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## Foreword

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**EN 4408-006:2005 (E)****1 Scope**

This standard specifies the rules for the representation of preforms of composite materials as well as the information to be indicated in the technical drawings.

It is applicable to aerospace structures using preforms.

It shall be used together with EN 4408-001.

**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 4408-001, *Aerospace series – Technical drawings – Representation of parts made of composite materials – Part 1: General rules.*

**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 4408-001 and the following apply.

**3.1****braided**

tubular or plane shape obtained by a balance intertwining of continuous threads

**3.2****braided into shape**

braided with a mandrel

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**3.3****cowoven (hybrid fabric)**

fabric made of different types of threads (e.g. carbon/aramid hybrid fabric)

**3.4****cowoven into shape**

woven into shape and made of different types of threads

**3.5****level**

elementary structure of one layer in the weft or warp direction

**3.6****multilayer (2,5 D)**

fabric the weft threads of which cross several levels of warp but not all of them

**3.7****nD**

oriented multidirectional reinforcement (industrial copyright)

**3.8****preform**

name given to different stage of all part of the item prior to obtaining the required composite material

**3.9****rosette**

circular piling of staggered layers of the direction with a recovering

**3.10****woven**

plane surface obtained by assembling intertwined threads which forms a definite framework

**3.11****woven into shape**

any non plain shape woven with or without the use of a shaping tool

**4 Representation of preforms on drawings**

It would appear to be difficult to characterise preforms due to:

- their complexity;
- the different ways of obtaining them.

Examples of the representation of the cases encountered are given below:

**4.1 Representation of 2,5 D multilayers**

The rules for the representation are those of lapped with, in addition, clear indications of parameters such as:

- the number of intertwined layers;
- the drawing of the repeated motif made up of the different levels;
- the quantity of threads warpwise and weftwise;
- etc.

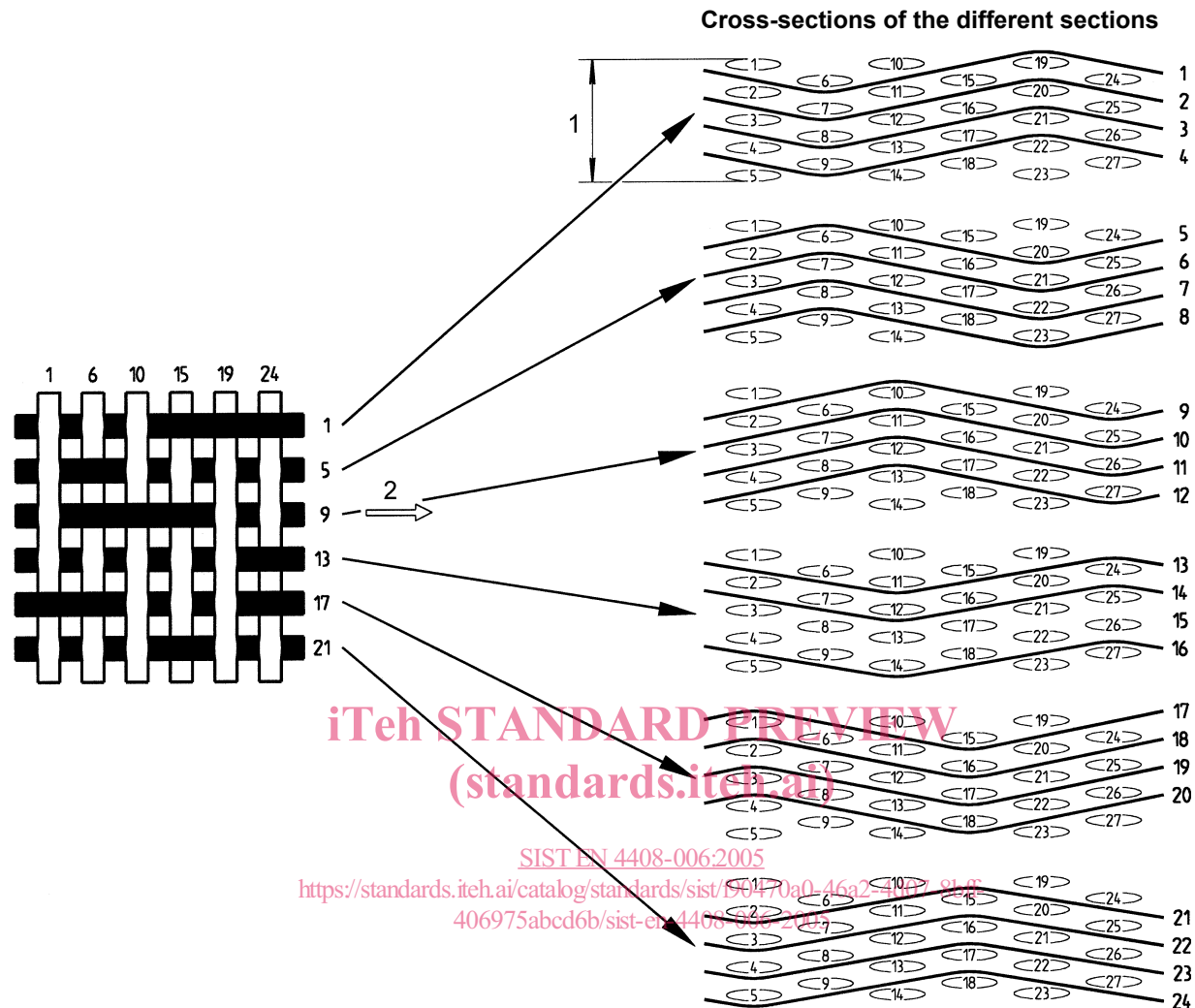
An example of the representation of 2,5 D weaving is illustrated in Annex A and an example of the representation of 2,5 D multilayers is given in Figure 1.

In a reinforcement of the 2,5 D type the fibres are intertwined in a similar manner to those of a classic 2 D fabric, except that the warp threads may be intertwined with several layers made up of weft threads.

This type of intertwining allows the different basic geometries of preforms to be made up. These variations depend:

- on the number of intertwined layers;
- on the repeated motif;
- on the number of threads placed along the diagonal.

The representation on drawings shall clearly and concisely use these definition parameters to guarantee the designer's requirements.

**Key**

- 1 Thickness
- 2 Warp

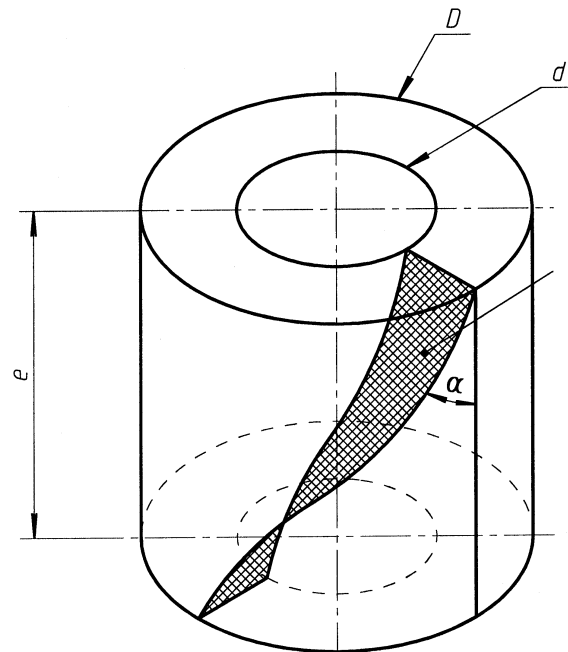
**Figure 1****4.2 Representation of rosettes**

This representation of rosettes shall include the following parameters (see Figure 2):

- outside diameter:  $D$
- inside diameter:  $d$
- thickness:  $e$
- spiral angle:  $\alpha$
- any additional requirement necessary to help understanding.

NOTE An explanatory table is not necessary since the layers are identical and of the same direction.





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1 Rosette

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**Figure 2**

### 4.3 Representation of nDs

Representation shall be carried out on the drawing (a conventional image as well as a perspective) with the number of cross sections necessary for a proper understanding of the definer's requirement.

### 4.4 Representation of braids

See Figure 3 and Figure 4.

This representation shall give the indications necessary for manufacturing and shall use the representation rules for draped items with, if necessary, additions depending on the geometry of the braided item to be obtained in its final state. The braiding angle is given in the braiding table.

The definer uses marking with:

- areas which, associated with a braiding table, help identify the direction of braiding per section, if there is a need for identifying the section;
- an associated braiding table which identifies the area where the braiding angle undergoes changes.