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**ASTM C1549 Solar Reflectance of One Sample Set— #56 Desert Gray
CTLGroup Project No. 315170**

Dear Mr. Edwards:

As authorized, CTLGroup measured the solar reflectance of one sample set, which was submitted by you. Measurements were performed in general accordance with ASTM C1549–09, *Standard Test Method for Determination of Solar Reflectance Near Ambient Temperature Using a Portable Solar Reflectometer*.

The specimens, shown in Figure 1, were received at CTLGroup on February 12, 2014. The sample set was labeled by you as “#56 Desert Gray.” The specimens were stored at room temperature until they were tested and were not cleaned prior to testing. The age of the specimens at the time of testing is unknown. The specimens were approximately 4-in. by 8-in. by 2¼-in. brick samples. The top surface of each specimen is slightly rough and textured.

On February 13, 2014, the solar reflectance of the top surface of each of the specimens was measured in three locations. The air mass on the solar spectrum reflectometer was set at 1.5, which approximates the length a beam of sunlight travels through the atmosphere over the conterminous United States. The measured solar reflectance, average solar reflectance, and standard deviation are reported in the attached data sheet in Appendix A. The measurements are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Average Solar Reflectance, Standard Deviation, and Solar Reflectance Index (Rounded)

Sample Label	Solar Reflectance	Standard Deviation	Solar Reflectance Index (SRI)*
#56 Desert Gray	0.35	0.01	38

*Assuming a convection coefficient of 12 W/m²·°C (for medium wind speed) and an emittance of 0.9, which is appropriate for non-metallic opaque building materials.

The solar reflectance *index* (SRI) was also calculated according to ASTM E1980-11, *Standard Practice for Calculating Solar Reflectance Index of Horizontal and Low-Sloped Opaque Surfaces*, assuming a convection coefficient of 12 W/m²·°C (for medium wind speed) and an emittance of 0.9, which is appropriate for non-metallic opaque building materials.¹ The SRI is also shown in Table 1.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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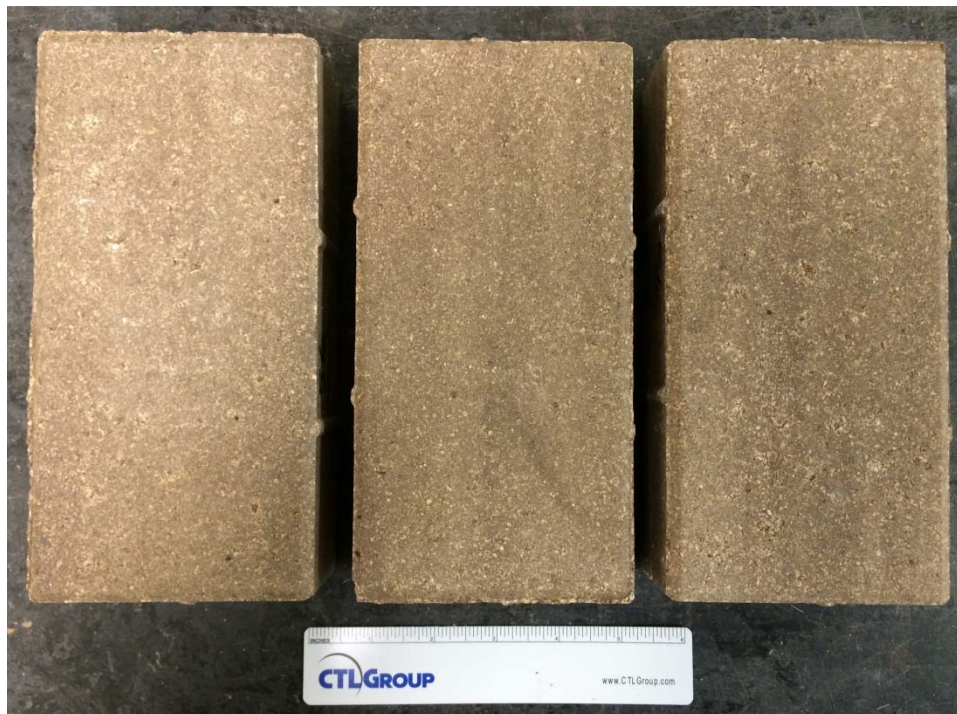


Figure 1 – Specimens (from left to right): “#56 Desert Gray A”, “#56 Desert Gray B”, and “#56 Desert Gray C”

¹ “Table of Emissivity of Various Surfaces.” Downloaded August 8, 2013
http://www-eng.lbl.gov/~dw/projects/DW4229_LHC_detector_analysis/calculations/emissivity2.pdf

APPENDIX A

ASTM C1549, STANDARD TEST METHOD FOR DETERMINATION OF SOLAR
REFLECTANCE NEAR AMBIENT TEMPERATURE USING A PORTABLE SOLAR
REFLECTOMETER, DATA SHEETS



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ASTM C1549, Solar Reflectance Near Ambient Temperature Using a Portable Solar Reflectometer^{1,2}
Sample Set - #56 Desert Gray

Specimen	Location	Location reflectance	Specimen reflectance
#56 Desert Gray A	1	0.350	0.36
	2	0.366	
	3	0.368	
#56 Desert Gray B	1	0.335	0.34
	2	0.341	
	3	0.358	
#56 Desert Gray C	1	0.338	0.34
	2	0.334	
	3	0.357	
Standard deviation			0.01
Overall average			0.35
Solar reflectance index (SRI)³ corresponding to convective coefficients of three wind conditions		Low wind	37
		Medium wind	38
		High wind	40

1. Tested in accordance with ASTM C1549-09, *Standard Test Method for Determination of Solar Reflectance Near Ambient Temperature Using a Portable Solar Reflectometer*.

2. Air mass index is 1.5.

3. Solar reflectance index calculated according to ASTM E1980-11, *Standard Practice for Calculating Solar Reflectance Index of Horizontal and Low-Sloped Opaque Surfaces* with an emittance for non-metallic opaque building materials of 0.9. Low wind corresponds to a convection coefficient of 5 W/m²·°C, medium wind corresponds to a convection coefficient of 12 W/m²·°C, and high wind corresponds to a convection coefficient of 30 W/m²·°C.