
**Glass in building — Destructive-
windstorm-resistant security glazing —
Test and classification**

*Verre dans la construction — Vitrages de sécurité résistant aux
tempêtes destructrices — Essai et classification*

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Foreword

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Glass in building — Destructive-windstorm-resistant security glazing — Test and classification

1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard determines resistance of security glazing products to natural threats characterized by simulated destructive-windstorm events. Classification is intended as basis for judging the ability of glazing to remain without openings during a severe tropical cyclone with sustained wind speed of 50 m/s or greater. Impact by missile(s) and subsequent cyclic static-pressure differentials simulate conditions representative of windborne debris and pressures in a destructive windstorm. Glazing is tested in a standard frame. Classification is selected for a geographical location using the appropriate wind speed, pressure and level of protection.

1.2 The test method determines the performance of security glazing for use in fenestration assemblies under conditions representative of events that occur in severe, destructive-windstorm environments using simulated missile impact(s) followed by the application of cyclic static-pressure differentials.

1.3 A missile-propulsion device, an air pressure system and a test chamber are used to model some conditions that can be representative of windborne debris and pressures in a windstorm environment.

1.4 The performance determined by this test method relates to the ability of glazing in the building envelope to remain without openings during a windstorm.

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 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

security glazing

glass-based fenestration glazing products, usually transparent or translucent, intended to protect property or people from natural threats

3.2

destructive windstorm

severe weather event with high sustained winds and turbulent gusts, such as hurricanes or typhoons (tropical cyclones), defined herein as having a basic wind speed equal to or greater than 50 m/s, capable of generating windborne debris

**3.3
basic wind speed**

V

wind speed as determined by the authority having jurisdiction

NOTE The basic wind speed is intended to represent the sustained-wind-speed design basis a local for a hurricane or typhoon (tropical cyclone), such as used to describe a 50-year recurrence period or annual 0,02 probability.

**3.4
fenestration assembly**

glazing system intended to be installed in a building

EXAMPLE Exterior windows and glazed doors.

**3.5
air-pressure differential**

P

specified maximum differential in static air pressure across the specimen, creating an inward or outward load

NOTE The air-pressure differential is expressed in pascal or its multiples.

**3.6
missile**

object that is propelled toward a test specimen

**3.7
positive (or negative) cyclic test load**

specified differential in static air pressure, creating an inward or outward load, to which the specimen is subjected in a series of cycles

**3.8
test specimen**

glazing materials and glazing unit assembled in a standard frame

See Annex B.

**3.9
test-loading programme**

entire sequence of air-pressure cycles applied to the test specimen

**3.10
lumber missile**

dressed piece of surface-dried, soft-wood, structural timber that impacts the glazing surface of the specimen

**3.11
windborne debris**

objects carried by the wind in windstorms

**3.12
design pressure**

uniform, static air-pressure difference, inward or outward, for which the test specimen is designed under service load conditions, using local conventional structural engineering specifications and concepts

NOTE This pressure is determined by either analytical or wind-tunnel procedures.

4 Principle and significance

4.1 General

This test method consists of mounting the test specimen and testing to an appropriate class, by impacting the test specimen with (a) missile(s) and then applying cyclic static-pressure differentials across the test specimen in accordance with a specified test-loading programme. The condition of the test specimen is observed and measured, and the results reported.

4.2 Purpose

The purpose of this International Standard is to determine the resistance of various glazing materials and glazing systems to threats characteristic of destructive windstorms. Qualification under this International Standard provides a basis for judgment of the ability of elements of the building envelope to remain without openings during a hurricane or typhoon (tropical cyclone). This minimizes the damaging effects of a destructive windstorm on the building interior and reduces the magnitude of internal pressurization.

4.3 Options

The user of this International Standard either

- a) tests the glazing material to a specified and required "level of protection" for classification according to 9.3, or
- b) tests the glazing material to other conditions without classification as requested by the authority having jurisdiction, in which case, the required information, as described in Annex A, shall be provided for the test procedure.

5 Apparatus

5.1 General

Any equipment capable of performing the test procedure within the allowable tolerances may be used.

5.2 Equipment

5.2.1 Mounting frame

This fixture supports the outer specimen test frame(s) described in Annex B in a vertical position during testing. The maximum mounting-frame deflection of the longest member (either during impact or at the maximum specified static air-pressure differential) shall not exceed $L/360$, where L denotes the longest unsupported length of a member of the mounting frame. Frame-deflection measurements shall be made normal to the plane of the specimen at the point of maximum deflection. The mounting frame shall be either integral with the test chamber or capable of being installed into the test chamber prior to or following missile impact(s). The mounting frame shall be anchored so it does not move when the specimen is impacted. The specifications for the inner and the outer specimen-support frame are shown in Annex B.

5.2.2 Air-pressure cycling test chamber

This consists of an enclosure or box with an opening against which the test specimen is installed. It shall be capable of withstanding the specified cyclic static-pressure differential. The chamber shall be deep enough to avoid contact with the test specimen during pressure cycling. Pressure taps shall be provided to facilitate measurement of the cyclic static-pressure differential. They shall be located such that the measurements are unaffected by the air supplied to or evacuated from the test chamber or by any other air movements.

5.2.3 Air-pressure system

A controllable blower, a compressed-air supply/vacuum system or other suitable system capable of providing the required maximum air-pressure differential (inward and outward acting) across the test specimen. Specified pressure differentials across the test specimen shall be imposed and controlled through any system that subjects the test specimen to the prescribed test-loading programme. Examples of suitable control systems include manually operated valves, electrically operated valves or computer-controlled servo-operated valves.

5.2.4 Air-pressure-measuring apparatus

Pressure differentials across the test specimen shall be measured by an air-pressure-measuring apparatus with an accuracy of $\pm 2\%$ of its maximum rated capacity, or ± 100 Pa, whichever is less, and with a response time of less than 50 ms.

EXAMPLE Acceptable apparatus are mechanical pressure gages and electronic pressure transducers.

5.2.5 Missile-propulsion device(s)

This is a device capable of propelling a missile at a specified speed and orientation towards a specified impact location; see Annex C. The missile shall not be accelerating upon impact due to the force of gravity along a line normal to the specimen.

5.2.6 Speed-measuring system

This is a system capable of measuring missile speeds within the tolerances defined in 7.3.2.

5.2.7 Missiles

5.2.7.1 General

Missiles shall be one or more of the following as appropriate to classification; see 9.2.

Any other representative missiles shall have mass, size, shape and impact speed determined by engineering analysis considering the design basic wind speed.

5.2.7.2 Small-ball missile

A solid steel ball weighing $2\text{ g} \pm 5\%$, with an 8 mm nominal diameter, and an impact speed between 0,40 and 0,80 of the basic wind speed; see Table 4.

5.2.7.3 Lumber missile

The lumber missiles, typically, have a relative density of 0,48; a hardness of 2 600 N, as measured by a modified Janka hardness test^[8]; and cross-section dimensions of 38 mm \times 89 mm, with a linear density of between 1,61 kg/m and 1,79 kg/m. The timber, generally called "2 \times 4s" in reference to its nominal dimensions of 2 in by 4 in, shall have a mass and an impact speed as shown in Table 1. The missile shall have no defects, such as knots, splits, checks, shakes or wane, within 30 cm of the impact end. The impact end shall be trimmed square. If required for propulsion, a circular sabot having a mass of no more than 0,2 kg may be applied to the trailing edge of a large missile. The mass of the large missile includes the mass of the sabot.

5.3 Calibration

5.3.1 Speed-measuring system

The speed-measuring system shall be calibrated to an accuracy of $\pm 2\%$ of the elapsed time required to measure the speed of the specified missile. Calibration shall be performed at the manufacturer's recommended frequency, but in any event, not more than six months prior to the test date. The speed-measuring system shall be calibrated by at least one of the following methods:

- photographically, using a stroboscope and a still camera;
- photographically, using a high-speed motion-picture or video camera with a frame rate exceeding 500 frames per second capable of producing a clear image and a device that allows single-frame viewing;
- using gravity to accelerate a free-falling object having negligible air drag through the timing system and comparing measured and theoretical elapsed times;
- using any independently calibrated speed-measuring system with an accuracy of $\pm 1\%$.

5.3.2 Pressure transducers

Electronic pressure transducers shall be calibrated at six-month intervals using a standardized calibrating system or a manometer readable to 10 Pa (1 mm of water).

5.3.3 Manometers

The calibration of manometers is normally not required, provided that the instruments are used at a temperature near their design temperature.

6 Test specimens

6.1 General

The test specimens shall consist of the glazing panel mounted in a test frame.

Entire fenestration assemblies may be tested in a similar way.

6.2 Glazing material

The glazing material tested shall be nominally $(1\ 100 \pm 5)$ mm \times (900 ± 5) mm and shall be representative of the commercial production.

6.3 Number of samples

Three test specimens shall be submitted for the lumber-missile or small-ball-missile test.

6.4 Order of testing

Test specimens passing the acceptance criteria of the lumber-missile or small-ball-missile impact test shall be submitted for the air-pressure-cycle test.

7 Test procedure

7.1 General

Glazing materials shall be tested to a class appropriate to its use, as described in Clause 9. Basic wind speed and level of protection is specified by the authority having jurisdiction or as directed by the test client. If the intent is to classify the glazing, the following test information shall be provided:

- a) basic wind speed;
- b) level of protection;
- c) maximum specified air-pressure differential (if different from Table 4).

If the glazing material is tested at other conditions required by the authority having jurisdiction, then the required information shall be provided, as described in Annex A.

7.2 Preparation

7.2.1 Installation

Support and secure the test specimen into the standard mounting frame in a vertical position. The test specimen shall not be removed from the mounting frame at any time during the test sequence.

7.2.2 Conditioning

Unless otherwise specified, condition the specimens separately for at least 4 h within a temperature range of 18 °C to 28 °C.

7.2.3 Missile impact

Take the following steps to prepare the specimen for missile impact.

- Secure the specimen and mounting frame such that the missile (lumber missile or small-ball missile) impacts the exterior side of the specimen as installed.
- Locate the end of the propulsion device from which the missile exits at least 1,5 times the length of the missile from the specimen. This distance shall be no less than 1,80 m.
- Set up appropriate signal/warning devices to prevent test and/or other personnel from coming between the propulsion device and the test specimen during testing.
- Weigh each missile prior to starting the test.
- Load the missile into the propulsion device.
- Reset the speed-measuring system.
- Align the missile-propulsion device such that the specified missile impacts the test specimen at the specified location.

7.3 Missile impact test

7.3.1 Projectile descriptions

Propel the small ball or proper lumber missile at the impact speed specified in Table 1. For classification, refer to Table 3.

Table 1 — Applicable missiles

Missile type	Missile	Impact speed m/s
A	(2 ± 0,1) g (small steel ball)	39,7
B	(2,05 ± 0,1) kg (small lumber)	12,2
C	(4,1 ± 0,1) kg (medium lumber)	15,3
D	(4,1 ± 0,1) kg (medium lumber)	24,4
E	(6,8 ± 0,1) kg (large lumber)	22,4

7.3.2 Impact-speed tolerance

Tolerances for the measured missile speed at any point after the missile acceleration caused by the propulsion device equals zero are as follows:

- ± 2 % when the specified speed is ≤ 23 m/s;
- ± 1 % when the specified speed > 23 m/s.

7.3.3 Impact angle

Upon impact, the longitudinal axis of missiles having a longitudinal axis, shall not deviate more than 5° from a line normal to the specimen at the specified impact point.

NOTE To ensure that the expected missile rotation prior to impact is less than 5° from a horizontal datum, measure the vertical height to the centre of the exit end of the propulsion device (if it is horizontal), h_B , and the vertical height to the centre of the missile impact point on the specimen, h_I , then:

$$5^\circ \leq \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{h_B - h_I}{d} \right|$$

where d denotes the horizontal distance from the exit end of the propulsion device to the specimen.

7.3.4 Impact location

7.3.4.1 Lumber-missile test

Impact each glazing test specimen once, as shown in Figure 1 a).

- a) Impact one specimen with the missile within a 65 mm radius circle at the centre of specimen.
- b) Impact a different specimen with the missile within a 65 mm radius circle with the centre located 150 mm from supporting members at a corner.
- c) Impact the remaining specimen with the missile within a 65 mm radius circle having its centre located 150 mm from supporting members at a diagonally opposite corner.

7.3.4.2 Small-ball-missile test

Impact each glazing test specimen three times with 10 steel balls each as shown in Figure 1 b). Each impact location shall receive a total of 30 impacts from steel balls.

- a) The corner-impact locations shall be entirely within a 250 mm radius circle having its centre located 275 mm from the corner edges.
- b) The edge-impact locations shall be entirely within a 250 mm radius circle having its centre located at 275 mm from the edges and located at the centre line between two corners.
- c) The centre-impact location shall be entirely within a 250 mm radius circle having its centre located at the horizontal and vertical centre line of the specimen.

7.3.5 Retesting

If necessary to retest, repeat steps 7.2.3 and 7.3.1 through 7.3.4 at all additional impact locations specified for test specimen.

7.4 Air-pressure-cycling test

7.4.1 General

Specimens passing the acceptance criteria for the lumber- or small-ball-missile impact test shall be subjected to the air-pressure-cycle test. If the mounting frame is not integral within the test chamber, attach the mounting frame to the test chamber such that the exterior side of the test specimen faces outward from the chamber.

7.4.2 Leakage

If at any time during testing the specified maximum pressure differential cannot be achieved in either direction due to excessive air leakage, tape may be used to cover cracks and joints through which leakage occurs. Tape shall not be used when there is a probability that it can restrict significantly differential movement between adjoining segments of the specimen. If excessive leakage exists and tape cannot be used, both sides of the test specimen may be covered with a single thickness of polyethylene or other plastic film no thicker than 0,050 mm. The technique of application is important in order that the full load is permitted to be transferred to the test specimen and that the film does not prevent movement or failure of the test specimen. Apply the film loosely with extra folds of material at each corner and at all offsets and recesses. When the load is applied, there shall be no effect caused by tightness of the plastic film.

7.4.3 Air-pressure differential

The maximum air-pressure differential, P , as defined in 3.5, is specified by the authority having jurisdiction, or it is equal to the design pressure assigned for worst exposure. Use Table 4 for classification purposes.

7.4.4 Cyclic test load

Unless otherwise specified, apply the static air-pressure-differential cyclic test load programme in accordance with Table 2 in which P denotes the maximum air-pressure differential. Unless otherwise specified, the duration of each air-pressure cycle shall not be less than 1 s and not more than 5 s. Dwell time between successive cycles shall be no more than 1 s.

- Interruptions of the cycle for equipment maintenance and repair shall be permitted.
- The test specimen shall not contact any portion of the test chamber at any time during the application of the cyclic static-pressure-differential loading.

8 Test requirements

8.1 General

To satisfy the criteria of the test method of this International Standard, the glazing shall remain substantially intact (without openings). For wind zone 4 or level of protection, level 4, the glazing shall resist all missile impact penetration.

8.2 Openings

In a glazing tested, no openings shall form through which a 76 mm diameter solid sphere can pass. No tears longer than 125 mm shall be formed.

8.3 Edge releases

If the glazing pulls out or releases from the edge of the test specimen frame as a result of impact without tearing, terminate the test and the glazing shall not be classified. Repeat the test using a new sample.

9 Classification

9.1 Requirements

Class depends primarily on the wind zone and level of protection. When tested using the standard frame (Annex B), glazing material satisfying Clause 8 shall be classified as providing acceptable protection for a windstorm in terms of the number of missile impacts, the mass/size of the missile, the missile velocity and the maximum pressure differential, P ; see Table 4. These are expressed as follows:

- wind zone class (wind zone 1 to wind zone 4) for basic wind speed,
- level of protection (level 1 to level 4), and
- design height of the assembly above ground level.

9.2 Applicable missile

The applicable missile from Table 1 shall be chosen using Table 3 unless otherwise specified.

9.3 Levels of protection

There shall be four levels of protection, defined as level 1 to level 4, which are to be specified by the authority having jurisdiction or as directed by the test client.

NOTE The following are example of levels of protection.

- Level 1 is advised for protection in areas of low windborne-debris threat; inland from the coastline and includes areas where the possibility of debris is reduced by strict zoning controls. This protection level is advised for “strictly controlled areas”, with little potential debris.
- Level 2 is advised for basic protection in ordinary areas of windborne-debris threat; it is advised for minimal protection in controlled areas having jurisdiction regulations for windborne debris.
- Level 3 is advised for enhanced protection in controlled area where a higher degree of protection is advisable. It is intended for areas with established jurisdictional regulations for windborne debris.
- Level 4 is advised for the protection of essential facilities in areas with some jurisdictional controls for debris, or enhanced protection from windborne debris areas that are jurisdictionally controlled but with severe conditions.

9.4 Basic wind-speed zones

There shall be four basic wind speed zones:

- wind zone 1; Basic wind speed equal to or greater than 50 m/s and less than 55 m/s ($50 \text{ m/s} \leq V < 55 \text{ m/s}$);
- wind zone 2; Basic wind speed equal to or greater than 55 m/s and less than 60 m/s ($55 \text{ m/s} \leq V < 60 \text{ m/s}$);
- wind zone 3; Basic wind speed equal to or greater than 60 m/s and less than 65 m/s ($60 \text{ m/s} \leq V < 65 \text{ m/s}$);
- wind zone 4; Basic wind speed equal to or greater than 65 m/s ($V \geq 65 \text{ m/s}$).

Wind speeds greater than 70 m/s are extremely destructive and special precautions shall be applied that are beyond the scope of this International Standard.

Table 3 — Required missiles for testing for classification

Height of assembly (elevation) m	Level of protection							
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	> 10	≤ 10	> 10	≤ 10	> 10	≤ 10	> 10	≤ 10
Wind zone 1	N	N	A	B	C	C	C	D
Wind zone 2	N	N	A	B	C	C	C	D
Wind zone 3	A	B	A	C	C	D	D	E
Wind zone 4	A	B	B	D	C	D	D	E

NOTE A, B, C, D, and E refer to applicable missile types, as defined in Table 1. N means that testing is not required.

Table 4 — Required air pressure differentials, P , for testing for classification

Zone	Basic wind speed m/s	Air-pressure differential for glazing tests P Pa
Wind zone 1	$50 \text{ m/s} \leq V < 55 \text{ m/s}$	2 490
Wind zone 2	$55 \text{ m/s} \leq V < 60 \text{ m/s}$	2 970
Wind zone 3	$60 \text{ m/s} \leq V < 65 \text{ m/s}$	3 450
Wind zone 4	$V \geq 65 \text{ m/s}$	3 640

10 Report

10.1 General

Report the following information:

- a) date of test and report;
- b) name(s) and address(es) of the testing agency;

- c) manufacturer's model number;
- d) description of the test specimen, glazing thickness and the number of specimens tested;
- e) detailed drawings or photograph of the test specimen, if necessary. Any deviation from the drawings or any modifications made to the test specimen to obtain the reported values shall be noted on the drawings and in the report;
- f) identification or description of any special specification or criteria when the tests are made to check conformity of the test specimen to that particular specification or pass/fail criteria;
- g) results for each test specimen.

10.2 Impact test

Report the following information:

- a) location of impact(s) on each test specimen;
- b) exact description of the missile including dimensions and mass;
- c) missile speed and orientation at impact;
- d) conditioning temperature of the specimens.

10.3 Air cyclic pressure test

Report the following information:

- a) cyclic static-pressure loading differential and sequence;
- b) maximum air-pressure differential, P , and its relationship to the design pressure;
- c) statement as to whether or not tape or film, or both, were used to seal against air leakage, and whether, in the judgment of the test engineer, the tape or film influenced the results of the test.

10.4 Results

Report the following information:

- a) description of the condition of the test specimens after completion of each portion of testing, including details of damage and any other pertinent observations;
- b) statement that the tests were conducted in accordance with this test method;
- c) results (pass or fail) for each test specimen;
- d) classification for the glazing product tested in accordance with Clause 9;
- e) statement of whether, upon completion of testing, the test specimens pass or fail in accordance with any specified criteria;
- f) name(s) of individual(s) conducting the test and the author of the report;
- g) signatures of persons responsible for supervision of the tests and a list of all observers;
- h) statement of any additional data or information considered to be useful to a better understanding of the test results, conclusions or recommendations, should be appended to the report.

Annex A (normative)

Required information

If it is not the intent to classify the glazing in accordance with Clause 9 but to test it at other conditions, the following test information shall be provided by the test client.

- a) number of test specimens;
- b) conditioning temperature of specimens and minimum cure, if appropriate;
- c) pass/fail criteria, if different from test requirement of Clause 8;
- d) basic wind speed;
- e) maximum air-pressure differential and its relationship to the design pressure;
- f) missile, and relationship to the classification defined in Clause 9, such as the following:
 - 1) description of the missile, including dimensions, mass, and tolerances,
 - 2) missile speed at impact, or the equation relating missile speed to basic wind speed, and missile orientation at impact,
 - 3) number of impacts, and
 - 4) location of impacts on the test specimens and tolerances;
- g) test-loading programme, and relationship to classification Clause 9, such as the following:
 - 1) positive and negative cyclic test loads,
 - 2) number of cycles of cyclic test load sequence to be applied, and
 - 3) minimum and maximum duration for each cycle;
- h) whether or not certification of the calibration is required.