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# Plastics — Industrial laminated sheets based on thermosetting resins — Specification

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies the characteristics of industrial laminated sheets made with any one of the following resins as the binder : epoxide (epoxy), melamine, phenolic, polyester (unsaturated), and silicone. The sheets covered are flat and the preferred nominal thicknesses are listed in table 3.

NOTE — The scope of this International Standard may subsequently be extended to cover additional, commercially established types of industrial laminated sheets of similar basic composition.

## 2 REFERENCES

ISO 62, *Plastics — Determination of water absorption*.<sup>1)</sup>

ISO 178, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties of rigid plastics*.

ISO/R 179, *Plastics — Determination of the Charpy impact resistance of rigid plastics (Charpy impact flexural test)*.

ISO/R 180, *Plastics — Determination of the Izod impact resistance of rigid plastics (Izod impact flexural tests)*.

ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*.

IEC Publication 112, *Recommended method for determining the comparative tracking index of solid insulating materials under moist conditions*.

IEC Publication 167, *Methods of test for the determination of the insulation resistance of solid insulating materials*.

IEC Publication 243, *Recommended methods of test for electric strength of solid insulating materials at power frequencies*.

IEC Publication 250, *Recommended methods for the determination of the permittivity and dielectric dissipation factor of electrical insulating materials at power, audio and radio frequencies including metre wavelengths*.

IEC Publication 587, *Test method for evaluating resistance to tracking and erosion of electrical insulating materials used under severe ambient conditions*.

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

### 3.1 Designation

The sheets covered by this specification are classified into types which differ in the resin and reinforcement employed and in the distinguishing properties.

Individual types are designated by

- a two-letter abbreviation denoting the resin;
- a second two-letter abbreviation, denoting the reinforcement;
- a serial number.

The abbreviations are given in 3.2.

*Example* : Type EP GC 3 is the third type in the group of types based on epoxide resin reinforced with woven glass fabric.

### 3.2 Abbreviations

Resins	Abbreviation
Epoxide (epoxy)	EP
Melamine	MF
Phenolic	PF
Polyester (unsaturated)	UP
Silicone	SI

Reinforcements	Abbreviation
Cellulose paper	CP
Woven cotton fabric	CC
Wood veneer	WV
Asbestos paper	AP
Woven asbestos fabric	AC
Asbestos felt (mat)	AM
Woven glass fabric	GC
Glass mat	GM

### 3.3 Type

The combinations of resins and reinforcements which constitute the types covered by this International Standard, together with applications and distinguishing properties, are given in table 1.

<sup>1)</sup> At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO/R 62 and ISO/R 117.)

#### 4 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this International Standard the following definitions apply :

**4.1 laminates :** Products made by bonding together two or more layers of material or materials. Industrial laminated sheets based on thermosetting resins consist of superimposed layers of paper, fabric, veneer, or felt (mat) that have been substantially impregnated with a thermosetting or curable resin and bonded together under pressure, with or without heat, to form a single piece. Other ingredients, for example colouring matter, may be incorporated.

**4.2 epoxide (epoxy) resin :** Synthetic resin containing epoxide groups and capable of crosslinking.

**4.3 melamine resin :** An amino resin made by polycondensation of melamine with formaldehyde or a compound that is capable of providing methylene bridges.

**4.4 phenolic resin :** Generically a class of resins made by the polycondensation of phenol, its homologues and/or derivatives, with aldehydes or ketones.

**4.5 polyester resin (unsaturated) :** A crosslinked polymer in which the repeated structural unit in the chain is of the ester type and which is crosslinked through polymerization of double bonds.

**4.6 silicone resin :** Resin in which the main polymer chain consists of alternating silicon and oxygen atoms, with carbon-containing side groups and capable of crosslinking.

#### 5 APPEARANCE

Sheets shall be free from blisters, wrinkles and cracks and reasonably free from other defects, for example scratches, dents, and discoloration. A small amount of mottle is permissible.

#### 6 FLATNESS

When any sheet of nominal thickness 3 mm or more is placed without restraint, concave side up, on a flat surface, the departure at any point of the upper surface of the sheet from a light straightedge laid in any direction upon it shall not exceed either of the appropriate values given in table 2.

TABLE 2 – Maximum permissible departure of surface of sheet from straightedge

Values in millimetres

Material	Thickness	Length of straight edge	
		1 000	500
PF AC 1	3 to 6 inclusive > 6 to 8 inclusive > 8	15	4
SI GC 1			
SI GC 2			
PF WV 1	12 and over	9	2
PF WV 2			
All other types	3 to 6 inclusive	10	2,5
	> 6 to 8 inclusive	8	2,0
	> 8	6	1,5

#### 7 TOLERANCES ON THICKNESS

The deviation from nominal thickness of a sheet at any point shall not exceed the value shown in table 3 for the appropriate type and thickness. The diameter of the anvil of the measuring device shall be 6 to 8 mm.

#### 8 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

When determined by the appropriate test methods, the physical properties shall be as given in table 4. In all cases, test results shall be rounded to the same degree of precision as the limiting values.

TABLE 4 – Physical properties

A. Epoxide resin EP									
Property	Method of test	Unit	Max. or min.	Max. or min. nominal thickness of sheet to which test is applied	Types				
					EP CP 1	EP GC 1	EP GC 2	EP GC 3	EP GC 4
Flexural stress at rupture perpendicular to laminations	Annex A	MPa	min.	1,5 mm min.	110	340	340	340 <sup>1)</sup>	340 <sup>1)</sup>
Impact strength (notched specimen tested parallel to laminations) a) Charpy <sup>2)</sup> b) Izod <sup>2)</sup>	Annex B Annex C	kJ/m <sup>2</sup> J per mm of notch	min. min.	5 mm min. 5 mm min.	— —	37 0,40	37 0,40	37 0,40	37 0,40
Electric strength at 90 °C in oil, perpendicular to laminations	Annex D	MV/m	min.	3 mm max. <sup>3)</sup>	See table 6				
Electric strength at 90 °C in oil, parallel to laminations <sup>4)</sup> a) 20 s step-by-step test b) 1 min proof test	Annex D Annex D	kV kV	min. min.	3 mm min. <sup>5)</sup> 3 mm min. <sup>5)</sup>	20 20	35 35	35 35	35 35	35 35
Insulation resistance after immersion in water	Annex E	MΩ	min.	3 mm max. <sup>3)</sup>	1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	5 × 10 <sup>4</sup>			
Dissipation factor at 1 MHz after immersion in water	Annex F	—	max.	3 mm max.	0,05	0,04	0,04	0,04	0,04
Relative permittivity at 1 MHz after immersion in water	Annex F	—	max.	3 mm max.	5,0	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5
Flammability	Under consideration								
Water absorption	ISO 62 Method 19 <sup>9)</sup>	mg	max.		See table 5				

See notes at the end of the table (page 10).

TABLE 4 (continued)

C. Phenolic resin PF																
Property	Method of test	Unit	Max. or min.	Max. or min. nominal thickness of sheet to which test is applied	Types											
					PF CP 1	PF CP 2	PF CP 3	PF CP 4	PF CP 5	PF CP 6	PF CP 7	PF CC 1	PF CC 2	PF CC 3	PF CC 4	
Flexural stress at rupture, perpendicular to laminations	Annex A	MPa	min.	1,5 mm min.	135	120	120	75	75	85	80	100	90	110	100	
Impact strength (notched specimen tested parallel to laminations) a) Charpy <sup>2)</sup> b) Izod <sup>2)</sup>	Annex B Annex C	kJ/m <sup>2</sup> J per mm of notch	min. min.	5 mm min. 5 mm min.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,8	7,8	7,0	6,0	
					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electric strength at 90 °C in oil, perpendicular to laminations	Annex D	MV/m	min.	3 mm max. <sup>3)</sup>	—	See table 6										
Electric strength at 90 °C in oil, parallel to laminations <sup>4)</sup> a) 20 s step-by-step test b) 1 min proof test	Annex D Annex D	kV kV	min. min.	3 mm min. <sup>5)</sup> 3 mm min. <sup>5)</sup>	—	40	20	25	25	25	25	—	—	—	—	20
					—	40	20	25	25	25	—	—	—	—	—	20
Insulation resistance after immersion in water	Annex E	MΩ	min.	3 mm max. <sup>3)</sup>	—	5 × 10 <sup>1</sup>	1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	1 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	—	—	1 × 10 <sup>1</sup>	—	1 × 10 <sup>1</sup>	
Dissipation factor at 1 MHz after immersion in water	Annex F	—	max.	3 mm max.	—	—	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,055	—	—	—	—	—	
Relative permittivity at 1 MHz after immersion in water	Annex F	—	max.	3 mm max.	—	—	5,5	5,5	5,5	6,0	—	—	—	—	—	
Dissipation factor at 50 Hz after heating	Annex G	—	max.	3 mm max.	—	0,05	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Relative permittivity at 50 Hz after heating	Annex G	—	max.	3 mm max.	—	5,5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Flammability	Under consideration															
Water absorption	ISO 62 Method 1 <sup>9)</sup>	mg	max.													

See table 5

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TABLE 4 (continued)

D. Polyester resin (unsaturated) UP							
Property	Method of test	Unit	Max. or min.	Max. or min. nominal thickness of sheet to which test is applied	Types		
					UP GM 1	UP GM 2	UP GM 3
Flexural stress at rupture, perpendicular to laminations	Annex A	MPa	min.	1,5 mm min.	130 <sup>7)</sup>	130 <sup>7)</sup>	130 <sup>7)</sup>
Impact strength (notched specimen tested parallel to laminations) a) Charpy <sup>2)</sup> b) Izod <sup>2)</sup>	Annex B Annex C	kJ/m <sup>2</sup> J per mm of notch	min. min.	6 mm min. 5 mm min.	50 0,40	50 0,40	50 0,40
Electric strength at 90 °C in oil, perpendicular to laminations	Annex D	MV/m	min.	3 mm max. <sup>3)</sup>	See table 6		
Electric strength at 90 °C in oil, parallel to laminations <sup>4)</sup> a) 20 s step-by-step test b) 1 min proof test	Annex D Annex D	kV kV	min. min.	3 mm min. <sup>5)</sup> 3 mm min. <sup>5)</sup>	35 35	35 35	35 35
Insulation resistance after immersion in water	Annex E	MΩ	min.	3 mm max. <sup>3)</sup>	5 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	5 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	5 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
Tracking resistance a) IEC 112 test  b) Inclined plane test	IEC Publication 112 (proof test) IEC Publication 587	V —	proof min.	All thicknesses  3 mm min.	Pass at 500 —	Pass at 500 —	— Under consideration
Flammability	Under consideration				—	Under consideration	
Water absorption	ISO 62 Method 19 <sup>9)</sup>	mg	max.		See table 5		

See notes at the end of the table (page 10).



## ANNEX A

**DETERMINATION OF FLEXURAL STRESS AT RUPTURE, PERPENDICULAR TO LAMINATIONS**

Flexural stress at rupture shall be determined by the method specified in ISO 178.

Cut the test specimens from the sheet to be tested with their major axes in the directions indicated at A and B in figure 1 of ISO 178. Take at least five specimens in each direction. If the sheet to be tested is more than 10 mm thick (20 mm in the case of Type WV), reduce the thickness of the test specimens to 10 mm (20 mm in the case of Type WV), leaving one face of the sheet intact.

Condition the test specimens for at least 24 h in a con-

trolled atmosphere of  $50 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity at a temperature of  $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ . Commence the test within 3 min of removal of each test specimen from the controlled atmosphere. Load the specimens perpendicular to the laminations.

Calculate the average of the results for each direction and take the lower of the two averages as the flexural stress at rupture of the sheet under test. However, for Type WV sheets with the veneers arranged with their grain mainly in the same direction, take the higher of the two averages. (See note 6 to table 4.)

## ANNEX B

**DETERMINATION OF IMPACT STRENGTH, CHARPY (NOTCHED SPECIMEN)**

Impact strength, Charpy, shall be determined with notched specimens as specified in ISO/R 179.

Cut the test specimens from the sheet to be tested with their major axes in the directions indicated at A and B in figure 1. Take five specimens in each direction.

Condition the test specimens for at least 24 h in a controlled atmosphere of  $50 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity at a temperature of  $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ . Commence the test within 3 min of removal of each test specimen from the controlled atmosphere. Strike the specimens parallel to the laminations.

Calculate the average of the results for each direction and take the lower of the two averages as the impact strength, Charpy, of the sheet under test. However, for Type WV sheets with the veneers arranged with their grain mainly in the same direction, take the higher of the two averages. (See note 6 to table 4.)

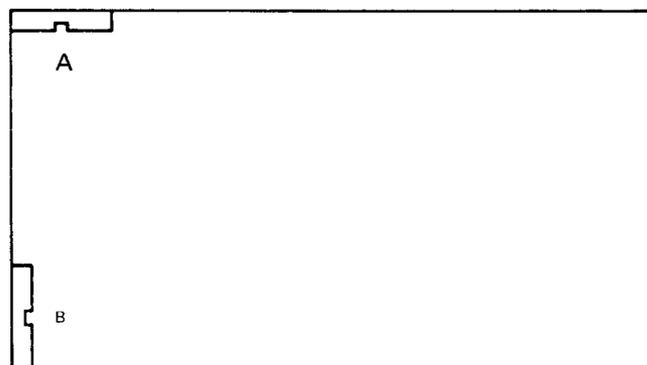


FIGURE 1 – Determination of impact strength – Direction of test specimens