
**Rubber- or plastics-coated
fabrics — Determination of roll
characteristics —**

**Part 3:
Method for determination of thickness**

*Supports textiles revêtus de caoutchouc ou de plastique —
Détermination des caractéristiques des rouleaux —*

Partie 3: Méthode de détermination de l'épaisseur

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 45, *Rubber and rubber products*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Products (other than hoses)*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2286-3:1998), which has been technically revised. The changes are as follows:

- in [4.1](#), the smallest scale reading has been changed to 0,01 mm;
- in [4.2](#), the pressure of 5 kPa has been added and the force corresponding to each pressure has been added for reference;
- in [Clause 5](#), the conditioning atmosphere has been clarified;
- in [Clause 6](#), the requirement for recording the temperature and humidity has been added; the usable width has been clearly specified; the period of pressing time has been changed to more flexible;
- in [Clause 8](#), items b) and e) have been added.

ISO 2286 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of roll characteristics*:

- *Part 1: Methods for determination of length, width and net mass*
- *Part 2: Methods for determination of total mass per unit area, per unit area of coating and mass per unit area of substrate*
- *Part 3: Method for determination of thickness*

Introduction

Compared with metals, coated fabrics are easily compressed, and the measured thickness will depend considerably upon the method and pressure employed. This is perhaps the single most important reason for having a standard method for measuring the thickness of coated fabrics.

An effort has been made to enable the results to be comparable with measurements of the thickness of textile substrates.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 2286 specifies a method for the determination, at a specified pressure, of the thickness of rubber- and plastics-coated fabrics, irrespective of the type of substrate employed. It is applicable to single-face, double-face and double-texture coated fabrics, as well as materials in which an expanded layer is included in the coating.

2 Normative reference

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

ISO 2231:1989, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

thickness

distance between the face and the back of a coated fabric, measured as the vertical distance between a reference plate on which the fabric rests and a parallel presser foot that is applying a pressure to the fabric

3.2

usable width

width of a coated fabric, excluding the selvedge, which is consistent in its properties, uniformly finished and free from unacceptable flaws

4 Apparatus

4.1 Dial gauge, of the deadweight type, designed to register the vertical distance between the bearing surfaces of a presser foot and reference plate, and equipped with a dial graduated to give a direct readout of the thickness to the nearest 0,01 mm. The gauge shall be calibrated in such a way as to permit at least one of the pressures specified in [4.2](#) to be obtained using at least one of the presser foot sizes.

4.2 Circular pressure foot, with a smooth, flat surface and a diameter of not less than 9 mm, capable of applying one or more of the following pressures:

- a) 2 kPa \pm 0,2 kPa;
- b) 5 kPa \pm 0,5 kPa;
- c) 10 kPa \pm 1,0 kPa;
- d) 24 kPa \pm 2,4 kPa.

NOTE 1 In case of the pressure foot of 10 mm diameter, the force is calculated from the pressure for each.

- a) 0,157 N \pm 0,016 N
- b) 0,393 N \pm 0,039 N
- c) 0,785 N \pm 0,079 N
- d) 1,88 N \pm 0,19 N

NOTE 2 The actual pressure exerted by the presser foot can be calculated in one of the following ways:

- a) by determining
 - 1) the force exerted by the presser foot assembly, using a calibrated counterbalance, and
 - 2) the surface area of the presser foot by direct measurement,

or

- b) by using a tension dial gauge.

4.3 Reference plate (anvil), having a plane upper surface of diameter not less than, preferably 50 mm greater than that of the presser foot (4.2).

4.4 Means for moving the pressure foot, in a direction normal to the upper surface of the reference plate so that its bearing surface is maintained parallel to the upper surface of the reference plate.

NOTE The parallelism of the presser foot and anvil surfaces when brought together can conveniently be checked by inserting a feeler gauge (one only, not several together) at points round the edge of the presser foot while it is resting freely on the anvil.

5 Conditioning

Condition the fabric to be tested in accordance with the method of conditioning "1" in ISO 2231:1989.

6 Procedure

6.1 General

Record the atmospheric temperature and the humidity at the time of the measurement.

6.2 Measurement

Before each determination, clean the surfaces of the presser foot and anvil and adjust the dial gauge to register zero when the anvil and presser foot are in contact. Make at least five thickness measurements, evenly spaced across the usable width of the fabric excluding 50 mm from the edge of the fabric, as follows.

Place the fabric on the anvil, ensuring that the fabric is smooth, without any accidental creases or wrinkles and without any tension. If there are intentional creases in the fabric, no attempt shall be made to smooth them out before making measurements. Lower the presser foot gently on to the fabric