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Furniture — Tests for surfaces —

Part 4 :

Assessment of resistance to impact

1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 4211 specifies a method of assessment of resistance to impact of the surfaces of finished furniture.

The tests are generally carried out on panels of a size sufficient to meet the requirements of the test and of the same material as, and finished identically to, the finished furniture.

The method is suitable for use either as a means of comparing different finishing systems or as a quality control test to ensure that a specified performance level is being achieved or maintained.

NOTE — The nature of the substrate will have a major effect on the results obtained in the test.

2 References

ISO 3290, *Rolling bearings — Bearing parts — Balls for rolling bearings*.

ISO 6508, *Metallic materials — Hardness test — Rockwell test (scales A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K)*.

3 Principle

A cylindrical steel weight is dropped from specified heights through a vertically-mounted guide onto a steel ball of specified diameter and hardness positioned on the test panel. The degree of damage to the test area is assessed by reference to a descriptive numerical rating code.

4 Apparatus and materials

4.1 Horizontal base which provides rigid support for the test panel. When the test area forms part of a piece of furniture, the complete item should stand on a rigid floor.

4.2 Vertically-mounted guide tube with an inside diameter of 40 ± 5 mm (A in figure 1). A $10 \pm 0,5$ mm thick disc with a centre hole of diameter $14^{+0}_{-0,05}$ mm for the ball (4.4) shall be attached to the bottom end of the guide tube.

4.3 Cylindrical steel weight (B in figure 1) with a mass of 500 ± 5 g and a diameter that is approximately 1 mm less than the inside diameter of the guide tube. This weight shall be made of softer alloy than the ball, so that it will not make indentations on the ball. Provision shall be made for the weight to be raised and lowered.

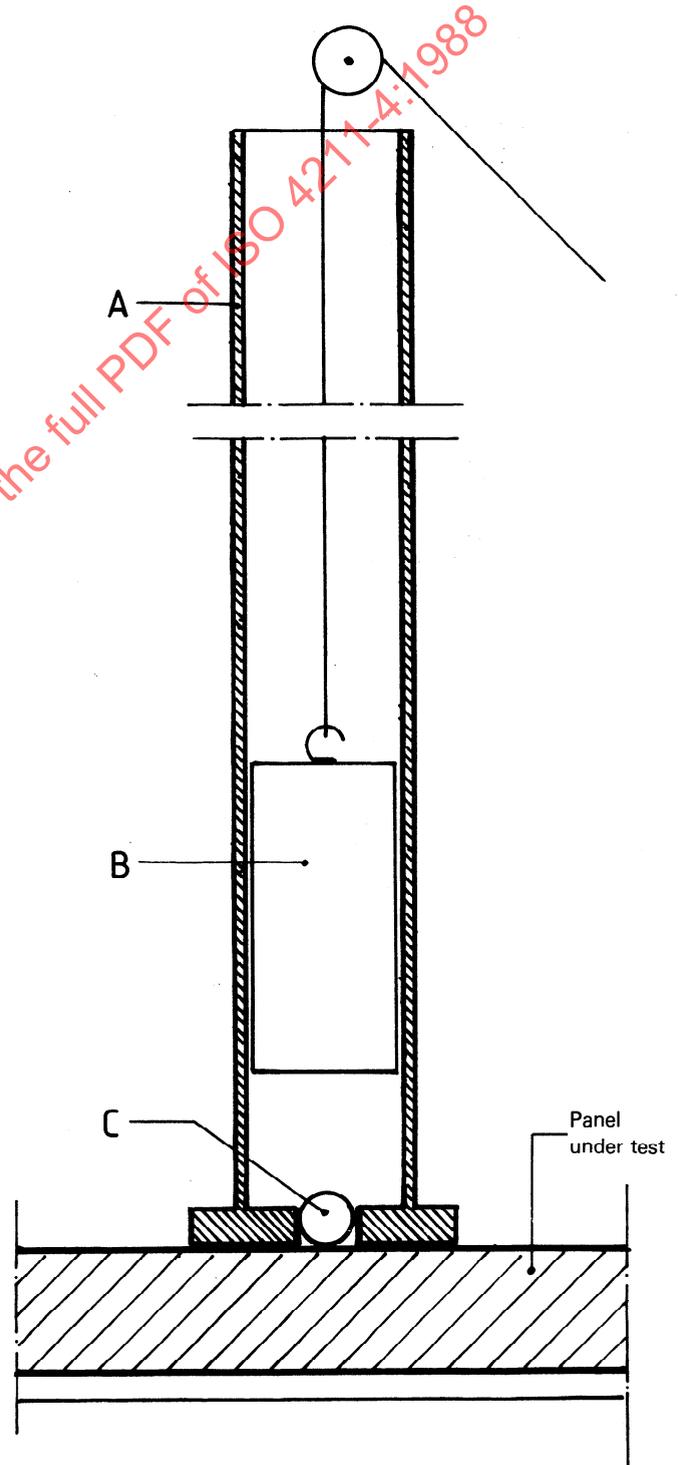


Figure 1 — Impact on surface

4.4 Steel ball (C in figure 1) with a diameter of 14 mm and Rockwell hardness of 60 to 66 HRC, a rolling bearing ball for example (see ISO 3290).

4.5 Magnifier, with a magnification of at least X7 fitted with a graticule scale which permits measurements to be taken to an accuracy of at least 0,1 mm.

5 Test panel

The test panel shall be substantially flat, preferably not less than 120 mm × 140 mm. It shall be prepared by the same procedure as adopted in making the commercial product. It shall be allowed to age at a temperature of not less than 15 °C with free access to air for a minimum of 28 days. Conditioning

should begin at least 7 days before testing and should be carried out in air at a temperature of 23 ± 2 °C and a relative humidity of (50 ± 5) %.

6 Procedure

6.1 General

No impact point shall be less than 20 mm from any edge of the test panel. The centres of impact points shall not be less than 20 mm apart. If the grid pattern method detailed in 6.2 is to be used, then six lines spaced at least 20 mm apart shall be marked out on the surface that is to be tested. If the surface material is anisotropic, the lines shall be perpendicular to the grain (or equivalent). Five impact points spaced at least 20 mm apart shall be marked off along each line (see figure 2).

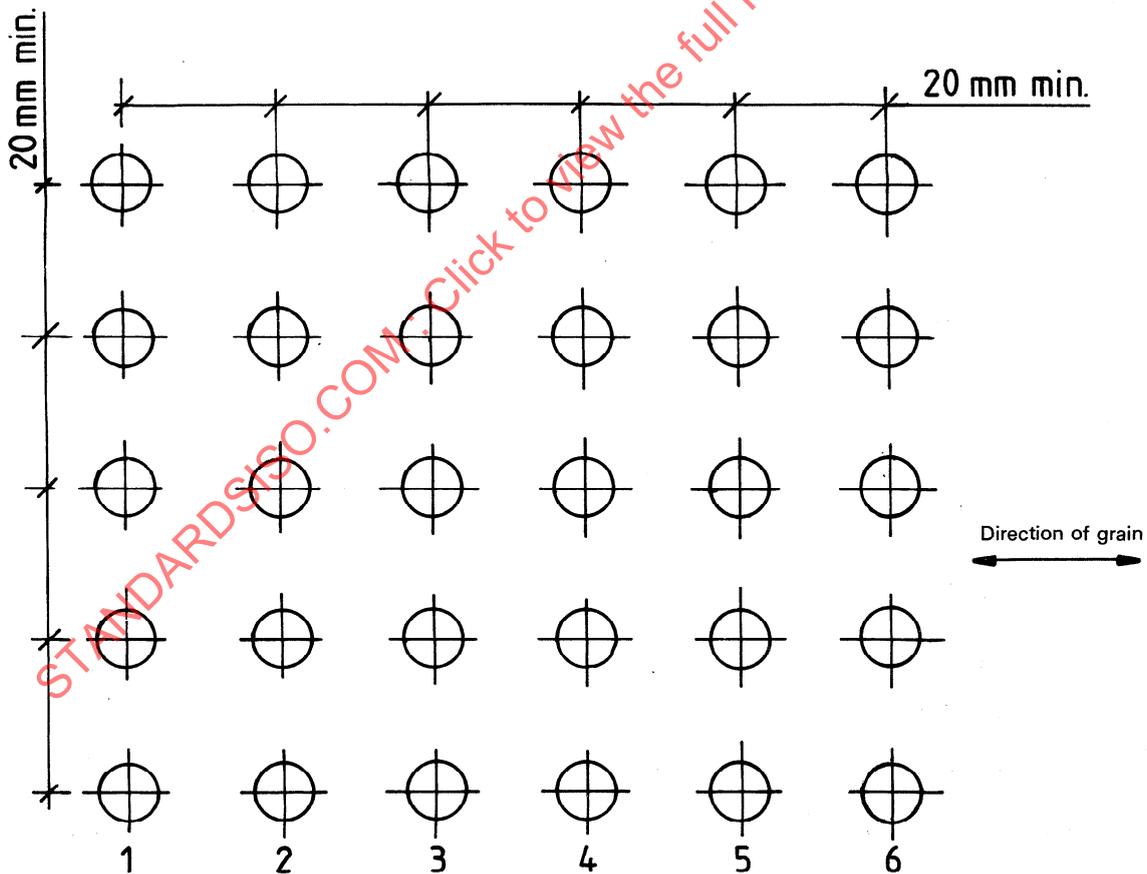


Figure 2 — Impact points on surface