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**Building construction — Sealants —  
Determination of change in mass  
and volume**

*Construction immobilière — Mastics — Détermination des variations de  
masse et de volume*

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# Building construction — Sealants — Determination of change in mass and volume

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the change of mass and the change of volume of sealants used in joints in building construction. This International Standard is not suitable for self-levelling sealants.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6927, *Building construction — Jointing products — Sealants — Vocabulary*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 6927 apply.

## 4 Principle

Test specimens consisting of metal rings filled with the sealant to be tested are submitted to room temperature and to elevated temperature. The differences between the masses and/or the volumes of the test specimens measured before and after exposure to the temperatures are recorded.

## 5 Apparatus and materials

**5.1 Rings of non-corrosive metal**, having the following approximate dimensions: outer diameter, 34 mm; inner diameter, 30 mm; height, 10 mm. A hook or loop is fixed to each ring to suspend it from a string for the weighing procedure.

**5.2 Anti-adherent substrate**, for the preparation of test specimens.

EXAMPLE Wet paper.

**5.3 Conditioning chamber**, capable of being controlled at  $(23 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$  and  $(50 \pm 5)\%$  relative humidity.

**5.4 Ventilated oven**, capable of being controlled at  $(70 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$ .

**5.5 Balance**, with an accuracy of 0,01 g, capable of being used to weigh the test specimens in air and immersed in water.

**5.6 Test liquid**, at a temperature of  $(23 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$ , consisting of water with the addition of up to 0,25 % (by mass) of a low-foam surfactant. In the case of water-sensitive sealants, laboratory grade 2,2,4-trimethylpentane (iso-octane) shall be used.

**5.7 Container**, for the immersion of the test specimens in the test liquid.

## 6 Preparation of test specimens

**6.1** The sealant and the metal rings shall be brought to  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C. Three test specimens shall be prepared for each property to be tested.

**6.2** Each metal ring shall be weighed in air (mass  $m_1$ ) using the balance (5.5), and, for the volume test, also in the test liquid (5.6) (mass  $m_2$ ).

**6.3** The rings shall be set on the anti-adherent substrate (5.2) and filled with the sealant to be tested using the following procedure.

- a) The formation of air bubbles shall be avoided.
- b) The sealant shall be pressed on the inner surfaces of the metal rings.
- c) The sealant surface shall be trimmed so that it is flush with the upper rim of the metal rings.
- d) The test specimens shall be removed immediately from the anti-adherent substrate such that the reverse side of the sealant is flush.
- e) The filled rings (see also 6.2) shall be weighed immediately in air (mass  $m_3$ ) and for the volume change also in the test liquid (mass  $m_4$ ). For water-borne sealants, these measurements shall be carried out after 60 min and shall be completed within 30 s.

## 7 Test procedure

After preparation and weighing, the test specimens shall be suspended vertically and then stored under the following conditions, in the sequence given:

- a) 28 days in the conditioning chamber (5.3) at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity;
- b) 7 days at  $(70 \pm 2)$  °C in the oven (5.4);
- c) 1 day in the conditioning chamber (5.3) at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity.

Following storage, the test specimens shall be weighed immediately in air (mass  $m_5$ ) and, for the volume change, also in the test liquid (mass  $m_6$ ).

## 8 Calculation and expression of results

### 8.1 Change in mass

For each test specimen, the change in mass,  $\Delta m$ , expressed as a percentage, shall be calculated using the following equation:

$$\Delta m = \frac{m_5 - m_3}{m_3 - m_1} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where

$m_1$  is the mass, expressed in grams, of the metal ring before filling with the sealant, measured in air (see 6.2);

$m_3$  is the mass, expressed in grams, of the test specimen immediately after preparation, measured in air (see 6.3);