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Foreword

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The various parts of BS 8000 draw content from, and relate to, other relevant British Standards and codes. This part of BS 8000 makes recommendations and gives guidance on dry lining systems. It is intended to be read in conjunction with BS 8000-0, which encourages liaison between and awareness of adjoining/dependent trades and processes in the construction sequence (whether or not they are subject to one of the specialist titles in the series).

Information about this document

This document applies to the construction of dry lining using gypsum plasterboards manufactured to BS EN 520, BS EN 14190 and BS EN 13950 and metal framework components manufactured to BS EN 14195 and BS EN 13964.

The recommendations given are not fully comprehensive as particular project documents, e.g. project specifications might need to cover recommendations not dealt within this document. This document might not be applicable to the use of some proprietary systems.

The purpose of BS 8000-8 is to encourage good design and workmanship by providing:

- a) guidance for designers on the selection of systems;
- b) guidance for installers on the correct sequence and method of installation; and
- c) updated tolerances reflecting use and material installation and methods of measurement.

This is a full revision of the document, and introduces the following principal changes:

- 1) clarification of tolerances;
- 2) advice when installing dry lining to Steel Framing Systems (SFS);
- 3) testing of dry lining systems; and
- 4) expansion of relevant performance recommendations.

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1 Scope

This part of BS 8000 provides recommendations for the design and installation, including workmanship and finishing, of dry lining systems using gypsum-based plasterboards.

NOTE The general principles of workmanship on construction sites are given in BS 8000-0.

It covers the performance-critical aspects of the components and workmanship used in dry lining systems such as separation, fire protection, stability, applied loadings, acoustics, thermal insulation and aesthetics. It covers the impacts on performance such as design considerations, site conditions, tolerances and penetrations and defines the clear and repeatable measurement of tolerances and deviation methods. The document is intended to be easy for the delivery team to use and understand and can be used for education and training purposes.

It is applicable to the construction sector, in relation to dwellings, non-dwellings, new builds and refurbishments.

It is for use by manufacturers, suppliers, specifiers, designers, contractors, installers, project managers and all Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM) duty holders. It is also applicable to anyone with a vested interest in the end quality and performance of the dry lining, as well as building control clients and their teams.

It does not cover the installation of dry lining to systems constructed from light gauge steel framing (LGSF).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions, or limits the application, of this document.¹⁾ For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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