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Building construction — Jointing products — Determination of resistance to flow

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of resistance to flow of sealants to be used in joints of vertical surfaces in building construction.

2 Reference

ISO 6927, *Building construction — Jointing products — Sealants — Vocabulary.*

3 Test method

3.1 Principle

Exposure of samples of the sealant to be tested, filled in aluminium U-profiles, for a defined time to various defined temperatures with the surface of the sealant in a vertical position. Measurement of the flow of the sealant out of the U-profiles at the end of the testing time.

3.2 Apparatus

3.2.1 U-profiles of non-anodized aluminium alloy, with a length of $150 \pm 0,2$ mm, with both ends open and the back surface at one end extended by $50 \pm 0,5$ mm, having a cross-section with the following internal dimensions :

- a) width $10 \pm 0,2$ mm, depth $10 \pm 0,2$ mm, or
- b) width $20 \pm 0,2$ mm, depth $10 \pm 0,2$ mm.

3.2.2 Polyethylene sheet.

3.2.3 Convection type oven, capable of operating at 70 ± 2 °C.

3.2.4 Convection type oven, capable of operating at 50 ± 2 °C.

3.2.5 Refrigerated container, controlled at 5 ± 2 °C.

3.2.6 Rule, with scale in millimetres.

3.3 Preparation of test specimens

The two U-profiles¹⁾ (3.2.1) are assembled according to the figure and set up on a polyethylene sheet (3.2.2). The delimited volume is filled with sealant, previously conditioned for 24 h at 23 ± 2 °C.

The following precautions shall be taken :

- a) avoid the formation of air bubbles;
- b) press the sealant on the inner profile surfaces;
- c) trim the sealant surface so that it is flush with the face and the ends of the U-profile.

3.4 Procedure

For each test temperature of 70, 50 and 5 °C, three test specimens shall be used. The test specimens shall be tested either according to procedure A (see 3.4.1) or according to procedure B (see 3.4.2), or both of them, as agreed upon.

3.4.1 Procedure A

Each test specimen, immediately after the preparation, shall be placed in the oven (3.2.3 or 3.2.4) or in the container (3.2.5) in a vertical position with the extensions of U-profiles at the bottom (see figure 1). It shall be submitted for 24 h to each test temperature and then removed from the oven and the container. The distance that the bottom edge of the sealant of each test specimen has moved downward along the extended back surface of the U-profile shall be measured in a vertical direction with the rule (3.2.6).

3.4.2 Procedure B

Each specimen, immediately after the preparation, shall be placed in the oven (3.2.3 or 3.2.4) or in the container (3.2.5) in an horizontal position with the open sealant surface in a vertical plane (see figure 2). It shall be submitted for 24 h to each test temperature and then removed from the oven and the container. The distance that the sealant has projected beyond the front of the U-profile of each test specimen shall be measured in a horizontal direction with the rule (3.2.6).

1) The U-profiles shall be first cleaned with methyl ethyl ketone or similar solvent, then cleaned with a detergent solution and finally rinsed with distilled water and air dried.