
**Glass in building — Laminated glass
and laminated safety glass —**

**Part 6:
Appearance**

*Verre dans la construction — Verre feuilleté et verre feuilleté de
sécurité —*

Partie 6: Aspect

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 12543-6:2011) and the technical corrigendum ISO 12543-6:2011/Cor 1:2012, which have been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- some definitions have been revised;
- a paragraph on laminated glass incorporating thermally treated glasses has been added;
- a method of observation of glasses by pack for jumbos or stock sizes has been added.

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Part 6: Appearance

1 Scope

This document specifies defects of finished sizes and test methods with regard to the appearance of laminated glass and laminated safety glass when looking through the glass.

All references to laminated glass in this document refer to both laminated glass and laminated safety glass.

NOTE Special attention is paid to acceptability criteria in the vision area.

This document is applicable to finished sizes at the time of supply.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 12543-1, *Glass in building — Laminated glass and laminated safety glass — Part 1: Definitions and description of component parts*

ISO 12543-5, *Glass in building — Laminated glass and laminated safety glass — Part 5: Dimensions and edge finishing*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12543-1, and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

spot defect

type of defect that includes *opaque spots* (3.3), bubbles and *foreign bodies* (3.4)

3.2

linear defect

type of defect that includes *foreign bodies* (3.4) and *scratches* (3.5) or *grazes* (3.6)

3.3

opaque spot

visible defects in the laminated glass

EXAMPLE Tin marks and inclusions in the glass or interlayer.

3.4

foreign body

unwanted item introduced into the laminated glass during manufacture

3.5

scratch

linear damage to the outside surface of the laminated glass

3.6

graze

damage to the outside surface of the laminated glass

3.7

vent

sharp tipped fissure or crack running into the glass from an edge

3.8

crease

distortion introduced into the interlayer by folds visible after manufacture

3.9

streak

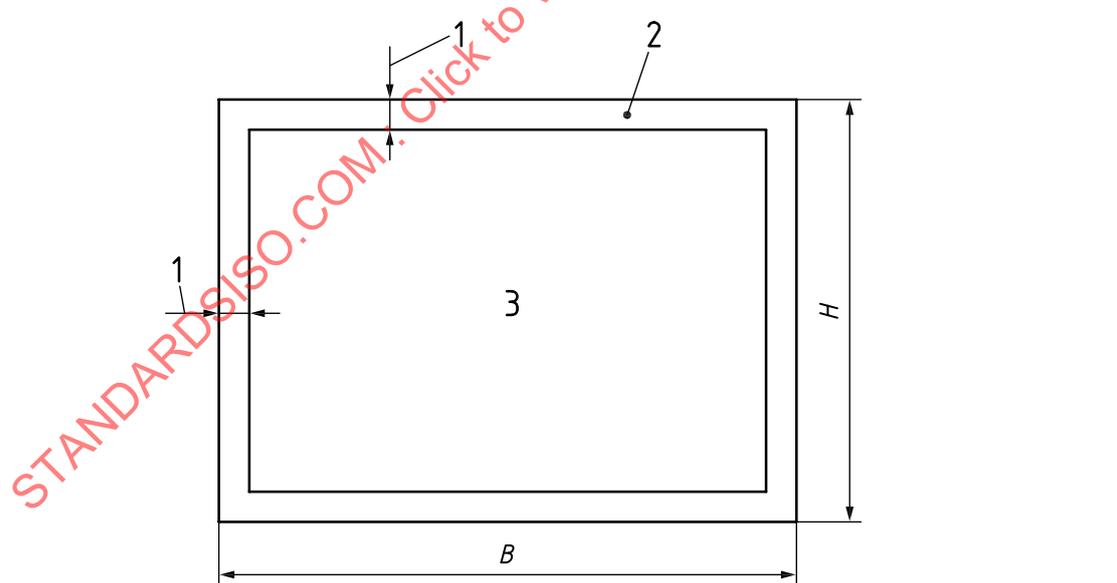
distortion in the interlayer, caused by manufacturing defects in the interlayer or due to interlayer inhomogeneity, that are visible after manufacture

3.10

edge area

perimeter of the pane which is generally contained within the glazing system

Note 1 to entry: For pane sizes that are less than 5 m², the width of the edge area as given in [Figure 1](#) is 15 mm. The width of the edge area is increased to 20 mm for pane sizes that are greater than 5 m².



Key

- | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|---|-----------|
| <i>B</i> | width | 2 | edge area |
| <i>H</i> | length | 3 | main area |
| 1 | width of edge area | | |

Figure 1 — Areas to be examined on finished sizes ready for glazing

3.11

vision area

main area of the glass that excludes the edge area

4 Method of observation

The laminated glass is put in a vertical position, in front of and parallel to a matt grey screen, and is lit by diffuse daylight or equivalent.

The laminated glass is visually inspected perpendicularly at a distance of 2 m from the glass, with the matt screen on the other side of the glass.

Any visible defects that are disturbing shall be marked.

An alternative method of observation by pack is given in [Annex A](#).

5 Vents

Vents are not permitted.

6 Creases and streaks

Creases and streaks are not permitted in the vision area.

7 Defects in the vision area

7.1 Spot defects in the vision area

When inspected according to the method given in [Clause 4](#), the admissibility of spot defects depends on the following:

- size of the defect;
- frequency of the defect;
- number of panes as components of a laminated glass.

The number of permissible defects in a pane shall be in accordance with [Table 1](#).

Defects less than 0,5 mm shall not be considered.

Defects greater than 3 mm shall not be permitted.

Table 1 — Permissible spot defects in the vision area

Size of defect <i>d</i> mm		0,5 < <i>d</i> ≤ 1,0	1,0 < <i>d</i> ≤ 3,0			
Size of pane <i>A</i> m ²		for all sizes	<i>A</i> ≤ 1	1 < <i>A</i> ≤ 2	2 < <i>A</i> ≤ 8	<i>A</i> > 8
Number of permissible defects	2 panes	no limitation, however, no accumulation of defects	1	2	1/m ²	1,2/m ²
	3 panes		2	3	1,5/m ²	1,8/m ²
	4 panes		3	4	2/m ²	2,4/m ²
	≥ 5 panes		4	6	2,5/m ²	3/m ²

NOTE An accumulation of defects occurs if four or more defects are at a distance of <200 mm from each other. This distance is reduced to 180 mm laminated glass consisting of three panes, to 150 mm laminated glass consisting of four panes and to 100 mm laminated glass consisting of five or more panes.

The number of permissible defects in [Table 1](#) shall be increased by one for each individual interlayer which is thicker than 2 mm.

7.2 Linear defects in the vision area

When inspected according to the method given in [Clause 4](#) linear defects are permitted as given in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Number of permissible defects in the vision area

Area of pane m ²	Number of permissible defects >30 mm in length ^a
≤5	not permitted
5 to 8	1
>8	2

^a Linear defects less than 30 mm in length are permitted.

8 Defects in the edge area

8.1 Framed edges

When inspected according to the test method given in [Clause 4](#), defects which do not exceed 5 mm in diameter are permitted and the total defect area shall not exceed 5 % of the edge area.

8.2 Unframed edges

If laminated glass is unframed, its edges shall be as given in ISO 12543-5:

- ground edges;
- polished edges;
- bevelled edges.

When inspected according to the method given in [Clause 4](#), shells, bubbles are permissible if they do not become visually disturbing. Interlayer retractions deeper than 2 mm are not permissible. Interlayer extrusions at the edge should be flush trimmed.

9 Laminated glass incorporating thermally treated glasses

In laminated glass which incorporates one or more thermally treated glass products optical distortions and anisotropy originating from the thermal treatment processes can be visible. The statements made in the applicable standards for thermally treated products regarding optical distortions and anisotropy are equally valid for laminated glass incorporating thermally treated glasses.

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