

Sealant Laboratory Melter: The equipment for melting of the joint sealant or filler shall be an oil-jacketed melter equipped with a mechanical agitator and thermometers for the oil bath and material in the melting vat.

The heat transfer oil shall be a high flash point oil that is in excess of 600°F (315°C).

The heat source shall be thermostatically controlled and capable of maintaining the heat transfer oil temperature within a tolerance of ± 5 °F (± 3 °C) and capable of heating the oil to a maximum of 550°F (288°C).

The mechanical agitator speed for the material shall be 30 ± 5 rpm when fully loaded and the agitator speed for the oil bath shall be such to allow continuous circulation of the oil.

Except when adding the sealant or filler sample, or checking temperature, the melter's pots shall be covered with close fitting lids.

The thermometers used in this melting operation shall meet the requirements of Specification E 1 and be checked for calibration using Test Method E 77.