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## Foreword

This document (EN 15275:2007) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 193 “Adhesives”, the secretariat of which is held by AENOR.

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## Introduction

Anaerobic adhesives are single component adhesives that cure in absence of oxygen, curing being inhibited by the presence of oxygen and catalysed by metal ions. Polymerisation takes normally place at room temperature. Due to their curing properties these adhesives are well suited for easy assembling threaded and otherwise, pipes and tubes in building and civil engineering structures. By the curing reaction a polymeric material is formed, which fills narrow gaps or micro-imperfections of threads thus sealing and bonding the joint. In addition, anaerobic adhesives may be used to joint load-bearing parts of the structures when used in tubular lap joints or pin-into-bore type joints.

The primary aim of the test methods presented herein is for ranking and quality control of anaerobic adhesives and reliance should not be placed on any test results for design purposes. Design data should preferably be obtained from tests using the construction materials and configurations used in the actual design. The requirements to the assemblies are strongly depending on the intended use. Apart from the sealing ability, strength requirements may conflict with the intention to regular or occasional dismantling the joint for maintenance purposes. The values defined in this standard are considered to indicate a general or typical suitability for use of an anaerobic adhesive in a particular application in building and civil engineering structures.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements and test methods for the characterisation of anaerobic adhesives intended for the general assembly of co-axial metallic elements in building and civil engineering structures including fasteners- threaded and otherwise, pipes and tubes. It is applicable to single adhesives and systems (kits) comprising adhesives, activators and/or primers for both internal and external construction elements. This European Standard only applies to metallic substrates.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 751-1, *Sealing materials for metallic threaded joints in contact with 1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases and hot water - Part 1: Anaerobic jointing compounds*

EN 923:2005, *Adhesives - Terms and definitions*

EN 1504-8, *Products and systems for the protection and repair of concrete structures - Definitions, requirements, quality control and evaluation of conformity - Part 8: Quality control and evaluation of conformity*

EN 13999-1, *Adhesives - Short term method for measuring the emission properties of low-solvent or solvent-free adhesives after application - Part 1: General procedure*

EN 13999-2, *Adhesives - Short term method for measuring the emission properties of low-solvent or solvent-free adhesives after application - Part 2: Determination of volatile organic compounds*

EN 15337, *Adhesives - Determination of shear strength of anaerobic adhesives using pin-and-collar specimens (ISO 10123:1990 modified)*

EN ISO 75-3, *Plastics - Determination of temperature of deflection under load - Part 3: High-strength thermosetting laminates (ISO 75-3:2004)*

EN ISO 10964, *Adhesives - Determination of torque strength of anaerobic adhesives on threaded fasteners (ISO 10964:1993)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 923:2005 and the following applies.

### 3.1

#### **anaerobic adhesive**

adhesive that cures in absence of oxygen, curing being inhibited by the presence of oxygen and catalysed by metal ions

NOTE Deviating from this definition, anaerobic adhesives may be defined also as anaerobic polymerisable compounds, or anaerobic jointing compounds including liquid, gel like or pasty sealants.

#### 4 Performance characteristics for intended uses

The manufacturer shall undertake initial performance tests on the product in accordance with Table 1 and corresponding to the type of the defined application (e.g. retaining co-axial assemblies (see 5.1), threaded fasteners (see 5.2) and threaded joints in contact with 1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases and hot water (see 5.3)).

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Table 1 — Performance characteristics for relevant applications

No	Property	Clause in this European Standard	Units	Reference Test Method	Additional information and test methods
1	Static shear strength	5.1.1	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	EN 15337	Only for products intended for use for retaining metallic co-axial cylindrical joints such as load bearing tubular or pin-and-collar-type cylindrical assemblies.  The test method can be also used to determine the shear strength of threaded fasteners. However, in this case it is recommended to assess the bond ability of the threaded assembly by means of the torque strength according to EN ISO 10964
2	Breakloose torque	5.2.1	Nm	EN ISO 10964	Only for products intended for use for securing or locking metallic threaded assemblies.
3	Prevailing torque	5.2.1	Nm	EN ISO 10964	The fastener specimen should be preloaded at 5 Nm, otherwise the input torque has to be explicitly mentioned in brackets (Input Torque in Nm). If unseated assemblies have been used, use the expression Unseated Assemblies in brackets.
5	Durability <sup>a</sup>	5.1.2	N/mm <sup>2</sup> or as ratio to shear strength at room temperature, No. 1	EN 15337	Shear Strength after 1000 h exposure to 100 °C  Only for products intended for use for retaining metallic co-axial cylindrical joints such as load bearing tubular or pin-and-collar-type cylindrical assemblies.  Expresses durability as shear strength or retention of the shear strength measured in accordance with EN 15337 after 1 000 h exposure to 100 °C (and if required to 150 °C).
6	Durability <sup>a</sup>	5.2.2	Nm or as ratio to breakaway torque at room temperature, No. 2	EN ISO 10964	Breakaway Torque after 1000 h exposure to 100 °C  <sup>a</sup> Only for products intended for use for securing or locking metallic threaded assemblies.  Expresses durability as torque strength or retention of the torque strength measured in accordance with EN ISO 10964 after 1 000 h exposure to 100 °C (and if required to 150 °C, after 168 h in boiling water, or after 2 h exposure to -20 °C).
7	Heat resistance	5.1.3	°C	EN ISO 75-3	Shear Strength at 100 °C.
8	Heat resistance	5.2.3	°C	EN ISO 75-3	Breakloose Torque at 100 °C
4	Sealing ability	5.3	-	EN 751-1	Only for products intended for use to seal threaded metallic joints in contact with 1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases and hot water of heating systems.  The sealing ability includes the resistance to gas condensates, resistance to hot water, resistance to temperature cycling, and resistance to vibration as defined in EN 751-1  Use the expression Meets the Requirements Accordingly to EN 751-1.
9	Release of dangerous substances	5.4	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	EN 13999-1 and EN 13999-2	

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No	Property	Clause in this European Standard	Units	Reference Test Method	Additional information and test methods
<sup>a</sup> The determination of the strength and torque strength under the additional environmental conditions is only partly needed for specific applications by demand of the user or operator. To assess the heat resistance of an anaerobic adhesive measurement of the static shear strength in accordance with EN ISO 10964 or torque strength in accordance with EN 15337 may be conducted at other specified environmental conditions.					

Indicative performance requirements are given in Annex A depending on the intended use. These values are drawn from laboratory and practical experience and can be considered to indicate satisfactory performance under normal practical use and conditions.

The torque strength of anaerobic adhesives on threaded fasteners is expressed as breakloose torque measured on assemblies preloaded with an input torque of 5 Nm. Also, identical input torque is assumed to be applied to the specimens when measuring the prevailing torque.

Attention shall be drawn to the fact, that shear strength properties measured in accordance with EN 15337 and EN ISO 10964 are valid for low-carbon respectively zinc-phosphated steel substrate materials. In general, curing of anaerobic adhesives may be significantly affected by the nature of the used adherends, thus testing using the specific materials of the intended application is recommended. It is also recommended to evaluate heat resistance or durability of the intended joint under conditions reflecting the environmental loading expected to encounter in practice.

## 5 Test methods

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The test methods could be divided according to the type of the application, and the properties relevant to meet the requirements by the joint as follows:

### 5.1 Retaining co-axial assemblies

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#### 5.1.1 Static shear strength

The static shear strength expresses the bond strength of an adhesive joint formed between a metal pin and a metal collar measured as compressive force required to push out the pin from the collar at constant crosshead speed according to EN 15337. The test method is primarily to be used for the determination of the shear strength capability of retaining metallic co-axial joints such as tubular lap joints or pin-and-collar type joints.

NOTE The test method can be also used to determine the shear strength of threaded fasteners. However, in this case it is recommended to assess the bond ability of the threaded assembly by means of the torque strength according to EN ISO 10964.

#### 5.1.2 Durability

Durability is expressed as retention of the static shear strength measured in accordance with EN 15337 after 1 000 h exposure to 100 °C and if required to 150 °C.

NOTE If required durability can be assessed at other specified environmental conditions in accordance with EN 15337.

#### 5.1.3 Heat resistance

To assess the heat resistance of an anaerobic adhesive measurement of the static shear strength in accordance with EN 15337 shall be conducted at 100 °C or at a particular, elevated temperature.

## 5.2 Threaded fasteners

### 5.2.1 Torque strength; breakloose torque; breakaway torque

The torque strength expresses the bond strength on threaded fasteners according to EN ISO 10964. It shall be expressed as breakloose torque evaluated on seated assemblies preloaded with specific input torque. This property can be used to make comparative assessments of the securing or locking effects of anaerobic adhesives used in threaded assemblies. In order to obtain well-defined test results, which primarily reflect the strength capacity of the used anaerobic adhesive, it is recommended to apply low input torque of 5 Nm to load the assembly. Higher input torque values may lead to higher torque strength results however with a relatively lower contribution from the adhesive and thus, they may be insufficient in order to clearly differentiate the securing performance of the used adhesive as its intrinsic property.

The prevailing torque specified in EN ISO 10964 to be measured on unseated or preloaded assemblies is used in addition to indicate the ability of the threaded assemblies to be disassembled for maintenance or inspection purposes.

### 5.2.2 Durability

Durability is expressed as retention of the torque strength measured in accordance with EN ISO 10964 after 1 000 h exposure to 100 °C and if required to 150 °C, after 168 h in boiling water, or after 2 h exposure to -20 °C. For anaerobic adhesives used to seal threaded metallic joints in contact with 1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases and hot water durability and heat resistance are measured in conjunction to the sealing ability in accordance with EN 751-1 thus no separate assessment of the torque strength retention after climate exposure is required.

### 5.2.3 Heat resistance

To assess the heat resistance of an anaerobic adhesive measurement of the torque strength in accordance with EN ISO 10964 shall be conducted at 100 °C or at a particular, elevated temperature. For anaerobic adhesives used to seal threaded metallic joints in contact with 1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases and hot water durability and heat resistance are measured in conjunction to the sealing ability in accordance with EN 751-1 thus no separate assessment of the torque strength retention after climate exposure is required.

## 5.3 Threaded joints in contact with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> family gases and hot water

### 5.3.1 General

Details about 1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases can be found in EN 751-1 and EN 437.

### 5.3.2 Sealing ability

The sealing ability of anaerobic adhesives in threaded metallic joints in contact with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> family gases and hot water of heating systems shall be measured according to EN 751-1. The sealing ability includes the resistance to gas condensates, the resistance to hot water, the resistance to temperature cycling, and the resistance to vibration.

## 5.4 Release of dangerous substance

For each type of application defined in 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 the manufacturer shall measure the release of dangerous substances according to EN 13999-1 and EN 13999-2.