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Assessment of film extensibility by indentation
of a coating on a wooden substrate**

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European foreword

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- the designation of the cones in [Figure 1](#) and [Table 1](#) has been changed from figures to letters;
- the speed of the testing machine has been changed from 8 mm/min. to (10 ± 5) mm/min.;
- in [5.3](#) the magnification of the microscope has been changed from 50× to 10×;
- the size of the test panels has been changed;
- the number of tests has been changed from three to ten;
- a description of the cracked coating and a figure showing the appearance of concentric cracks in the coating has been added;
- the text has been editorially revised and the normative references have been updated.

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Introduction

A suitable extensibility of a coating film on wood in exterior use is of importance to follow dimensional changes of the wood and to resist some mechanical impacts without formation of cracks in the coating film. The simple method described in this document gives evidence on extensibility of a coating film on wood on an ordinal scale and provides first evidence on mechanical behaviour. A similar method exists in EN 13696:2008 for coated wood floorings in interior use but in the present document the description of a carefully selected substrate is added to enable testing of coating materials and coating systems for exterior wood. The method should preferably be used on coatings that have not been exposed to weathering but it may also be applied after ageing of the coating film or under different climatic conditions to gain additional experience.

1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for assessing film extensibility by indentation of a coating on a defined and carefully selected wooden extensibility substrate for coatings on stable wood components in exterior use. The method is preferably be used on coatings that have not been exposed to weathering.

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.

EN 927-3:2019, *Paints and varnishes — Coating materials and coating systems for exterior wood — Part 3: Natural weathering test*

EN ISO 4618:2014, *Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions (ISO 4618:2014)*

ISO 554, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications*

ISO 13061-2, *Physical and mechanical properties of wood — Test methods for small clear wood specimens — Part 2: Determination of density for physical and mechanical tests*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 4618:2014 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1

film extensibility

ability of a dry film to follow without damage the deformations of the substrate to which it is applied

4 Principle

A metal plate with 12 cones with different heights is pressed into a coated wood surface and after removing the plate coating cracks in the areas indented by the cones are assessed.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Cone plate, metal plate with 12 cones with different heights (see [Figure 1](#)). The tips of cones are slightly rounded, bases of all cones lie on the level of the metal plate. Measures of cones are listed in [Table 1](#).

Dimensions in millimetres