
**Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications
and classes —**

Part 3:
Graded wood briquettes

*Biocombustibles solides — Classes et spécifications des
combustibles —*

Partie 3: Classes de briquettes de bois

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Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular, the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see www.iso.org/directives).

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 238, *Solid biofuels*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17225-3:2014), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- raw material basis enlarged
- values for chemical properties changed

A list of all parts in the ISO 17225 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

The objective of the ISO 17225 series is to provide unambiguous and clear classification principles for solid biofuels; to serve as a tool to enable efficient trading of biofuels; to enable good understanding between seller and buyer as well as a tool for communication with equipment manufacturers. It will also facilitate authority permission procedures and reporting.

This document supports the use of graded wood briquettes for residential, small commercial and public building applications.

The residential, small commercial and public building applications require higher quality fuel for the following reasons:

- Small-scale equipment does not usually have advanced controls and flue gas cleaning
- Appliances are not generally managed by professional heating engineers
- Appliances are often located in residential districts

NOTE 1 Wood briquettes produced according to this document can be used in stoves, fireplaces, cookers, roomheaters and multifired sauna stoves, which are tested according to European standards EN 13229^[1], EN 12815^[2], EN 12809^[3], EN 13240^[4], EN 15250^[5] and EN 15821^[6], and boilers systems tested according to EN 303-5^[7].

NOTE 2 For individual contracts ISO 17225-1 can be used.

Although this document can be obtained separately, they require a general understanding of the standards based on and supporting ISO 17225-1. It is recommended to obtain and use ISO 17225-1 in conjunction with this document.

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Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes —

Part 3: Graded wood briquettes

1 Scope

This document determines the fuel quality classes and specifications of graded wood briquettes. This document covers only wood briquettes produced from the following raw materials (see ISO 17225-1: 2021, Table 1):

- 1.1 Forest, plantation and other virgin wood
- 1.2 By-products and residues from wood processing industry
- 1.3.1 Chemically untreated used wood

NOTE Thermally treated biomass briquettes (e.g. torrefied briquettes) are not included in the scope of this document.

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 14780, *Solid biofuels — Sample preparation*

ISO 16559, *Solid biofuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*

ISO 16948, *Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen*

ISO 16968, *Solid biofuels — Determination of minor elements*

ISO 16994, *Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of sulfur and chlorine*

ISO 17225-1, *Solid biofuels — Fuels specifications and classes — Part 1: – General requirements*

ISO 18122, *Solid biofuels — Determination of ash content*

ISO 18125, *Solid biofuels — Determination of calorific value*

ISO 18134-1, *Solid biofuels — Determination of moisture content — Oven dry method — Part 1: Total moisture — Reference method*

ISO 18134-2, *Solid biofuels — Determination of moisture content — Oven dry method — Part 2: Total moisture — Simplified method*

ISO 18135, *Solid Biofuels — Sampling*

ISO 18847, *Solid biofuels — Determination of particle density of pellets and briquettes*

ISO 21945, *Solid biofuels — Simplified sampling method for small scale applications*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16559 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1 additive

material which has been intentionally introduced into the fuel feed stock to improve quality of fuel (e.g. combustion properties or durability), to reduce emissions or to make production more efficient

Note 1 to entry: Trace amounts of e.g. grease or other lubricants that are introduced into the fuel processing stream as part of normal mill operations are not considered as additives.

3.2 biofuel briquette

densified biofuel made with or without additives in pre-determined geometric form with at least two dimensions (length, width, height) of more than 25 mm, produced by compressing biomass

3.3 chemical treatment

any treatment with chemicals other than air, water or heat

EXAMPLE Glue and paint.

Note 1 to entry: Examples of chemical treatment are listed in ISO 17225-1.

3.4 commercial application

facility that utilizes solid biofuel burning appliances or equipment that have similar fuel requirements as residential appliances

Note 1 to entry: Commercial applications should not be confused with industrial applications, which can utilize a much wider array of materials and may have somewhat different fuel requirements.

3.5 woody biomass

biomass originating from trees, bushes and shrubs together with their fruit, leaves and needles inherent to the biomass

Note 1 to entry: This definition includes forest, plantation and other virgin wood, wood processing industry by-products and residues, and used wood

3.6 wood briquette

biofuel briquette (3.2) made from *woody biomass* (3.5)

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

The symbols and abbreviated terms used in this document conform with the SI system of units as far as possible.

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| <i>A</i> | Designation for ash content, A_d on dry basis [% in mass] |
| <i>ar</i> | as received |
| <i>D</i> | Designation for diameter as received, D [mm] |

d	dry (dry basis)
DE	Designation for particle density as received [g/cm ³]
L	Designation for length as received, L [mm]
M	Designation for moisture content as received on wet basis, M_{ar} [% in mass]
q	Designation for net calorific value as received, $q_{p,net,ar}$ [MJ/kg or GJ/t] at constant pressure

NOTE 1 1 MJ/kg equals 1 GJ/t or 0,2778 kWh/kg (1 kWh/kg equals 1 MWh/t and 1 MWh/t is 3,6 MJ/kg or GJ/t). 1 g/cm³ equals 1 kg/dm³. 1 mg/kg equals 0,000 1 %.

NOTE 2 Designation symbols are used in combination with a number to specify property levels in [Table 1](#). For designation of chemical properties, chemical symbols like S (sulfur), Cl (chlorine), N (nitrogen) are used and the property class is added at the end of the symbol.

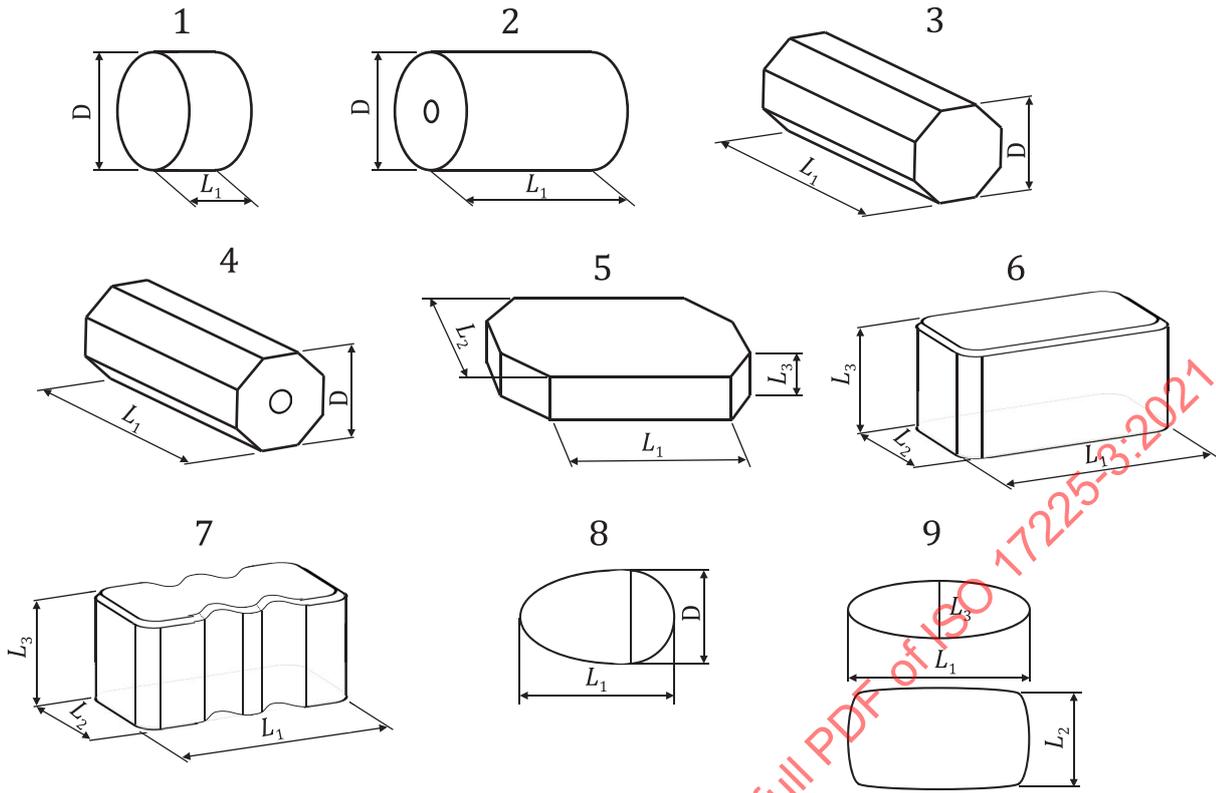
5 Specification of graded wood briquettes

The specification of the wood briquettes shall be in accordance with [Table 1](#) and [Figure 1](#). Sampling (according to ISO 18135 or ISO 21945), sample preparation (according to ISO 14780) and analysis of the properties shall be carried out in accordance with the methods given in the standards listed in the normative references in [Clause 2](#).

Property class A1 and A2 represents virgin woods and chemically untreated wood residues. A1 represents fuels which are low in ash and nitrogen content, while class A2 has slightly higher ash and nitrogen content. Property class B allows chemically treated industrial wood by-products and residues and chemically untreated used wood.

1.2.2 Chemically treated wood by-products and residues from wood processing industry and 1.3.1 Chemically untreated used wood according to ISO 17225-1:2021, Table 1 are included in class B as long as they do not contain heavy metals or halogenated organic compounds as a result of treatment with wood preservatives or coating. In case of raw materials belonging to 1.2.2 Chemically treated wood according to ISO 17225-1:2021, Table 1 the actual origin of the raw material shall be clearly described, e.g. 1.2.2 Residues from laminated wood production.

EXAMPLE Briquettes of class B produced from 99 % in mass sawdust from spruce 1.2.1.2 and 1 % in mass can contain glued wood from wood beam production (amount of glue < 0,1 % in mass).



Key

- D diameter
- L_1 length
- L_2 width
- L_3 height or diameter for cylinder briquettes

Figure 1 — Dimensions of briquettes

If data for chemical or physical properties are available, further analysis need not be required.

To ensure resources are used appropriately and the declaration is accurate, use the most appropriate measure below:

- 1) using previous measured values or obtained by experience of same raw material;
- 2) calculation of properties, e.g. by using typical values and considering generally accepted and documented specific values;
- 3) carrying out analysis:
 - a) with simplified methods if available;
 - b) with reference methods.

The responsibility of the producer or supplier to provide correct and accurate information is exactly the same whether laboratory analysis is performed or not. Typical values do not release the producer or supplier from providing accurate and reliable information.

It is important to carry out laboratory analysis, if the raw material basis is changed.

The quality shall be given either in the product declaration or by a corresponding label on the package.

Table 1 — Specification of graded wood briquettes

	Property class, Analysis method	Units	A		B ^a
			1	2	
Normative	Origin and source , shall be according to ISO 17225-1:2021, Table 1		1.1 Forest, plantation and other virgin wood 1.2.1 Chemically untreated wood residues ^b	1.1 Forest, plantation and other virgin wood 1.2.1 Chemically untreated wood residues ^b	1.1 Forest, plantation and other virgin wood 1.2 By-products and residues from wood processing industry 1.3.1 Chemically untreated used wood
	Diameter (D) and length (L₁) or length (L₁), width (L₂) and height (L₃) and shape According to Figure 1	mm	Diameter, length, width and height to be stated	Diameter, length, width and height to be stated	Diameter, length, width and height to be stated
			Specify according to Figure 1 e.g. 1 or 2, etc.	Specify according to Figure 1 e.g. 1 or 2, etc.	Specify according to Figure 1 e.g. 1 or 2, etc.
	Moisture, M , shall be according to ISO 18134-1, ISO 18134-2	% in mass as received	M12 ≤ 12	M15 ≤ 15	M15 ≤ 15
	Ash, A , shall be according to ISO 18122	% in mass dry	A1.0 ≤ 1,0	A3.0 ≤ 3,0	A5.0 ≤ 5,0
	Particle density, DE , shall be according to ISO 18847	g/cm ³ as received	DE1.0 ≥ 1,0 ^c	DE0.9 ≥ 0,9	DE0.9 ≥ 0,9
	Additives^d	% in mass as received	≤ 2 Type and amount to be stated	≤ 2 Type and amount to be stated	≤ 2 Type and amount to be stated
	Net calorific value, Q^e , shall be according to ISO 18125	MJ/kg or kWh/kg as received	Q ≥ 15,5 or ≥ 4,3	Q ≥ 14,4 or ≥ 4,0	Q ≥ 14,4 or ≥ 4,0
	Nitrogen, N shall be according to ISO 16948	% in mass, dry	N0.3 ≤ 0,3	N0.7 ≤ 0,7	N1.0 ≤ 1,0
	Sulfur, S shall be according to ISO 16994	% in mass, dry	S0.04 ≤ 0,04	S0.04 ≤ 0,04	S0.05 ≤ 0,05
	Chlorine, Cl shall be according to ISO 16994	% in mass, dry	Cl0.02 ≤ 0,02	Cl0.03 ≤ 0,03	Cl0.05 ≤ 0,05
	Arsenic, As shall be according to ISO 16968	mg/kg, dry	≤ 1	≤ 1	≤ 1
	Cadmium, Cd shall be according to ISO 16968	mg/kg, dry	≤ 0,5	≤ 0,5	≤ 0,5
Chromium, Cr shall be according to ISO 16968	mg/kg, dry	≤ 10	≤ 10	≤ 10	

^a Class B is not recommended for baking ovens.

^b Negligible levels of glue, grease and other timber production additives used in sawmills during production of timber and timber product from virgin wood are acceptable if all chemical parameters of the briquettes are clearly within the limits and concentrations are too small to be concerned with.

^c Particle density ≥ 0,9 g/cm³ is accepted for class A1 for hydraulically compressed briquettes.

^d Type of additives to aid production, delivery or combustion (e.g. pressing aids, slagging inhibitors or any other additives like starch, corn flour, potato flour, vegetable oil, lignin). Type and amount of additive(s) shall be stated.

^e See Annex D from ISO 17225-1:2021, for calculation of net calorific value as received.