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### Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by CEN/TC 112 "Woodbased panels", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.  
It was submitted to Formal Vote and the result was positive.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by August 1994, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 1994.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies certain rules for the sampling and cutting of test pieces and the expression and presentation of test results, in order to obtain information on the properties of wood-based panels.

NOTE: This standard does not cover the sampling and cutting of test pieces for the derivation of characteristic values for structural design. These tests have to be carried out on medium-sized test pieces according to the rules given in EN 789 using the minimum number of panels to be sampled according to EN 1058.

## 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 322 Wood-based panels  
Determination of moisture content

EN 323 Wood-based panels  
Determination of density

## 3 Symbols

### 3.1 Letter symbols

$m$	Number of test pieces cut from each single panel of the sample, in each direction
$n$	Number of panels taken as sample = size of the sample
$N$	Number of panels in one inspection lot = inspection lot size
$L_{5\%}, U_{5\%}$	Lower and upper 5 % quantile values of the sample, respectively
$s$	Estimate of the standard deviation calculated from test values or measurements
$s^2$	Estimate of the variance calculated from test values or measurements
$s_{w, j}^2$	Estimate of the variance within a panel $j$ of the sample
$s_{\bar{x}}$	Estimate of the standard deviation between panel means
$s_{\bar{x}}^2$	Estimate of the variance between panel means
$\bar{s}_w^2$	Estimate of the mean variance within panels
$t_n$	Single-sided 5 %-t-value of a normally distributed sample of $n$ panels
$x_{ij}, x_{ijk}$	Single test value or measurement
$\bar{x}_j, \bar{x}_{jk}$	Mean value (arithmetic mean) of the $m$ single test values (or measurements) or of a group $k$ and/or $l$ of test values (or measurements), obtained from a single panel $j$
$\bar{x}, \bar{x}_k$	Grand mean; mean value (arithmetic mean) of all $mn$ test values (or measurements) or of a group $k$ and/or $l$ of test values (or measurements), obtained from a sample

### 3.2 Indices:

- i Serial test piece number within a panel ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ )
- j Test panel identification number within a sample ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ )
- k, l Marks identifying the grouping of test pieces with regard to the direction in the plane of the panel and to their surfaces, respectively
- w Property within a panel
- L Lower specification limit
- U Upper specification limit

### 4 Definitions

For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions apply:

**Drawn at random:** Sampling of panels in such a way that each panel of the inspection lot has an equal chance of being selected, and cutting of test pieces from a single panel in such a way that each part of the panel has an equal chance of being selected as a test piece.

**Inspection lot:** A proportion of production, which is presented at a given time for sampling and inspection, consisting of panels of the same type within the same thickness range and coming from the same production line.

**Inspection lot size:** Number of panels in one inspection lot.

**Quality characteristic:** A property that is essential for the judgement of a product in accordance with a relevant EN specification.

**Sample:** A collection of panels which are drawn from an inspection lot. Unless otherwise agreed, the panels of the sample are drawn at random.

**Measurement:** The value of a specific quality characteristic obtained either from a test piece or from a direct measurement.

**Test piece:** A piece of a panel cut to the size required for testing a specific property.

**Test value:** The value of a specific quality characteristic obtained from a test piece.

**Variable:** A test value or measurement which can be measured on a continuous scale.

### 5 Sampling

#### 5.1 Sampling of panels

The size of the sample  $n$  depends on the purpose of the determination of panel properties. Detailed information on the size of the sample for quality control in the factory is given in EN 326-2, and for the inspection of the performance of a consignment of panels in EN 326-3. Alternatively, the sample size may be specified in the relevant EN specification.

## 5.2 Sampling of test pieces

Due to the variability both within and between panels, it is necessary to test a certain number of panels  $n$  as well as a certain number of test pieces  $m$ , cut from a single panel, in order to obtain reliable results.

Examples of the minimum number of test pieces  $m$  are given in table 1, for other panel properties  $m$  shall be as laid down in the relevant EN for the respective test method.

Table 1: Minimum number  $m$  of small test pieces cut from each single panel

Panel property	EN standard	$m$
Moisture content	EN 322	4
Dimensional movement	EN 318	
Density	EN 323	6
Modulus of elasticity in bending and bending strength	EN 310	
Internal bond	EN 319	8
Swelling in thickness after immersion in water	EN 317	
Surface soundness	EN 311	
Plywood bonding quality	EN 314-2	10

For the determination of those properties which differ in the two principal directions of the plane of the panel, two groups of  $m$  test pieces shall be cut from each panel. One group shall have its longitudinal axis parallel to the direction of the production (or the length of the panel), the other shall have its longitudinal axis perpendicular to this direction.

In testing the bonding quality of plywood,  $m$  relates to a pair of glue lines and to each pretreatment (see Annex A).

## 6 Test pieces

6.1 The test pieces shall be cut from the individual panels to the dimensions specified in the relevant standards of test methods, using a suitable method to ensure unbiased selection. At least one test piece of each group of test pieces shall be cut from the edge of the trimmed panel after any edge profiling and/or protective treatment has been removed.

6.2 An example of a cutting plan for small test pieces is given in figure 1. Except for plywood bonding quality tests, for which a cutting plan is given in Annex A, the minimum distance between two test pieces for the same test shall be 100 mm. This requirement may be waived if replacement test pieces are required.

6.3 All test pieces cut from a panel shall be marked on the same surface with:

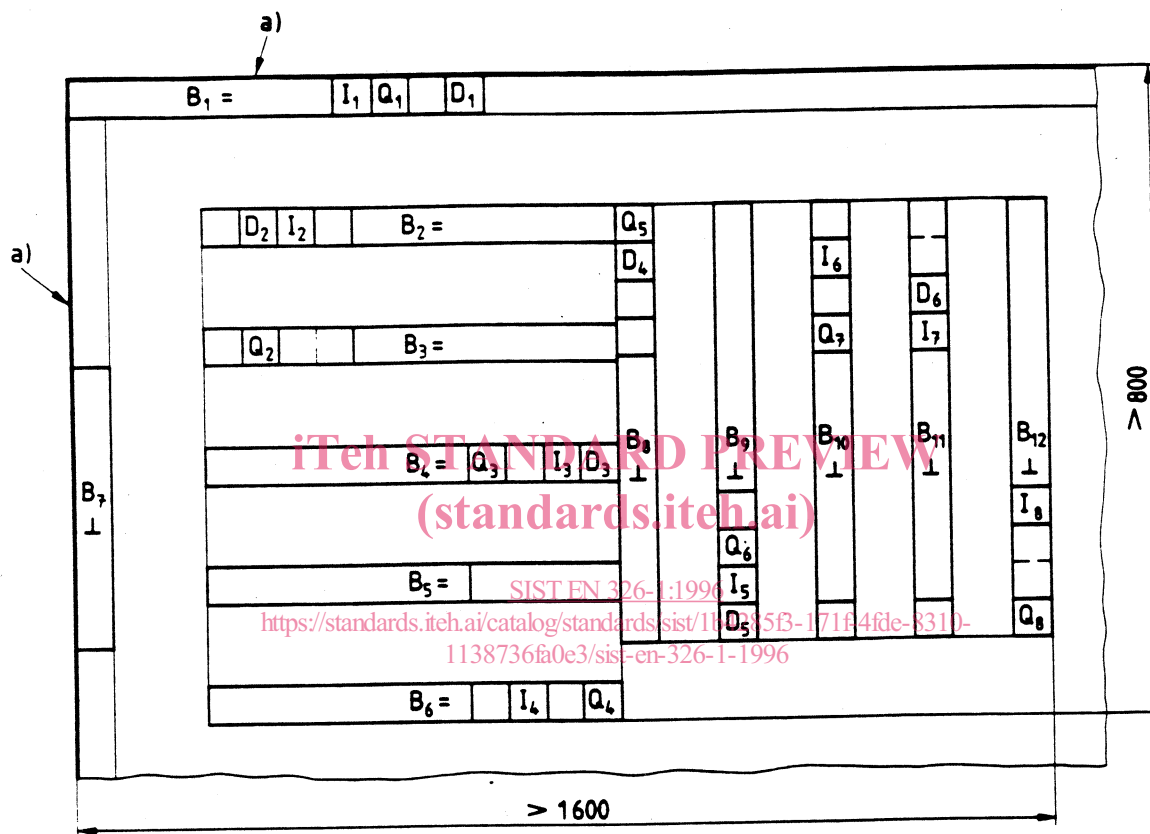
- the test panel identification number;
- the test piece serial number;
- and if possible, the original length direction and the original upper or lower surface of the panel.

6.4 For panels which are asymmetric about the center of their thickness, so that the test result is influenced by which surface is uppermost when tested (e.g. bending strength), half of the total number of test pieces  $m$  (i.e.  $m/2$ ) shall be tested in each surface orientation.

In all other cases where the orientation of the surface of the panel is of minor influence on the property tested, the position of the upper or lower surface during the test shall be chosen at random.

6.5 Cutting of test pieces shall be carried out in such a way that their edges are clean, without burns, and perpendicular to the plane of the panel.

Dimensions in millimeters



- Orientation of the longitudinal axis of the test piece parallel to the length of a plywood panel or to the machine direction of other panel types
- ⊥ Orientation of the longitudinal axis of the test piece perpendicular to the length of a plywood panel or to the machine direction of other panel types.
- a) Outer edge trimmed

NOTE: For properties which are independent from orientation (e.g. D, I and Q) one test piece shall be taken from an outer edge of a trimmed panel where this can be identified.

Test	Test piece number
Density	D 1 to D 6
Bending	B 1 to B12
Thickness swelling	Q 1 to Q 8
Internal bond	I 1 to I 8

Figure 1: Example of a cutting plan for small test pieces for determination of certain properties (thickness of the panel about 20 mm)



## 7 Expression of test results

7.1 Each specific property of each panel of the sample shall be determined as specified in the relevant EN using either test pieces or measurements taken from whole panels.

7.2 The test results of each individual test piece, from each panel of the sample, shall be reported.

7.3 With the exception of testing the bonding quality of plywood <sup>1)</sup>, further evaluation of the test results of the sample (either for inspection procedures or for internal as well as external production control) shall be made using the following calculations:

### 7.3.1 Mean value of each individual panel (panel mean)

For each group of test pieces (or measurements, respectively) calculate the mean value  $\bar{x}_j$  of each individual panel according to:

$$\bar{x}_j = \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij}/m \quad (1)$$

### 7.3.2 Variance within each panel

For each group of test pieces (or measurements, respectively) calculate the variance  $s_{w,j}^2$  within each panel according to:

$$s_{w,j}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2/(m-1) \quad (2)$$

### 7.3.3 Grand mean (mean of panel means)

Calculate the grand mean  $\bar{\bar{x}}$  of all test values, or of a group of test values, from the sample according to:

$$\bar{\bar{x}} = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij}/(mn) = \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{x}_j/n \quad (3)$$

### 7.3.4 Variance between panel means

Calculate the variance  $s_{\bar{x}}^2$  between panel means according to:

$$s_{\bar{x}}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n (\bar{x}_j - \bar{\bar{x}})^2/(n-1) \quad (4)$$

### 7.3.5 Mean variance of the test values within panels

Calculate the mean variance  $\bar{s}_w^2$  of the test values within panels according to:

$$\bar{s}_w^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n s_{w,j}^2/n \quad (5)$$

<sup>1)</sup> For testing the shear strength of glue lines in plywood the mean value of each pair of glue lines for each panel has to be calculated according to 7.3.1.