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September 9, 1981**COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION****ERASER, BLACKBOARD**

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description in preference to Federal Specification GG-E-651.

This description covers a gray eraser primarily intended for erasing chalk marks from blackboards and chalkboards.

**Salient characteristics:**

The eraser shall be felt of the following composition -

Wool - which shall be fleece, pulled wool, wool noil, reprocessed or reused wool, or any combination thereof.

Other fibrous materials of vegetable or synthetic origin which can be used in the remainder of the felt composition.

Be a minimum of 5 inches long x 2 inches wide x 1-1/4 inches deep.

Have each felt strip securely fastened to felt backing by stitching or by adhesive bonding.

Contain filler strips designed from two felt strips, cut double width, folded once, and securely stitched or bonded to the back so that they are flush with, or not more than 1/8 inch from each edge of the backing.

Consist of six filler strips for the erasing felt. Each strip shall be a minimum of 5 inches long x 1 inch deep x 5/16 inch thick.

Be equipped with manufacturer name or trademark securely fastened to the backing felt.

**Workmanship.** The eraser shall be free from frayed edges, tears, cuts, holes, thin areas, wrinkles, creases, naps, waves, lumps, discoloration, jagged or irregular edges, distortion, extraneous foreign matter, or any other defect which affects their appearance, serviceability, or may cause damage to blackboard and chalkboard surfaces. Adhesive bonded erasers shall be free of surplus adhesive on the side and ends of the erasers. The eraser surface shall be free of warp.

**Certification.** The contractor shall certify that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of this description, and that the product conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and is the same product sold in the commercial marketplace. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

**Regulatory requirements.** The manufacturer shall utilize recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable.

**Packaging, packing, and marking.** Packaging, packing, and marking shall be as specified in the contract or order.

**PREPARING ACTIVITY**

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