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## Introduction

A large number of conveyor belts work in the shape of a trough. If a conveyor belt is too stiff transversely it does not rest on the central idler roller when unloaded. Its balance is then unstable and it is subject to lateral travel, which may cause its destruction.

It is possible to make a section of the conveyor belt take on the shape of a trough under its own mass, by suspending the section by its edges. However, this does not necessarily indicate what happens when the conveyor belt is not carrying a load.

The results obtained from the test method specified in this International Standard will, however, allow an assessment to be made as to whether the troughing characteristics of the conveyor belt are suitable for the intended application.

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# Conveyor belts — Transverse flexibility (troughability) — Test method

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a test method for determining the transverse flexibility (troughability) of a conveyor belt, expressed as a ratio,  $F/L$ . The method is not suitable or valid for light conveyor belts as described in ISO 21183-1<sup>[1]</sup>.

NOTE The transverse “flexibility” determined by the method described in this International Standard is only indirectly associated with the inverse of flexural modulus as specified in ISO 178<sup>[2]</sup>. Nor does it take into consideration the differences in “flexibility” as exhibited by three-point and four-point bending, which takes account of the flexural strain and the thickness of the test piece.

## 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.

ISO 583<sup>1)</sup>, *Conveyor belts with a textile carcass — Total belt thickness and thickness of constitutive elements — Test methods*

ISO 18573, *Conveyor belts — Test atmospheres and conditioning periods*

## 3 Symbols

- $F$  vertical deflection in test piece corrected for belt thickness, in millimetres
- $F_1$  vertical deflection in test piece, in millimetres (see Figures 1 and 2)
- $L$  length of test piece when laid flat, in millimetres (equivalent to full width of installed conveyor belt)
- $d$  thickness of the test piece, in millimetres (see Figure 2).

## 4 Principle

A test piece, consisting of a transverse section of belt of length  $L$ , is suspended at both ends with the carrying face uppermost, so that the upper edges of these ends are in the same horizontal plane.

The transverse flexibility (troughability) is determined by measuring the maximum deflection,  $F$ , of the test piece under its own weight. It is expressed as the ratio,  $F/L$ .

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