

## SYMPOSIUM ON TESTING ADHESIVES FOR DURABILITY AND PERMANENCE

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### INTRODUCTION

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One of the most important questions arising when fabrication with an adhesive is being considered is the durability or permanence of the adhesive, or how long the joint will last and how the joint will stand up in service. Many of the adhesives now being used have been developed within the past ten years, and consequently lack the background of many years of service typical of other materials of construction.

Accelerated permanence tests are of such importance that Committee D-14 on Adhesives felt it desirable to review in a Symposium, in the light of field

experience, some of the tests that have been used.

This symposium was organized by a Symposium Committee consisting of the following:

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 Frank J. Hanrahan, National Lumber Manufacturers Assn.,  
 Louis J. Jaworski, Borden Co.,  
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It is hoped correlation of field data and laboratory test data will eventually result in improved test methods for permanence in Committee D-14 on Adhesives.

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