS:1998-1962 (Reaffirmed 2018)
										8.	Dielectric strength	KV/mm	11(min)	ASTM D-149-20
										9.	Volume resistivity	Ohm. Cm	10 ¹⁴ (min)	BS ISO 14309:2019
										10.	Viscosity Number of raw material	cm ³ /g	270 (min)	ISO 307
										11.	Flexural Modulus	Kg/mm ²	250.0 (min)	ISO:178:2010 or ASTM: D 790 As per details in Appendix X
										12	Surface roughness	Ra	0.1-0.2	IS :3073-1967 (Reaffirmed 2009)

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		<p>4.1.5 The conformity of physical properties of raw material to clause 4.1.2, 4.1.3 or 4.1.4, as applicable either procured from sources who have been in the business of manufacturing & supplying 'Glass Filled Nylon 66 (GFN-66) Moulding Granules' or from other sources shall be checked through outside independent agencies i.e. Government laboratory or from lab accredited by Accreditation agency as per extant guidelines issued by RDSO or National Test House or Regional Test Centre (RTC).</p> <p>For this purpose, raw material & samples (specifically prepared & sealed in the presence of RDSO officials) shall be sent to such labs / agencies for testing at firm's cost at a frequency of once in three years and /or in the event of change of raw material procurement source.</p> <p>The test report of such samples shall be directly sent to RDSO by such labs/agencies. After receipt of satisfactory report, raw material shall be permitted for use. Responsibility of using the passed raw material for manufacture of liners shall lie on with the firm.</p> <p>The records of raw material procurement, whatever the case may be, shall be maintained along with its consumption details and furnished to RDSO/ Railway Officials/Inspecting Authority as and when required by them. The responsibility of ensuring authenticity of all such records shall lie on with the firm.</p>	<p>Comments of</p> <p>i) M/s Industrial Components Industries, Of India &</p> <p>ii) M/s Polymer Products Of India &</p> <p>iii) M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd.</p>	<p>Para has been modified.</p> <p>Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I</p>	<p>The conformity of physical properties of raw material to clause, 4.1.3 or 4.1.4, as applicable shall be checked through outside independent agencies i.e. Government laboratory or from lab accredited by Accreditation agency as per extant guidelines issued by RDSO or National Test House or Regional Test Centre (RTC).</p> <p>For this purpose, raw material & samples (specifically prepared & sealed in the presence of RDSO officials) shall be sent to such labs / agencies for testing at firm's cost at a frequency of once in three years and /or in the event of change of raw material procurement source.</p> <p>The test report of such samples shall be directly sent to RDSO by such labs/agencies. After receipt of satisfactory report, raw material shall be permitted for use. Responsibility of using the passed raw material for manufacture of liners shall lie with the firm.</p> <p>The records of raw material procurement, whatever the case may be, shall be maintained along with its consumption details and furnished to RDSO/ Railway Officials/Inspecting Authority as and when required by them. The responsibility of ensuring authenticity of all such records shall lie with the firm.</p>
	4.2 MANUFACTURING	<p>4.2.1 The glass filled nylon-66 and High viscous nylon-66 liners shall be manufactured by automatic screw type injection moulding machine.</p>	<p>Comments of</p> <p>i) M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd.,</p> <p>ii) M/s Adinath Industries</p>	<p>Para has been modified.</p> <p>Detailed</p>	<p>The glass filled nylon-66 and High viscous nylon-66 liners shall be manufactured by automatic screw type injection moulding machine.</p> <p>Raw Material must be preheated in Dehumidifier Chamber (with dew</p>

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	NG PROCES S	Raw Material must be preheated in Dehumidifier Chamber (with dew point - 30). Before molding moisture content should not be more than 0.2%.	& ii) M/s Parasnath Enterprises:	Remarks at Annexure-I	point from – 20° C to – 30° C). Before molding moisture content should not be more than 0.2%.
		4.2.2 The liner shall be conditioned by immersing in boiling water for adequate time to ensure minimum 3% absorption for GFN Liner & minimum 1.6% absorption for HVN Liner of water as provided in para 7.7 (iii)	Comments of i) M/s Polyset Plastics Pvt. Ltd.	Remarks at Annexure-1	The GFN liner shall be conditioned by immersing in boiling water for adequate time to ensure minimum 3% absorption of water for GFN Liner & minimum 1.6% absorption for HVN Liner of water as provided in para 7.7 (iii)
		4.2.3 Marking: Each nylon moulding shall be legibly embossed in 3mm letters and figures with manufacturer's initials, last two digits of year of manufacture and part number as shown in RDSO drawing.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/ developmental vendors has been received	No change	Marking: Each nylon moulding shall be legibly embossed in 3mm letters and figures with manufacturer's initials, last two digits of year of manufacture and part number as shown in RDSO drawing.
		4.2.4 Freedom from Defects: The surface of the nylon liners shall be smooth, sound and free from moulding defects such as bubbles, splash marks, burn marks, voids, surface sinking, crazing and blistering of the surface, windows, weld lines, laminations, jotting and cracks. All edges shall be neatly finished and free from flash.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/ developmental vendors has been received	No change	Freedom From Defects: The surface of the nylon liners shall be smooth, sound and free from moulding defects such as bubbles, splash marks, burn marks, voids, surface sinking, crazing and blistering of the surface, windows, weld lines, laminations, jotting and cracks. All edges shall be neatly finished and free from flash.
5.0	PRE ACCEPTANCE TESTS:	5.1 Type tests: These tests shall be conducted on 'as moulded test specimen' as per scheme of testing given in Appendix I. The results of testing shall conform to the values given in Table 1.	Comments of i) M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. :	Para has been modified. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	Type tests: These tests shall be conducted on 'as moulded test specimen' as per scheme of testing given in Appendix I . The results of testing shall conform to the values given in Table 1A & 1B
		5.2 Product testing:			5.2 Product testing:
		5.2.1 All tests shall be conducted on conditioned liners for the properties and scheme of testing as given in Appendix 1(B). The results of the tests shall conform to the requirements of clause 7.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/ developmental vendors has been received	Para has been revised	For GFN liners all tests shall be conducted on conditioned liners, for HVN liners all tests shall be conducted on as moulded liners , for the properties and scheme of testing as given in Appendix 1(B). The results of the tests shall conform to the requirements of clause 7.
		5.2.1 The cross breaking load test shall be conducted as	No comments/Suggestions	No change	The cross breaking load test for GFN liner shall be conducted as per method of test given in Appendix II. Each test value shall conform to the

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		per method of test given in Appendix II. Each test value shall conform to the requirement of test value given in Appendix II.	from approved/ developmental vendors has been received		requirement of test value given in Appendix II.
		5.2.2 The dimensions shall be checked by means of inspection gauges, as per RDSO drawings.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/ developmental vendors has been received	No change	The dimensions shall be checked by means of inspection gauges, as per RDSO drawings.
6.0	ACCEPTANCE TESTS	All tests given under Clause 7 shall be conducted on conditioned liners. For water absorption test 10 nos. of 'as-moulded' liners from each lot or part thereof produced from all cavities used for production shall be preserved by the manufacturer for determination of dry weight of the liners.	Comments of i) M/s Polymer Products Of India:	Para has been modified. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	All tests given under Clause 7 shall be conducted on conditioned GFN liners and as moulded HVN liners. For water absorption test 10 nos. of 'as-moulded' liners from each lot or part thereof produced from all cavities used for production shall be preserved by the manufacturer for determination of dry weight of the liners.
		6.1 Lot size: For purpose of inspection of the liners, 10,000 nos. of liners or part thereof duly conditioned shall form a lot.	Comments of i) M/s Polymer Products Of India	Para has been modified. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	Lot size: For purpose of inspection of the liners, 10,000 nos. of liners or part thereof duly conditioned shall form a lot.
		6.2 Sample size: The sample size for tests shall be as given in each test. The samples for different tests shall be drawn at random from each lot.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/ developmental vendors has been received	No change	Sample size: The sample size for tests shall be as given in each test. The samples for different tests shall be drawn at random from each lot.
7.0	TESTS	Test as given clause 7.1 to 7.4 shall be conducted on any three of the five sample liners as drawn for internal cavity test under clause 7.5.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/ developmental vendors has been received	No change	Test as given clause 7.1 to 7.4 shall be conducted on any three of the five sample liners as drawn for internal cavity test under clause 7.5.
		7.1 Melting point Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for melting point of the material of the liners. For acceptance of the lot, each individual sample shall pass the requirement of the test value given in Table-1 when tested in accordance with the relevant standard given in Table-1.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/ developmental vendors has been received	Table for HVN liner added. Accordingly, Para has been revised	7.1 Melting point Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for melting point of the material of the liners. For acceptance of the lot, each individual sample shall pass the requirement of the test value given in Table-1A for GFN & Table-1B for HVN when tested in accordance with the relevant standard given in respective tables Table 1.

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		<p>7.2 Specific gravity Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for specific gravity of the material of the liners. Specimen for specific gravity shall be taken from middle portion of the liners. For acceptance of lot, each individual sample shall pass the requirement of the test value given in Table-1, when tested in accordance with the relevant standard given in Table-1.</p>	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	Table for HVN liner added. Accordingly, Para has been revised	<p>7.2 Specific gravity Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for specific gravity of the material of the liners. Specimen for specific gravity shall be taken from middle portion of the liners. For acceptance of the lot, each individual sample shall pass the requirement of the test value given in Table-1A for GFN & Table-1B for HVN when tested in accordance with the relevant standard given in respective tables Table-1.</p>
		<p>7.3 Glass filler/ Ash Content Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for glass filler (percent) for GFN Liners or Ash content (percent) for HVN Liners of the material of the liners. For acceptance of the lot, each individual sample shall pass the requirement of test value given in Table-1 when tested and calculated in accordance with the method given in Appendix IIIA or IIIB as applicable.</p>	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	Table for HVN liner added. Accordingly, Para has been revised	<p>7.3 Glass filler/ Ash Content Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for glass filler (percent) for GFN Liners or Ash content (percent) for HVN Liners of the material of the liners. For acceptance of the lot, each individual sample shall pass the requirement of the test value given in Table-1A for GFN & Table-1B for HVN when tested in accordance with the method given in Appendix IIIA or IIIB as applicable.</p>
		<p>7.4 Hardness Test (Method of testing as per ASTM D-785-08 (2015)) Three tests sample liners per lot shall be checked for hardness (Rockwell) of the liners at three different locations on the surface of the liners. For acceptance of the lot each individual value on the three sample liners shall not be less than 100 Rockwell for GFN liner and not be less than 90 Rockwell for HVN liner.</p>	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	<p>7.4 Hardness Test (Method of testing as per ASTM D-785-08 (2015)) Three tests sample liners per lot shall be checked for hardness (Rockwell) of the liners at three different locations on the surface of the liners. For acceptance of the lot each individual value on the three sample liners shall not be less than 100 Rockwell for GFN liner and not be less than 90 Rockwell for HVN liner.</p>
		<p>7.5 Internal cavity test: Five sample liners per lot shall be checked for internal cavities. On sectioning along “y-y” shown in the PLAN of the liner in fig.1 Appendix-IX, no sample liner shall reveal any internal cavities when examined visually or with the help of a magnifying glass, for acceptance of the lot.</p>	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	<p>7.5 Internal cavity test: Five sample liners per lot shall be checked for internal cavities. On sectioning along “y-y” shown in the PLAN of the liner in fig.1 Appendix-XI, no sample liner shall reveal any internal cavities when examined visually or with the help of a magnifying glass, for acceptance of the lot.</p>
		<p>7.6 Dimensional check: (i) Dimensional checking shall be done with approved inspection gauges as per RDSO drawings. For acceptance,</p>	No comments/Suggestions from approved/	No change	<p>7.6 Dimensional check: i) Dimensional checking shall be done with approved inspection gauges as per RDSO drawings. For acceptance, each sample liner should pass the</p>

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		each sample liner should pass the requirement of the gauges. Sampling shall be done as per 7.6.1 (ii). (ii) Sampling: (a) 2% liners per lot shall be checked for dimensions in the first 1,00,000 liners of one design manufactured by a firm. (b) 0.5% liners per lot shall be checked for dimensions consequent to 1,00,000 liners of one design being found satisfactory. In case, any lot is rejected for dimensions, 2% liners per lot shall be checked from next lot onwards till 1,00,000 liners (in one or more lots) are found satisfactory, and thereafter the sampling rate shall be 0.5% per lot again.	developmental vendors has been received		requirement of the gauges. Sampling shall be done as per 7.6.1 (ii). (ii) Sampling: (a) 2% liners per lot shall be checked for dimensions in the first 1,00,000 liners of one design manufactured by a firm. (b) 0.5% liners per lot shall be checked for dimensions consequent to 1,00,000 liners of one design being found satisfactory. In case, any lot is rejected for dimensions, 2% liners per lot shall be checked from next lot onwards till 1,00,000 liners (in one or more lots) are found satisfactory, and thereafter the sampling rate shall be 0.5% per lot again.
		7.7 Percent water absorption test: (i) Three sets, each set consisting of 10 liners, shall form the sample for this test. Average weight of each set shall be considered individually as weight of liner after conditioning. (ii) For calculation of percent water absorption of liners, the dry weight of liners shall be the average weight of 10 liners, as in para 6 and retained by the manufacturer before conditioning. (iii) For acceptance of the lot, the percent water absorption for the three sets considered individually shall not be less than 3% for GFN liner and shall not be less than 1.6 % for HVN liner when calculated in the manner given in Appendix IV.	Comments of i) M/s Polyset Plastics Pvt. Ltd.:	Para has been modified. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	7.7 Percent water absorption test(for GFN Liners only): (i) For water absorption test, 10 nos. of 'as-moulded' GFN liners from each lot or part thereof produced from all cavities used for production shall be preserved by the manufacturer for determination of dry weight of the liners. (ii) Three sets, each set consisting of 10 liners, shall form the sample for this test. Average weight of each set shall be considered individually as weight of liner after conditioning. (iii) For calculation of percent water absorption of liners, the dry weight of liners shall be the average weight of 10 liners, as in para 6 and retained by the manufacturer before conditioning. (iv) For acceptance of the lot, the percent water absorption for the three sets considered individually shall not be less than 3% for GFN liner and shall not be less than 1.6 % for HVN liner when calculated in the manner given in Appendix IV.
		7.8 Cross- breaking load test: Three samples of GFN liners per lot shall be tested and accepted as explained in clause 5.2.2 above.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/ developmental vendors has been received	Para has been modified. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	7.8 Cross- breaking load test: (for GFN Liners only) Three samples of GFN liners per lot shall be tested and accepted as explained in clause 5.2.2 above.
		7.9 Viscosity Number:	Comments of	Para has been	7.9 Viscosity Number: (for HVN Liners only)

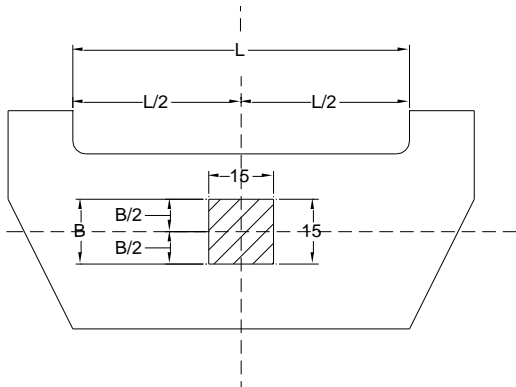
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		Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for viscosity number. For acceptance of the lot each individual value on the three sample liners shall not be less than 230 cm ³ /g.	i) M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. :	modified. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for viscosity number. For acceptance of the lot each individual value on the three sample liners shall not be less than 230 cm ³ /g.
		7.10 Surface roughness: Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for surface roughness. For acceptance of the lot each individual value on the three sample liners shall be within 0.1-0.2 Ra.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	7.10 Surface roughness: (for HVN Liners only) Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for surface roughness. For acceptance of the lot each individual value on the three sample liners shall be within 0.1-0.2 Ra.
		7.11 Flexural Strength test: The flexural strength of five tests specimen shall be tested as detailed in Appendix- X.	Comments of i) M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. , ii) M/s Adinath Industries & iii) M/s Parasnath Enterprises:	Para has been deleted. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	7.11 Flexural Strength test: The flexural strength of five tests specimen shall be tested as detailed in Appendix- X.
		7.12 Finger Printing of Chemical Composition: Finger printing of the chemical composition of HVN & GFN liner shall be done by measuring the values of Specific Gravity and Melting Point which shall not vary from initial approved values and specified tolerance duly communicated to the firm at the time of fresh registration so that there will be no major change in composition of HVN & GFN Liner in regular supply. i) Specific Gravity – Approved value + 0.02 Subject to not beyond the specified limits. ii) Melting point- – Approved value + 2 Subject to not beyond the specified limits.	Comments of i) M/s UNIQUE PLASTIC INDUSTRIES, ii) M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd., iii) M/s MOULDED FIBREGLASS PRODUCTS, iv) M/s Adinath Industries, v) M/s Parasnat Enterprises & vi) M/s Polyset Plastics Pvt. Ltd. :	Para has been deleted. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	7.12 Finger Printing of Chemical Composition: Finger printing of the chemical composition of HVN & GFN liner shall be done by measuring the values of Specific Gravity and Melting Point which shall not vary from initial approved values and specified tolerance duly communicated to the firm at the time of fresh registration so that there will be no major change in composition of HVN & GFN Liner in regular supply. i) Specific Gravity – Approved value + 0.02 Subject to not beyond the specified limits. ii) Melting point – Approved value + 2 Subject to not beyond the specified limits.

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			New Para added	HVN liners has to supply with the fixed RAL colour and matching of colour shade of moulded liners with RAL colour shade manually, will lead to human error. Hence a new clause RAL colour test has been added.	<p>7.11 RAL Colour Test: (for HVN Liners only)</p> <p>Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for RAL colour shade of moulded HVN Liners. For acceptance of the lot each individual RAL number of the three sample liners shall conform with the requirement given in clause 4.1.2.</p>
8.0	RE-TEST	8.1 Should any of the test specimen sample fail in either melting point or specific gravity or Glass filler percent/ Ash content percent , no re-testing shall be undertaken and lot shall stand rejected.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	<p>8.1 Should any of the test sample fail in in following tests, no re-testing shall be undertaken and lot shall stand rejected.</p> <p>i. Melting point or Specific gravity or Glass filler percent for GFN liner i. Viscosity No. or Melting point or Specific gravity or Ash content percent for HVN liner</p>
		8.2 Should only one test sample fail in Hardness or internal cavity or cross breaking load or viscosity number or surface roughness , twice the number of samples drawn earlier for testing, shall be tested for that particular test in which the earlier sampled failed. In this re-testing all the samples should pass the test value for acceptance of the lot represented by these samples otherwise the	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	<p>8.2 Should only one test sample fail in following tests, twice the number of samples drawn earlier for testing, shall be tested for that particular test in which the earlier sampled failed. In this re-testing all the samples should pass the test value for acceptance of the lot represented by these samples otherwise the entire lot shall be rejected.</p> <p>i. Hardness or internal cavity or cross breaking load for GFN Liners or Hardness or internal cavity or Viscosity number or surface roughness or</p>

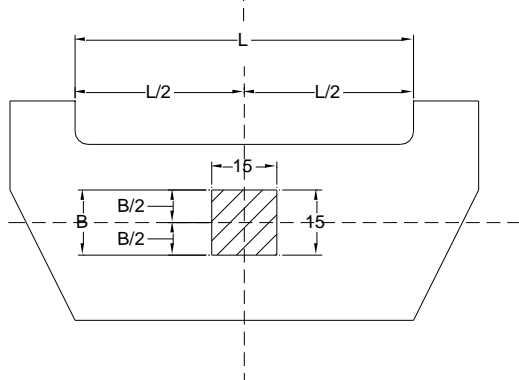
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		entire lot shall be rejected.			Colour test for HVN Liners
		8.3 Should any one test sample fail in dimensions, the manufacturer may re-offer the liners lot wise only once after sorting out the defectives, with written permission of the inspecting authority . The re-offered lot shall be inspected for all tests in terms of acceptance test clause 7. If the reoffered lot fails again in dimensions, entire lot shall be rejected.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	8.3 Should any one test sample fail in dimensions, the manufacturer may re-offer the liners lot wise only once after sorting out the defectives, with written permission of the inspecting authority. The re-offered lot shall be inspected for all tests in terms of acceptance test clause 7. If the reoffered lot fails again in dimensions, entire lot shall be rejected.
		8.4 Should the liners fail in percentage water absorption, the liners may be re-conditioned and re-offered for inspection only once, with written permission of the inspecting authority . The re-offered lot shall be inspected for all tests in terms of acceptance test clause 7. If the reoffered lot fails again in percentage water absorption , entire lot shall be rejected.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	8.4 Should the GFN liners fail in percentage water absorption, the liners may be re-conditioned and re-offered for inspection only once, with written permission of the inspecting authority. The re-offered lot shall be inspected for all tests in terms of acceptance test clause 7. If the reoffered lot fails again in percentage water absorption , entire lot shall be rejected.
9.0	FINAL INSPECTION/TESTING AND DOCUMENTATION	The manufacturer shall carry out the final inspection and testing internally in accordance with the plan of testing given under the acceptance test clause and shall maintain the records as per Appendix V to Appendix VII, to ensure that the liners have passed the inspection criteria.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	The manufacturer shall carry out the final inspection and testing internally in accordance with the plan of testing given under the acceptance test clause and shall maintain the records as per Appendix V to Appendix VII, to ensure that the liners have passed the inspection criteria.
10	PACKING	10.1 The liner shall be packed in multiple of 100 nos., in black color polybags / gunny bags so as to avoid loss or damage during transit and 3 to 5 nos. of these polybags / gunny bags shall be put in sturdy corrugated box as per IS:7151-91 and sealed.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	10.1 The liner shall be packed in multiple of 100 nos., in black color polybags / gunny bags so as to avoid loss or damage during transit and 3 to 5 nos. of these polybags / gunny bags shall be put in sturdy corrugated box as per IS:7151-91 and sealed.
		10.2 For transportation by road, the sealed cartons containing the liners shall be transported in a vehicle exclusively for the liners and no other consignments shall be loaded with the liners in the same vehicle.	Comments of i) M/s Industrial Components Industries, ii) M/s Polymer Products	Para has been kept unchanged. Detailed	For transportation by road, the sealed cartons containing the liners shall be transported in a vehicle exclusively for the liners and no other consignments shall be loaded with the liners in the same vehicle.

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11	TEST FACILITIES	The liner manufacturer shall be required to install all the necessary test facilities for inspection of liners in a separate well lit, clean and properly ventilated laboratory room provided with easily maintainable floor and platform.	Comments of i) M/s Industrial Components Industries & ii) M/s Polymer Products Of India	Para has been kept unchanged. Detailed Remarks at Annexure-I	The liner manufacturer shall be required to install all the necessary test facilities for inspection of liners in a separate well lit, clean and properly ventilated laboratory room provided with easily maintainable floor and platform.
12	INSPECTION GAUGES	The inspection gauges for dimensional check shall conform to RDSO drawings. The manufacturer shall submit two sets of inspection gauges for the approval of inspecting authority. One set shall be used as 'Master gauge' and shall be preserved safely by the liner manufacturer. The second set shall be for use by the inspecting official. For internal quality control, the firm should use an additional set of gauges as per drawing.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	The inspection gauges for dimensional check shall conform to RDSO drawings. The manufacturer shall submit two sets of inspection gauges for the approval of inspecting authority. One set shall be used as 'Master gauge' and shall be preserved safely by the liner manufacturer. The second set shall be for use by the inspecting official. For internal quality control, the firm should use an additional set of gauges as per drawing.
13	DISPOSAL OF REJECTED LINERS	The rejected liners shall be out into pieces and made unusable.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	The rejected liners shall be out into pieces and made un-usable.
14	REPORT	The inspection official shall report the test observations in the format of Appendix V to VII.	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	The inspection official shall report the test observations in the format of Appendix V to VII.
15	GENERAL	15.1 The liner manufacturer shall furnish at his cost, the	No	No change	15.1 The liner manufacturer shall furnish at his cost, the liners

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	1	Tensile strength			5	Individual	7	
	2	Elongation at break			5	Individual	-	
	3	Cross breaking strength			5	Average	7	
	4	Di-electric strength			3	Individual	3	
	5	Volume resistivity			3	-do-	3	
	6	Hardness			3	-do-	3	
	7	Melting point			3	-do-	-	
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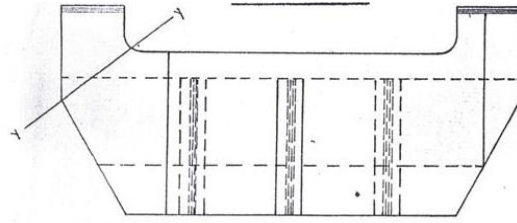
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					As per gauges to drg. No	Failing in dimension						As per gauges to drg. No	Failing in dimension	
		1	10,000	50	Satisfactory	-			1	10,000	50	Satisfactory	-	
APPENDIX-VIII	Letter of offer from the firm (Address of inspecting agency) Sub: Call letter for inspection of GFN-66/ HVN-66 insulating liner to drg. No. RDSO/T.. Ref: ...Railway P.O. No..... dt..... for GFN-66 liner to drg. No. RDSO/T... GFN-66/ HVN-66 insulating liners as per following details are offered for inspection in terms of the above referred purchase order. These have been internally checked and found satisfactory as per drawing no. RDSO/T.... and relevant IRS specification. The test results are mentioned in the proforma as prescribed in the IRS specification. 1. Lot No. 2. Quantity on order (a) Against original order (b) Against extension 3. Quantity previously inspected and passed 4. Quantity now offered for inspection (a) Against original order (b) Against extension 5. Rate per liner 6. Marking on liner 7. Delivery period (a) Original (b) Extended (c) Letter No. (for extension) 8. Consignee 9. Consignee letter of authority No.						No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	Letter of offer from the firm (Address of inspecting agency) Sub: Call letter for inspection of GFN-66/ HVN-66 insulating liner to drg. No. RDSO/T.. Ref: ...Railway P.O. No..... dt..... for GFN-66/HVN-6 liner to drg. No. RDSO/T... GFN-66/ HVN-66 insulating liners as per following details are offered for inspection in terms of the above referred purchase order. These have been internally checked and found satisfactory as per drawing no. RDSO/T.... and relevant IRS specification. The test results are mentioned in the proforma as prescribed in the IRS specification. 1. Lot No. 2. Quantity on order (c) Against original order (d) Against extension 3. Quantity previously inspected and passed 4. Quantity now offered for inspection (c) Against original order (d) Against extension 5. Rate per liner 6. Marking on liner 7. Delivery period (d) Original (e) Extended (f) Letter No. (for extension) 8. Consignee 9. Consignee letter of authority No. 10. Packing					

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		<p>10. Packing</p> <p>11. Test certificate of raw material</p> <p>Thanking you,</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>(Signature with date of the firm's authorized person)</p>			<p>11. Test certificate of raw material</p> <p>Thanking you,</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>(Signature with date of the firm's authorized person)</p>
APPENDIX-IX		<p>CROSS BREAKING LOAD TEST ARRANGEMENT</p> <p>Fig-1</p>	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	<p>CROSS BREAKING LOAD TEST ARRANGEMENT</p>
APPENDIX-X		<p>FLEXURAL STRENGTH</p> <p>The flexural strength of five tests specimen is to be carried out on a bar of rectangular cross section resting on two supports and loaded by means of a loading nose midway between the supports as shown in following figure.</p>	No comments/Suggestions from approved/developmental vendors has been received	No change	<p>FLEXURAL STRENGTH</p> <p>The flexural strength of five tests specimen is to be carried out on a bar of rectangular cross section resting on two supports and loaded by means of a loading nose midway between the supports as shown in following figure.</p>

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		<p>Size of the test specimen will be 127mm length, 3.2 mm depth and 12.7mm width. The specimen is deflected until rupture occurs in the outer surface of the test specimen or until a maximum strain of 5% (maximum deflection 6.8 mm) is reached whichever occurs first.</p> <p>The procedure referred in ISO: 178:2010 or ASTM D-790-03 should be followed for conducting this test.</p>			<p>Size of the test specimen will be 127mm length, 3.2 mm depth and 12.7mm width. The specimen is deflected until rupture occurs in the outer surface of the test specimen or until a maximum strain of 5% (maximum deflection 6.8 mm) is reached whichever occurs first.</p> <p>The procedure referred in ISO: 178:2010 or ASTM D-790-03 should be followed for conducting this test.</p>
			New Para	New Para added	<p>Appendix-XI (IRS-T-44-2023)</p> <p><u>Internal cavity test</u></p>  <p>PLAN</p> <p>Fig-1</p>

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1.0	Scope	<p>This specification covers the requirements, method of tests and sampling for Glass filled Nylon-66 and High Viscous Nylon-66 insulating liners interposed between the rail and the Elastic Rail Clips in rail fastening assembly mainly to provide electrical insulation.</p> <p>All the provisions contained RDSO's ISO procedures laid down in Document No. QO-D-7.1-11 dated 19.07.2016 (titled "<i>vendor-changes in approved status</i>") and subsequent versions/amendments thereof, shall be binding and applicable on the successful vendor/vendors in the contracts floated by Railways to maintain quality of products supplied to Railways.</p>	<p>Comments of M/s Industrial Components Industries:</p> <p>QO-D-8.1-11 dated 30.11.2022</p> <p>Comments of M/s Polymer Products of India</p> <p>To be corrected as QO-D-8.1-11 dated 30.11.2022</p>	Comments of the firm have been accepted and Para has been modified.
4.0	MANUFACTURE	<p>4.1 Material</p> <p>4.1.2 Material for HVN Liner: The material used for the manufacture of Insulating Liners shall be "High Viscosity Nylon 66" as specified in RAL color standard mentioned in this clause or the relevant drawing Regenerated / reconstituted material shall not be used for the manufacture of liners.</p> <p>The manufacturer shall have a valid tie-up in the form of a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/contract with primary raw material manufacturer for "Nylon 66 (HVN-66)" or other equivalent "Nylon 66 (HVN-66)", covering raw material supplies and technical support including quality control. The manufacturer of the insulating liners shall not</p>	<p>Comments of M/s Okay Industries:</p> <p>As per the table, the color specific to the drawing must be measured on a spectrometer with an acceptable range of Delta E (as per commission international de l' Eclairgeto or CIE) to be defined as per the RAL shade</p> <p>Comments of M/s Carbonaire Industries (Madras) Pvt.Ltd.:</p> <p>UV stabiliser material to be used. The time frame of UV stabilised material to be advised (i.e) 400 hrs / 600 hrs etc. On this clarification, we can request the raw material supplier to ensure requisite additive of UV stabiliser be added in the base material HVN and a certificate can be</p>	<p>The comments of the firm has been considered, accordingly, Colour test in Para 7 has been added.</p> <p>The comments of the firm have been examined, in this regard, it is to mention that the test for UV stabilization is time consuming.. Therefore, this test is not included in the specification.</p>

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		<p>change the constituents of the copolymer and shall only mould the liners out of the material supplied to them by the primary manufacturer.</p> <p>During inspection of HVN Liner, the supplier should submit, the invoice alongwith e-way bill in support of procurement of raw material of particular grade from the primary raw material manufacturer with whom the written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Contract has been signed.</p> <p>Respective RAL color should be UV stabilized. Liner supplier has to submit the certificate of conformity for UV resistant property of the product material as well as the RAL colour as obtained from the primary raw material and RAL colour manufacturer.</p> <table><tr><th>S No.</th><th>Color</th><th>RAL</th><th>Liner Drg. No.</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Brown Beige</td><td>1011</td><td>RT-3702</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Traffic Red</td><td>3020</td><td>RT-3706</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Heather Violet</td><td>4003</td><td>RT-3707</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Grey Beige</td><td>1019</td><td>RT-3708</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Emerald Green</td><td>6001</td><td>RT-6937</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Signal Blue</td><td>5005</td><td>RT-6938</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Saffron Yellow</td><td>1017</td><td>RT-6939</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Coral Red</td><td>3016</td><td>RT-8751</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Traffic Yellow</td><td>1023</td><td>RT-8752</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Traffic Green</td><td>6024</td><td>RT-8753</td></tr></table>	S No.	Color	RAL	Liner Drg. No.	1	Brown Beige	1011	RT-3702	2	Traffic Red	3020	RT-3706	3	Heather Violet	4003	RT-3707	4	Grey Beige	1019	RT-3708	5	Emerald Green	6001	RT-6937	6	Signal Blue	5005	RT-6938	7	Saffron Yellow	1017	RT-6939	8	Coral Red	3016	RT-8751	9	Traffic Yellow	1023	RT-8752	10	Traffic Green	6024	RT-8753	<p>issued by the manufacturer that it meets the UV stabilisation of the material. Regarding, RAL color, UV stabilisation may not be required if the base raw material (HVN) which constitutes more than 95% of the product is UV stabilised. This is due to high cost of making RAL colors UV stabilised to ensure it meets the RAL color.</p> <p>Comments of M/s UNIQUE PLASTIC INDUSTRIES :</p> <p>UV Resistivity- Current there is no parameter mention for determination of the extent of UV resistive property requirement. How do we determine the authenticity of the extent of UV resistance property. How will this be monitored and adhered to ? What parameters are to be followed here ?</p> <p>Comments of M/s CALSTAR STEEL LIMITED:</p> <p>We shall request RDSO to inform the level of UV stabilization required.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd.:</p> <p>a) It is not clear whether the manufacturer will be allowed to have a valid tie up in the form of MOU with more than one manufacturer of HVN 66. If yes, would he have to get all the applicable tests done for both materials?</p> <p>b) What is meant by "other equivalent Nylon 66 (HVN-66)"?</p> <p>c) During inspection of the liners, invoice supported by e waybill of raw material issued by primary raw material manufacturer has to be submitted. Will invoice issued by</p>	<p>Further, it is to mention that HVN liner has adequate part thickness to compensate for any reduction in mechanical properties due to UV exposure in their service life i.e. 200GMT or 4 years. Hence UV stabiliser material is not required.</p> <p>Para has been modified.</p> <p>Para has been modified.</p> <p>Yes, manufacturer could have a valid tie up in the form of MOU with more than one primary manufacturer of HVN 66.</p> <p>Yes, all the applicable tests done shall be done for both materials .</p> <p>Deleted.</p> <p>Para has been modified.</p> <p>Yes, During inspection of the liners invoice supported by e waybill of raw material issued by primary raw material</p>
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			<p>authorized agent of the raw material manufacturer be acceptable? If yes, would any additional document be required to prove that the seller is an authorized agent of the raw material manufacturer?</p> <p>d) If two HVN Liner suppliers have MOU with the same primary raw material manufacturer, can they sell raw material to each other with documentary evidence that the same was purchased from the approved raw material source.</p> <p>e) Addition of master batch to natural color HVN granules should be allowed for achieving RAL color.</p> <p>f) What is meant by "changing the constituents of the copolymer"? HVN is not a co polymer.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Polyset Plastics Art. Ltd. :</p> <p>Material for HVN Liner :- This clause is asking for use of natural coloured HVN material (from the primary raw material manufacturer) and addition of a UV stabilized RAL colour master batch Unless a test method is mentioned in the STR for measurement of UV stability, any sub-standard or spurious material can be used and the objective of using HVN material will be lost. Unless a test method is mentioned in the STR for measurement of UV stability, any sub-standard or spurious material can be used and the objective of using HVN material will be lost. Measurement of UV stability is a long, time-consuming test. For example, if Indian Railways need minimum of 2500 hours of UV stability, the testing time would be more than 100 days for one vendor's sample. Practically, Indian</p>	<p>manufacturer has to be submitted. In case of authorized agent, letter of authorization from the primary manufacturer of HVN 66 shall be submitted during the inspection.</p> <p>Yes,</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>This line has been deleted.</p> <p>The comments of the firm has been examined, in this regard, it is to mention that the test for UV stabilization is time consuming. Therefore, this test is not included in the specification.</p> <p>Further, it is to mention that HVN liner has adequate part thickness to compensate for any reduction in mechanical properties due to UV exposure in their service life i.e 200GMT or 4 years. Hence UV stabiliser material is not required.</p>

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			<p>Railways will not be able to ensure addition of UV master batch and this will provide an opportunity to vendors to not use UV master batch. Based on experience from railways who are using HVN material for liners, there is no need to use a UV master batch HVN liner is a robustly designed product and has adequate part thickness to compensate for any reduction in mechanical properties due to UV exposure. Other track components like the rail pads are also exposed to direct sunlight and still do not need any additional UV stabilization. We request for removal of the addition of UV stabilized colour master batch clause. Instead, it should be mentioned that colour-fast coloured master batchs should be used to give desired colours to the moulded HVN liners</p> <p>This clause is asking for manufacturing HVN liners in 10 different RAL shades. We request a re-consideration of this clause. Any red colour should be avoided on the rail track. The RAL colours should be limited to 3 or 4 colours, which have required light fastness. Based on our experience and detailed technical inputs from reputed colour master batch manufacturers we suggest the following colours which can be considered:</p> <table><tr><td>Green</td><td>RAL 6029</td></tr><tr><td>Blue</td><td>RAL 5010</td></tr><tr><td>Beige</td><td>RAL BOO 1</td></tr><tr><td>Brown</td><td>RAL 8016</td></tr><tr><td>Yellow</td><td>RAL 1023</td></tr></table> <p>From these colours, Indian Railways can consider three colours for 3 major types of liners for two different types of PSC sleepers.</p> <p>We are proposing the following scheme, as an example.</p>	Green	RAL 6029	Blue	RAL 5010	Beige	RAL BOO 1	Brown	RAL 8016	Yellow	RAL 1023	<p>The para has been modified, accordingly, all the colours of single liner and combination liner used on track are kept same so that the field staff can easily understand use of different lines in the field.</p> <p>Hence,</p>
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			Sr. No	Colour	RA L	Liner Drg No.	Remarks	
			1	Natural	None	RT-3702	52 kg rail, PSC SleeperT-2495	
			2	Green	6029	RT-3706	60 kg rail, PSC Sleeper -2496	
			3	Blue	5010	RT-3707	52 kg rail , PSC SleeperT-2496	
			4	Beige	8001	RT-3708	52 kg rail , PSC Sleep erT-2496	
			5	Natural	None	RT6-937	141 / 136 RE rail, 141 RE Sleeper	
			6	Natural	None	RT-6938	60 kg rail, 141 RE Sleeper	
			7	Natural	None	RT-6939	60 kg rail, 141 RE Sleeper	
			8	Green	6029	RT-8751	60 kg rail , PSC SleeperT-8746	
			9	Blue	5010	RT-8752	52 kg rail , PSC Sleep er T-87 46	
			10	beige	8001	RT-8753	52 kg rail , PSC Sleep er T-87 46	
			<p>This clause also asks for a valid tie-up with primary raw material manufacturer of HVN 66. It is important to define who can be considered as a primary raw material manufacturer.</p> <p>We propose that a "primary raw material manufacturer" should be defined as a manufacturer of High Viscosity Nylon (Polyamide) 66, who has polymenzation plant facility to manufacture HVN 66 material starting from the precursor</p>					The suggestion of the firm has been examined and the definition of the primary raw material manufacturer has been incorporated in this para.

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			<p>materials like Hexa Methylene Diamine (HMD) and I or Adipo Nitrile (ADN).</p> <p>The "primary raw material manufacturer" should certify this information of them being primary raw material manufacture in their MOU with the vendor(s). The "primary raw material manufacturer" should also mention the grade of HVN 66 material they would supply to the vendor and the datasheet for the grade, in their MOU.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Avadh Rail Infra Ltd.:</p> <p>Details of UV stabilization test method and acceptance criteria should be define Colour measurement should on a spectrometer and measurement criteria should be define.</p>	<p>The comments of the firm has been examined, in this regard, it is to mention that the test for UV stabilization is time consuming. Therefore, this test is not included in the specification. Further, it is to mention that HVN liner has adequate part thickness to compensate for any reduction in mechanical properties due to UV exposure in their service life i.e 200GMT or 4 years. Hence UV stabiliser material is not required.</p>											
		<p>4.1.4 The physical properties of HVN-66 material used for the manufacture of nylon mouldings shall conform to the requirements given against. No. 1,2,3 & 10 of Table 1. Other properties as given in Table 1 refer to the as moulded test specimen of HVN-66 material.</p> <table><tr><td>S.No</td><td>Property</td><td>Units</td><td colspan="2">Acceptance Values</td><td rowspan="2">Test method</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>GFN Liner</td><td>HVN Liner</td></tr></table>	S.No	Property	Units	Acceptance Values		Test method				GFN Liner	HVN Liner	<p>Comments of M/s Industrial Components Industries & M/s Polymer Products Of India</p> <p>Table-1, Sl. No.1: The test method BS:2782 Pt.1.1976, Method 123B or 123A as per RDSO EOI No. CT/EF/Policy/Global RFP/ HVN dated 05/03/2019</p> <p>Table-1, Sl. No.2: The test method BS:2782 Pt.6.1980,</p>	<p>The relevant code has been. has been updated in the specification</p> <p>The relevant Code has been updated for conducting Specific gravity test.</p>
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		1.	Melting point	°C	258-268	255-265	IS:5762-1970	Method 620A as per RDSO EOI No. CT/EF/Policy/Global RFP/HVN dated 05/03/2019	The relevant Code has been updated for method for conducting Volume resistivity. The suggestion of the firms regarding Melting Point has been examined and minimum value 260°C has been kept with test method as per ISO 11357-3-2018 --do-- -do-- HVN is unfilled nylon, hence the suggestion of the firm is not accepted. As per suggestions of the firm, melting point 268°C min. has been kept. Cross breaking strength test has been deleted in the Table 2
		2.	Specific gravity	-	1.38-1.43	1.10-1.16	BS EN ISO 1183-1:2019	Table-1, Sl. No.9: The test method BS:2782 Pt.2.1982, Method 230A as per RDSO EOI No. CT/EF/Policy/Global RFP/HVN dated 05/03/2019	
		3.	Glass filler/	%	33±2	--	Appendix IIIA	Comments of M/s Okay Industries: Table-1-As per the test method IS: 5762-1970, the melting point acceptable value may please be revised to 255-270 deg C as per standard. Comments of M/s Carbonaire Industries (Madras) Pvt.Ltd. : Melting point range to be 258° to 270° c. Comments of M/s UNIQUE PLASTIC INDUSTRIES : Table 1- point 1: Current requirement- HVN-255-265 °C Suggestion to enhance it to 258-268 °C. Table 1 - Point 3: Current requirement - HVN- 0.5% (Max), Suggested to be increased to 1% (max). Comments of M/s CALSTAR STEEL LIMITED: Tabl1-point-1 We shall request RDSO to allow a range of 263 ± 5°C as melting point of HVN Tabl1-point-7: We shall request RDSO to specially mention that the HVN liners should only bend and not show any sign of tear or	
			Ash content		--	0.5 (max)	Appendix IIIB		
		4.	Hardness Rockwell	R	110(min)	100 (min)	ASTM D-785-08(2015)		
		5.	Tensile strength	Kg/mm ²	17.5(mi n)	7.0(min)	ASTM D-638-14		
		6.	Elongation at break	%	10 (max)	35 (min)	-do-		
		7.	Cross-breaking strength	Kg/mm ²	20.0(mi n)	--	IS:1998-1962 (Reaffirmed 2018)		
		8.	Dielectric strength	KV/mm	11(min)	11(min)	ASTM D-149-20		
		9.	Volume resistivity	Oh m. Cm	10 ⁸ (min)	10 ¹⁴ (min)	BS ISO 14309:2019		
		10.	Viscosity Number of raw material	cm ³ /g	--	270 (min)	ISO 307		
		11.	Flexural Modulus	Kg/mm ²	--	250.0 (min)	ISO:178:2010 or ASTM: D		

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						790	breakage after cross breaking strength test.	
		12	Surface roughness	Ra	--	0.1-0.2	IS :3073-1967 (Reaffirmed 2009)	
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						Value(HV N Liners)		properties of the Liner. During development of the product, it was observed that all the samples tested in RDSO were in higher range.
			1	Melting Point	°C	255-265	IS:5762-1970	Hence, in view of this, minimum melting point 260°C has been kept.
			<p>Our Comments: The melting point is measured as per IS:5762-1970 which is manual measurement and is subjected to human errors. In the specification a range of values is given for melting point for HVN Liners which is 255-265'C.</p> <p>Higher the meting point, better are the properties of the Liner. In view of this, minimum temperature range should be specified.</p> <p>We suggest to keep a mean value of 260°C (min) for melting point. If you still want to keep a range then the Acceptable values should be °C 255 – 270. It may be noted that most other properties in Table 1, given below, have either max or min values.</p>					
			Sl. No.	Property	Acceptable Value			
			3	Ash Content	0.5 (max)			
			4	Hardness Rockwell (R)	100 (min)			
			5	Tensile Strength	7.0 (min)			
			6	Elongation at Break	35 (min)			
			8	Dielectric strength	11 (min)			
			9	Volume Resistivity	10 ¹⁴ (min)			
			10	Viscosity number of raw material	270 (min)			

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			11	Flexural Modulus	250.0 (min)	minimum melting point 260°C has been kept.
		<p>4.1.5 The conformity of physical properties of raw material to clause 4.1.2, 4.1.3 or 4.1.4, as applicable either procured from sources who have been in the business of manufacturing & supplying 'Glass Filled Nylon 66 (GFN-66) Moulding Granules' or from other sources shall be checked through outside independent agencies i.e. Government laboratory or from lab accredited by Accreditation agency as per extant guidelines issued by RDSO or National Test House or Regional Test Centre (RTC).</p> <p>For this purpose, raw material & samples (specifically prepared & sealed in the presence of RDSO officials) shall be sent to such labs / agencies for testing at firm's cost at a frequency of once in three years and /or in the event of change of raw material procurement source.</p> <p>The test report of such samples shall be directly sent to RDSO by such labs/agencies. After receipt of satisfactory report, raw material shall be permitted for use. Responsibility of using the passed raw material for manufacture of liners shall lie on with the firm.</p> <p>The records of raw material procurement, whatever the case may be, shall be maintained along with its consumption details and furnished to RDSO/ Railway Officials/Inspecting Authority as and when required by them. The responsibility of ensuring authenticity of all such records shall lie on with the firm.</p>	<p>(viii) Avadh Rail Infra Ltd.: Melting point should be 258 °C to 268 °C</p> <p>Comments of M/s Industrial Components Industries & M/s Polymer Products Of India:</p> <p>For this purpose, raw material & samples (specifically prepared & sealed in the presence of RDSO officials) shall be sent to such labs / agencies for testing at firm's cost at a frequency of once in five years and /or in the event of change of raw material procurement source.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. :</p> <p>a) Format of raw material records to be maintained should be standardized. Would it need to be authenticated by the primary raw material manufacturer at an interval should be decided.</p>			<p>Comments of the firm have been not accepted and Para has been kept unchanged.</p> <p>Format of raw material is not a part of Specification. Accordingly, Para has been kept unchanged.</p>

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	4.2 MANUFACTURING PROCESSES	4.2.1 The glass filled nylon-66 and High viscous nylon-66 liners shall be manufactured by automatic screw type injection moulding machine. Raw Material must be preheated in Dehumidifier Chamber (with dew point - 30). Before molding moisture content should not be more than 0.2%.	Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. : a) Dew point of minus 30 should be clarified as minus 30-degree C. Better to give a range such as -20 to - 30 degree C Comments of M/s Adinath Industries & M/s Parasnath Enterprises: a) Dew point range of Dehumidifier Chamber should be mentioned instead of single dew point of -30	As per suggestion of the firm, the range of temperature for Dehumidifier Chamber has been added.
		4.2.2 The liner shall be conditioned by immersing in boiling water for adequate time to ensure minimum 3% absorption for GFN Liner & minimum 1.6% absorption for HVN Liner of water as provided in para 7.7 (iii)	Comments of M/s Polyset Plastics Pvt. Ltd. This clause is redundant for HVN liners. Water conditioning, also called as annealing, was required for GFN liners, since GFN liners were very brittle. % elongation of GFN liner material is about 3-4%. In view of such low % elongation, GFN liners needed water conditioning to impart ductility (increased % elongation and impact strength). Whereas, % elongation of HVN 66 material is a minimum of 30-35%. With this kind of % elongation and corresponding impact strength, HVN 66 material does not need any water conditioning or annealing. Water conditioning is an energy consuming process where water is heated at about its boiling point 100°C and HVN 66 liners are immersed for prolonged time in boiling water. Exposure to boiling water exposes HVN 66 to hydrolysis, which affect its overall mechanical properties. This is totally avoidable. Therefore, water conditioning clause should be removed for HVN 66, altogether.	Comments of the firm has been accepted. Accordingly para has been modified.
5.0	PRE ACCEPTANCE TESTS:	5.1 Type tests: These tests shall be conducted on 'as moulded test specimen' as per scheme of testing given in Appendix I. The results of testing shall conform to the values given in Table 1.	Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. : a) Test at Sr Nos 10,11 & 12 of Table 1 are not appearing under pre acceptance tests. Any reason?	Comments of the firm have been accepted and Para has been modified.

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6.0	ACCEPTANCE TESTS	6.1 Lot size: For purpose of inspection of the liners, 10,000 nos. of liners or part thereof duly conditioned shall form a lot.	Comments of M/s Polymer Products Of India: Lot size: For purpose of inspection of the liners, 20,000 nos. of liners or part thereof duly conditioned shall form a lot.(Quantity in lakhs is to be procured)	Comments of the firm have been not accepted and Para has been kept unchanged.
7.0	TESTS	7.7 Percent water absorption test: (i) Three sets, each set consisting of 10 liners, shall form the sample for this test. Average weight of each set shall be considered individually as weight of liner after conditioning. (ii) For calculation of percent water absorption of liners, the dry weight of liners shall be the average weight of 10 liners, as in para 6 and retained by the manufacturer before conditioning. (iii) For acceptance of the lot, the percent water absorption for the three sets considered individually shall not be less than 3% for GFN liner and shall not be less than 1.6 % for HVN liner when calculated in the manner given in Appendix IV.	Comments of M/s Polyset Plastics Pvt. Ltd.: With refence to clause 4.2.2 explanation, this clause should be eliminated completely.	Annealing/Conditioning of liner is required for GFN Liner as it is reinforced with 33% glass. GFN with 33% glass is a brittle material with low % elongation. However, HVN liner is unfilled material with high % elongation. HVN is not breakable. Hence Annealing/Conditioning of HVN Liner is not required. It also helps to reduced indent mark on the liner. Comments of the firm have been accepted and Para has been modified.
		7.9 Viscosity Number: Three sample liners per lot shall be checked for viscosity number. For acceptance of the lot each individual value on the three sample liners shall not be less than 230 cm ³ /g.	Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. : Viscosity number is to be checked as per ISO 307. ISO 307 allows use of either 100% Formic Acid or 96% sulfuric acid as the solvent which should be used for the test. The values required are met by use of Sulfuric acid and therefore the same should also be mentioned besides just mentioning ISO 307	An Ubbelohde viscometer with appropriate solvent (acid concentration) is to be used for testing of Viscosity number.
		7.11 Flexural Strength test: The flexural strength of five tests specimen shall be tested as detailed in Appendix- X.	Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. : All the tests falling under Clause 7 are to be conducted on conditioned liners. How can Flexural Strength test as given in Appendix X be conducted on liners? This test is to be conducted on rectangular bar specimen which must be	Comments of the firm have been accepted and Para has been removed.

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			<p>specifically made for this test. Flexural modulus test is already appearing under Sr No 11 of table 1. Thus, there appears to be no need for this test</p> <p>Comments of M/s Adinath Industries & M/s Parasnath Enterprises:</p> <p>Flexural strength test not possible in HVN Liner. So, this test should be omitted.</p>	
		<p>7.12 Finger Printing of Chemical Composition: Finger printing of the chemical composition of HVN & GFN liner shall be done by measuring the values of Specific Gravity and Melting Point which shall not vary from initial approved values and specified tolerance duly communicated to the firm at the time of fresh registration so that there will be no major change in composition of HVN & GFN Liner in regular supply.</p> <p>i) Specific Gravity – Approved value + 0.02 Subject to not beyond the specified limits.</p> <p>ii) Melting point- – Approved value + 2 Subject to not beyond the specified limits.</p>	<p>Comments of M/s UNIQUE PLASTIC INDUSTRIES:</p> <p>Melting Point – Current deviation provided-(+) 02°C, Suggested to be enhanced to (+/-) 03°C, (Being within specified limits.)</p> <p>Specific Gravity- Current Deviation- (+) 0.02, Suggested to be enhanced to- (+/-) 0.02. (Being within specified limits.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. & M/s MOULDED FIBREGLASS PRODUCTS:</p> <p>a) Specific gravity should not be a part of finger printing as it varies with processing conditions like Injection pressure, hold on pressure, melt temperature, gate size, gate locations and on initial moisture content in the material. For thicker liners, the processing conditions used are much different than thinner liners.</p> <p>b) Can a vendor have multiple MOUS with different raw material manufacturers and thus have different finger printing values for different MOUs?</p>	<p>The insulating liners manufacturer have to mould the liners out of the material supplied to them by the primary manufacturer. The manufacturer cannot change the composition of raw material during moulding. Further, viscosity number test for raw material as well as on product has been included for HVN Liner, which restrict the manufacturer to manipulate with the raw material.</p> <p>Specific Gravity varies with the processing condition. Accordingly, the common Specific Gravity for all type of liner cannot be fixed. Melting Point is a basic property of Nylon.</p> <p>In view of above, Finger printing for HVN /GFN Liner is not required, hence para deleted.</p>

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			<p>c) We request that the range of value for finger printing of melting point be revised from -0/+2 to +/- 2 degree C and that too when the test method for melting point checking is also changed to DSC method which is the only test method which gives accurate reading without any human interpretation and is followed worldwide by all the reputed manufacturers of HVN raw materials. Otherwise, finger printing clause for Melting point should be deleted because it is very debatable whether such level of measuring accuracy can be obtained using IS: 5762-1970.</p> <p>d) How would the inspecting authority know as to what are the finger printing values? Which document of RDSO would reflect the same?</p> <p>Comments of M/s Adinath Industries & M/s Parasnat Enterprises:</p> <p>Finger printing of Chemical composition: -</p> <p>i) It is not possible to finger printing specific gravity as it varies with parameter setting like temperature, Injection pressure, hold on pressure, mould designing like gate size and gate location etc. Hence range of specific gravity should be mentioned.</p> <p>ii) Melting point vary between different raw material manufacturer as the different process, machines and raw material used by them to achieve the parameter. Technical data sheet is also different between them. So, range of melting point should be implemented.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Polyset Plastics Pvt. Ltd. :</p> <p>Two properties are being measured for finger printing of</p>	<p>Finger printing para has been removed.</p> <p>Finger printing para has been removed</p>

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			<p>HVN material Specific Gravity which is a physical property and Melting point which is a thermal property.</p> <p>HVN is a type of Nylon 66 (or Polyamide 66) material. Any kind of Nylon 66 (PA66) material would pass the two tests viz, Specific Gravity and Melting Point listed here. The only difference between HVN and other PA66 material is viscosity number. Therefore, viscosity number should be specified as a required property for finger printing of HVN material.</p>	
10	PACKING	10.2 For transportation by road, the sealed cartons containing the liners shall be transported in a vehicle exclusively for the liners and no other consignments shall be loaded with the liners in the same vehicle.	<p>Comments of M/s M/s Industrial Components Industries & M/s Polymer Products Of India:</p> <p>For transportation by road, the sealed cartons containing the liners shall be transported in an exclusive vehicle for the liners. In case a lot consists of small quantity the liners can be loaded with other consignments in the same vehicle.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd. & M/s MOULDED FIBREGLASS PRODUCTS:</p> <p>It is not practical when a full truck load is not there.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Adinath Industries & M/s Parasnath Enterprises:</p> <p>For transportation it is always not possible to send sealed cartons liners exclusively in one vehicle. sometimes material also very less to send in one single vehicle. Hence part load should be permitted</p>	<p>Comments of firm are not accepted. Accordingly Para has been kept unchanged.</p> <p>Comments of firm are not accepted. Accordingly Para has been kept unchanged.</p> <p>Comments of firm are not accepted. Accordingly Para has been kept unchanged.</p>
11	TEST FACILITIES	The liner manufacturer shall be required to install all the necessary test facilities for inspection of liners in a separate well lit, clean and properly ventilated laboratory room provided with easily maintainable floor and platform.	<p>Comments of M/s Industrial Components Industries & M/s Polymer Products Of India</p> <p>Test Facilities – The liner manufacturer shall be required to</p>	Comments of firm are not accepted. Accordingly Para has been kept unchanged.

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APPENDIX-II	TEST FOR CROSS BREAKING LOAD OF GFN LINER 1. METHOD 1.1 The test shall be carried out as per IS:1998 with the following changes: i) The liner will be tested in a manner as shown in Fig-1 Appendix-IX ii) The radius of support points and of loading point shall be 1.5 mm. iii) The distance between the support points, rate of traverse of jaws of the testing machine and the acceptable value of cross-breaking load shall be as given in the table below:	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No</th><th>Drawing No</th><th>Distance between support points(x)</th><th>Rate of traverse of jaws</th><th>Cross breaking load (min)</th></tr> <tr> <th>(1)</th><th>(2)</th><th>(3)</th><th>(4)</th><th>(5)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1.</td><td>RDSO/T-2505</td><td>45mm</td><td>50mm/mt</td><td>360kg</td></tr> <tr><td>2.</td><td>RDSO/T-3516</td><td>45mm</td><td>50 mm/mt</td><td>420kg</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>RDSO/T-3702</td><td>60mm</td><td>5 mm/mt</td><td>480kg</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>RDSO/T-3706</td><td>60mm</td><td>5 mm/mt</td><td>390kg</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>RDSO/T-3707</td><td>60mm</td><td>5 mm/mt</td><td>720kg</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>RDSO/T-3708</td><td>60mm</td><td>5 mm/mt</td><td>960kg</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>RDSO/T-3723</td><td>45mm</td><td>5 mm/mt</td><td>600kg</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>RDSO/T-8751</td><td>60mm</td><td>5 mm/mt</td><td>490kg</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>RDSO/T-8752</td><td>60mm</td><td>5 mm/mt</td><td>760kg</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>RDSO/T-8753</td><td>60mm</td><td>5 mm/mt</td><td>1000kg</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	S. No	Drawing No	Distance between support points(x)	Rate of traverse of jaws	Cross breaking load (min)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	1.	RDSO/T-2505	45mm	50mm/mt	360kg	2.	RDSO/T-3516	45mm	50 mm/mt	420kg	3	RDSO/T-3702	60mm	5 mm/mt	480kg	4	RDSO/T-3706	60mm	5 mm/mt	390kg	5	RDSO/T-3707	60mm	5 mm/mt	720kg	6	RDSO/T-3708	60mm	5 mm/mt	960kg	7	RDSO/T-3723	45mm	5 mm/mt	600kg	8	RDSO/T-8751	60mm	5 mm/mt	490kg	9	RDSO/T-8752	60mm	5 mm/mt	760kg	10	RDSO/T-8753	60mm	5 mm/mt	1000kg	<p>Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd.:</p> <p>CBL values of RT 6939/6939/8222 & 8223 liners are missing.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Adinath Industries & M/s Parasnath Enterprises:</p> <p>CBL values of Drawing No. RT 6939/6939/8222 & 8223 liners to be added in the lists.</p>	<p>Comments of the firm have been accepted. Accordingly CBL value of RT-6938, RT-6939, RT-8222 & RT-8223 has been added in the table.</p> <p>same as above</p>
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APPENDIX-V	<p>Name of the firm: M/s. Liner to Drg No.:Railway's P.O No.: Quantity on order:</p> <p>Test results of</p> <div><div>1.</div><div>Internal Cavity</div><div>1. Cross Breaking Load</div><div>2. % Water absorption</div><div>3. Viscosity no.</div><div>4. Flexural strength</div></div>		<p>Comments of M/s Industrial Components Industries & M/s Polymer Products Of India</p> <p>Sl. No. of tests to be corrected</p> <p>Comments of M/s Black Burn & Co. Pvt. Ltd.:</p> <p>Column for Flexural Strength for HVN liners should be deleted as this test is not performed on HVN liners.</p> <p>Comments of M/s Adinath Industries & M/s Parasnath Enterprises:</p> <p>Column for Flexural Strength for HVN liners should be deleted as this test is not possible to perform on HVN liner.</p>	<p>Comments of the firm have been accepted and Table has been modified.</p> <p>Para has been modified.</p> <p>Para has been modified.</p>								
	Lot No	Qty. in Nos	Internal cavity test	Cross breaking load test of GFN Liner	Water absorption test	Viscosity no. test for HVN Liner	Flexural Strength for HVN Liner					
			Sample No	Free from Internal cavity Yes / No	Sample No.	Cross Breaking Load (Kg)	Sample No.	% water absorption	Sample No.	Viscosity No.	Sample No.	
	1	10000	1		1				1		1	
			2		2				2		2	
			3		3				3		3	
			4									
			5									
	2	10000	1		1				1		1	
			2		2				2		2	

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				5									
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