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**Foreword**

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 89 "Thermal performance of buildings and building components", the secretariat of which is held by SIS.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2000, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2001.

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This standard is one of a series of standards for the evaluation of the thermal performance of building materials and products.

**1 Scope**

This standard gives design data in tabular form for heat and moisture transfer calculations, for thermally homogeneous materials and products commonly used in building construction.

It also gives data to enable the calculation and conversion of design thermal values for various environmental conditions.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN ISO 7345 Thermal insulation - Physical quantities and definitions (ISO 7345:1987)

EN ISO 9346 Thermal insulation - Mass transfer - Physical quantities and definitions (ISO 9346:1987)

EN ISO 10456 Building materials and products – Procedures for determining of declared and design thermal values (ISO 10456:1999)

## 3 Definitions, symbols and units

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 7345, EN ISO 9346 and the following apply.

#### 3.1.1

##### declared thermal value

expected value of a thermal property of a building material or product

- assessed from measured data at reference conditions of temperature and humidity;
- given for a stated fraction and confidence level;
- corresponding to a reasonable expected service lifetime under normal conditions

[EN ISO 10456]

#### 3.1.2

##### design thermal value

value of thermal property of a building material or product under specific external and internal conditions which can be considered as typical of the performance of that material or product when incorporated in a building component

[EN ISO 10456]

### 3.2 Symbols and units

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>
$c_p$	specific heat capacity at constant pressure	J/(kg·K)
$f_v$	moisture conversion coefficient, mass by mass <sup>1</sup>	kg/kg
$f_\psi$	moisture conversion coefficient, volume by volume <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>3</sup>
$s_d$	water vapour diffusion-equivalent air layer thickness	m
$U$	moisture content, mass by mass <sup>2</sup>	kg/kg
$\lambda$	thermal conductivity	W/(m·K)
$\rho$	density	kg/m <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For conversion of thermal properties.

<sup>2</sup> Mass of evaporable water divided by dry mass of material.

$\psi$	moisture content, volume by volume <sup>3</sup>	m <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>3</sup>
$\mu$	water vapour resistance factor	—

## 4 Design thermal values

### 4.1 General

Design thermal values for building materials are used in heat and moisture transfer calculations.

Design thermal values can be derived from declared thermal values by applying the conversion procedures in EN ISO 10456. This is normally the case for thermal insulation materials. The method of determination of the declared thermal value for an insulation material is specified in product standards. Design thermal values for masonry materials are usually derived from the thermal conductivity in the dry state using EN ISO 10456.

**NOTE** The thermal conductivity in the dry state for masonry materials is given in prEN 1745:1994, Masonry and masonry products - Methods for determining design thermal values.

### 4.2 Tabulated design thermal values

Table 1 gives design thermal values for materials in general in building applications. When appropriate, linear interpolation may be used.

For insulation materials and masonry materials, Table 2 gives the moisture content of materials and products in equilibrium with air at 23 °C and relative humidities of 50 % and 80 %, and moisture conversion coefficients taken from EN ISO 10456. Table 2 also gives the water vapour resistance factor and specific heat capacity for these materials.

Table 3 gives the water vapour diffusion-equivalent air layer thickness for thin layers.

<sup>3</sup> Volume of evaporable water divided by dry volume of material.

Table 1 - Design thermal values for materials in general in building applications

Material group or application	Density $\rho$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Design thermal conductivity $\lambda$ W/(m·K)	Specific heat capacity $c_p$ J/(kg·K)	Water vapour resistance factor $\mu$	
				dry	wet
<b>Asphalt</b>	2100	0,70	1000	50000	50000
<b>Bitumen</b> Pure	1050	0,17	1000	50000	50000
Felt / sheet	1100	0,23	1000	50000	50000
<b>Concrete</b> <sup>(a)</sup>					
Medium density	1800	1,15	1000	100	60
	2000	1,35	1000	100	60
	2200	1,65	1000	120	70
High density	2400	2,00	1000	130	80
Reinforced (with 1 % of steel)	2300	2,3	1000	130	80
Reinforced (with 2 % of steel)	2400	2,5	1000	130	80
<b>Floor coverings</b>					
Rubber	1200	0,17	1400	10000	10000
Plastic	1700	0,25	1400	10000	10000
Underlay, cellular rubber or Plastic	270	0,10	1400	10000	10000
Underlay, felt	120	0,05	1300	20	15
Underlay, wool	200	0,06	1300	20	15
Underlay, cork	<200	0,05	1500	20	10
Tiles, cork	>400	0,065	1500	40	20
Carpet / textile flooring	200	0,06	1300	5	5
Linoleum	1200	0,17	1400	1000	800
<b>Gases</b>					
Air	1,23	0,025	1008	1	1
Carbon dioxide	1,95	0,014	820	1	1
Argon	1,70	0,017	519	1	1
Sulphur hexafluoride	6,36	0,013	614	1	1
Krypton	3,56	0,0090	245	1	1
Xenon	5,68	0,0054	160	1	1
<b>Glass</b>					
Soda lime (incl. "float glass")	2500	1,00	750	$\infty$	$\infty$
Quartz	2200	1,40	750	$\infty$	$\infty$
Glass mosaic	2000	1,20	750	$\infty$	$\infty$
<b>Water</b>					
Ice at -10 °C	920	2,30	2000		
Ice at 0 °C	900	2,20	2000		
Snow, freshly fallen (< 30 mm)	100	0,05	2000		
Snow, soft (30...70 mm)	200	0,12	2000		
Snow, slightly compacted (70...100 mm)	300	0,23	2000		
Snow, compacted (< 200 mm)	500	0,60	2000		
Water at 10 °C	1000	0,60	4190		
Water at 40 °C	990	0,63	4190		
Water at 80 °C	970	0,67	4190		
<b>Metals</b>					
Aluminium alloys	2800	160	880	$\infty$	$\infty$
Bronze	8700	65	380	$\infty$	$\infty$
Brass	8400	120	380	$\infty$	$\infty$
Copper	8900	380	380	$\infty$	$\infty$
Iron, cast	7500	50	450	$\infty$	$\infty$
Lead	11300	35	130	$\infty$	$\infty$
Steel	7800	50	450	$\infty$	$\infty$
Stainless steel	7900	17	460	$\infty$	$\infty$
Zinc	7200	110	380	$\infty$	$\infty$

Table 1 (continued)

Material group or application	Density $\rho$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Design thermal conductivity $\lambda$ W/(m·K)	Specific heat capacity $c_p$ J/(kg·K)	Water vapour resistance factor $\mu$	
				dry	wet
<b>Plastics, solid</b>					
Acrylic	1050	0,20	1500	10000	10000
Polycarbonates	1200	0,20	1200	5000	5000
Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)	2200	0,25	1000	10000	10000
Polyvinylchloride (PVC)	1390	0,17	900	50000	50000
Polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA)	1180	0,18	1500	50000	50000
Polyacetate	1410	0,30	1400	100000	100000
Polyamide (nylon )	1150	0,25	1600	50000	50000
Polyamide 6.6 with 25 % glass fibre	1450	0,30	1600	50000	50000
Polyethylene /polythene, high density	980	0,50	1800	100000	100000
Polyethylene/polythene, low density	920	0,33	2200	100000	100000
Polystyrene	1050	0,16	1300	100000	100000
Polypropylene	910	0,22	1800	10000	10000
Polypropylene with 25 % glass fibre	1200	0,25	1800	10000	10000
Polyurethane (PU)	1200	0,25	1800	6000	6000
Epoxy resin	1200	0,20	1400	10000	10000
Phenolic resin	1300	0,30	1700	100000	100000
Polyester resin	1400	0,19	1200	10000	10000
<b>Rubber</b>					
Natural	910	0,13	1100	10000	10000
Neoprene (polychloroprene)	1240	0,23	2140	10000	10000
Butyl, (isobutene), solid/hot melt	1200	0,24	1400	200000	200000
Foam rubber	60 - 80	0,06	1500	7000	7000
Hard rubber (ebonite), solid	1200	0,17	1400	$\infty$	$\infty$
Ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM)	1150	0,25	1000	6000	6000
Polyisobutylene	930	0,20	1100	10000	10000
Polysulfide	1700	0,40	1000	10000	10000
Butadiene	980	0,25	1000	100000	100000
<b>Sealant materials, weather stripping and thermal breaks</b>					
Silica gel (dessicant)	720	0,13	1000	$\infty$	$\infty$
Silicone, pure	1200	0,35	1000	5000	5000
Silicone, filled	1450	0,50	1000	5000	5000
Silicone foam	750	0,12	1000	10000	10000
Urethane/polyurethane (thermal break)	1300	0,21	1800	60	60
Polyvinylchloride (PVC) flexible, with 40 % softener	1200	0,14	1000	100000	100000
Elastomeric foam, flexible	60 - 80	0,05	1500	10000	10000
Polyurethane (PU) foam	70	0,05	1500	60	60
Polyethylene foam	70	0,05	2300	100	100
<b>Gypsum</b>					
Gypsum	600	0,18	1000	10	4
"	900	0,30	1000	10	4
"	1200	0,43	1000	10	4
"	1500	0,56	1000	10	4
Gypsum plasterboard <sup>(b)</sup>	900	0,25	1000	10	4
<b>Plasters and renders</b>					
Gypsum insulating plaster	600	0,18	1000	10	6
Gypsum plastering	1000	0,40	1000	10	6
"	1300	0,57	1000	10	6
Gypsum, sand	1600	0,80	1000	10	6
Lime, sand	1600	0,80	1000	10	6
Cement, sand	1800	1,00	1000	10	6
<b>Soils</b>					
Clay or silt	1200 - 1800	1,5	1670 - 2500	50	50
Sand and gravel	1700 - 2200	2,0	910 - 1180	50	50



Table 1 (concluded)

Material group or application	Density $\rho$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Design thermal conductivity $\lambda$ W/(m·K)	Specific heat capacity $c_p$ J/(kg·K)	Water vapour resistance factor $\mu$	
				dry	wet
<b>Stone</b> Natural, crystalline rock Natural, sedimentary rock Natural, sedimentary rock, light Natural, porous, e.g. lava Basalt Gneiss Granite Marble Slate Limestone, extra soft Limestone, soft Limestone, semi-hard Limestone, hard Limestone, extra hard Sandstone (silica) Natural pumice Artificial stone	2800	3,5	1000	10000	10000
	2600	2,3	1000	250	200
	1500	0,85	1000	30	20
	1600	0,55	1000	20	15
	2700 - 3000	3,5	1000	10000	10000
	2400 - 2700	3,5	1000	10000	10000
	2500 - 2700	2,8	1000	10000	10000
	2800	3,5	1000	10000	10000
	2000 - 2800	2,2	1000	1000	800
	1600	0,85	1000	30	20
	1800	1,1	1000	40	25
	2000	1,4	1000	50	40
	2200	1,7	1000	200	150
	2600	2,3	1000	250	200
	2600	2,3	1000	40	30
	400	0,12	1000	8	6
	1750	1,3	1000	50	40
<b>Tiles (roofing)</b> Clay Concrete	2000 2100	1,0 1,5	800 1000	40 100	30 60
<b>Tiles (other)</b> Ceramic/porcelain Plastic	2300 1000	1,3 0,20	840 1000		$\infty$ 10000
<b>Timber</b> <sup>(c)</sup> 700	500 700	0,13 0,18	1600 1600	50 200	20 50
<b>Wood-based panels</b> <sup>(c)</sup> Plywood <sup>(d)</sup> " " " " " " Cement-bonded particleboard Particleboard " " " " Oriented strand board (OSB) Fibreboard, including MDF <sup>(e)</sup> " " " " " "	300 500 700 1000 1200 300 600 900 650 250 400 600 800	0,09 0,13 0,17 0,24 0,23 0,10 0,14 0,18 0,13 0,07 0,10 0,14 0,18	1600 1600 1600 1600 1500 1700 1700 1700 1700 1700 1700 1700 1700	150 200 220 250 50 50 50 50 50 5 10 20 30	50 70 90 110 30 10 15 20 30 2 5 12 20

NOTE 1 For computational purposes the  $\infty$  value may have to be replaced with an arbitrarily large value, e.g.  $10^6$ .

NOTE 2 Water vapour resistance factors are given as dry cup and wet cup values, see prEN ISO 12572:1999, Hygrothermal performance of building materials and products – Determination of water vapour transmission properties.

(a) The density for concrete is the dry density.

(b) The thermal conductivity includes the effect of the paper liners.

(c) The density for timber and wood-based products is the density in equilibrium with 20 °C and 65 % relative humidity.

(d) As an interim measure and until sufficient significant data for solid wood panels (SWP) and laminated veneer lumber (LVL) are available, the values given for plywood may be used.

(e) MDF: Medium Density Fibreboard, dry process.