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## SPECIFICATION FOR VULCANIZED FIBRE FOR ELECTRICAL PURPOSES

### Part 2: Methods of test

#### FOREWORD

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#### PREFACE

This standard has been prepared by Sub-Committee 15C: Specifications, of IEC Technical Committee No. 15: Insulating Materials.

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#### *Other IEC publications quoted in this standard:*

Publications Nos. 243:	Recommended Methods of Test for Electrical Strength of Solid Insulating Materials at Power Frequencies.
296:	Specification for New Insulating Oils for Transformers and Switchgear.
554-2:	Specification for Cellulosic Papers for Electrical Purposes, Part 2: Methods of Test.
641-2:	Specification for Pressboard and Presspaper for Electrical Purposes, Part 2: Methods of Test.

#### *Other publications quoted:*

ISO Standard 62:	Plastics — Determination of Water Absorption.
ISO Recommendation R 149:	Modified Erichsen Cupping Test for Steel Sheet and Strip.
ISO Standard 178:	Plastics — Determination of Flexural Properties of Rigid Plastics.
ISO Standard 287:	Paper and Board — Determination of Moisture Content — Oven-drying Method.
ISO Standard 604:	Plastics — Determination of Compressive Properties.
ISO Standard 1924:	Paper and Board — Determination of Tensile Strength.
ISO Standard 1974:	Paper — Determination of Tearing Strength.
ISO Standard 2144:	Paper and Board — Determination of Ash.
ISO Standard 2758:	Paper — Determination of Bursting Strength.

## SPECIFICATION FOR VULCANIZED FIBRE FOR ELECTRICAL PURPOSES

### Part 2: Methods of test

#### INTRODUCTION

This standard is one of a series which deals with vulcanized fibre for electrical purposes.

The series will have three parts:

Part 1: Definitions and general requirements.

Part 2: Methods of test.

Part 3: Specifications for individual materials.

Whenever appropriate the methods given or quoted here are identical to those given in IEC Publication 641: Specification for Pressboard and Presspaper for Electrical Purposes.

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#### 1. Scope

The standard covers vulcanized fibre sheets, flat or corrugated sheets, round rods and round tubes suitable for use as electrical insulation. Material made by combining with an adhesive several thicknesses of vulcanized fibre is not covered by this standard.

#### 2. General notes on tests

Unless otherwise specified, the test specimens, after being cut, shall be conditioned in an atmosphere of  $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ , and  $50 \pm 5\%$  r.h., and then tested in this atmosphere. The duration of the conditioning in relation to the nominal thickness for sheet and tubes shall be:

— nominal thickness or wall thickness (mm)	$\leq 0.5$	$> 0.5$ to 1.0	$> 1.0$ to 2.0	$> 2.0$ to 3.0	$> 3.0$
— time (h)	48	72	96	120	240*

For rods the time shall be 240 h.

\* If approached from the wet side then the appropriate time values are: 48, 96, 120, 240, 480 h.



### 3. Dimensions

#### 3.1 Thickness of flat sheets

The thickness shall be determined as in Clause 2 of IEC Publication 641-2: Specification for Pressboard and Presspaper for Electrical Purposes, Part 2: Methods of Test. The result is the central value of the eight measurements. The highest and lowest values shall be reported.

#### 3.2 Thickness of corrugated sheets

Under consideration.

#### 3.3 Dimensions of tubes

##### 3.3.1 Outside diameter of tubes of outside diameter up to and including 300 mm

Using a machinist's micrometer or vernier calipers capable of reading to 0.02 mm make three measurements 60° apart around the circumference near each end and the middle of the tube.

The result is the central value of the nine measurements. The highest and lowest values shall be reported (see Sub-clause 3.3.3).

##### 3.3.2 Outside diameter of tubes of outside diameter above 300 mm

Using a flat steel tape, measure the circumference to the nearest 0.5 mm near each end and the middle of the tube.

Calculate the outside diameter remembering to subtract twice the thickness of the tape. Alternatively a tape calibrated to read the diameter directly may be used.

The result is the central value of the three determinations. The highest and lowest values shall be reported (see Sub-clause 3.3.3).

##### 3.3.3 Variation in outside diameter of tubes

From the measurements of outside diameter determined as above, report the difference between the maximum and minimum readings as the variation in outside diameter.

##### 3.3.4 Inside diameter of tubes of inside diameter up to and including 300 mm

At each end of the tube using any device capable of measuring the inside diameter to 0.02 mm, make three measurements at points 60° apart around the circumference.

The result is the central value of the six determinations. The highest and lowest values shall be reported.

##### 3.3.5 Inside diameter of tubes of inside diameter above 300 mm

Calculate the inside diameter by subtracting twice the central value of the measurements of wall thickness determined as in Sub-clause 3.3.6 below from the central value of the measurements of outside diameter determined as in Sub-clause 3.3.2 above.

##### 3.3.6 Wall thickness

Using any device capable of measuring wall thickness to within 0.02 mm, measure the wall thickness at three points spaced approximately equally around the circumference of the tube. Make the determinations at or near to each end of the tube.

The result is the central value of the six determinations. The highest and lowest values shall be reported.

### 3.4 Dimensions of rods

#### 3.4.1 Diameter of rods

Using a machinist's micrometer or vernier calipers capable of reading to 0.02 mm, make three measurement 60° apart around the circumference near each end and the middle of the rod.

The result is the central value of the nine measurements. The highest and lowest values shall be reported.

## 4. Tensile strength of flat sheets

Tensile strength shall be measured according to the method described in ISO Standard 1924, the load being applied at a rate of 100 mm/min and continued until the test piece breaks.

Deviations from ISO Standard 1924:

- five measurements are made on the test pieces cut from one direction and five measurements on test pieces cut from the direction at right angles to this;
- the result in each direction is the central value of the five tests in that direction. The highest and lowest values in each direction shall be reported. The test results shall be expressed in newtons per square millimetre.

*Note.* — The machine direction of the sheet will be that corresponding to the length direction of the test piece having the greater tensile strength.

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## 5. Tensile strength of rods

### *Test piece*

The central portion of a 230 mm length of the rod is machined down for a length of 90 mm. For rods up to 20 mm diameter the diameter of the central portion is reduced by 1.6 mm. For rods of diameter greater than 20 mm and up to 25 mm the diameter of the central portion is reduced by 3 mm. The radius at the transition between rod and reduced portion is 6 mm.

Three test pieces are tested.

### *Apparatus*

Any apparatus may be used which will measure the load applied to an accuracy of 1%.

### *Procedure*

Measure the diameter at the centre by taking two measurements at right angles.

Insert the test piece in the jaws of the machine in axial alignment with the direction of pull.

Apply the load at such a rate that the stress stipulated in Part 3 is reached in approximately 2 min and continue until the test piece breaks.

### *Result*

The tensile strength is the central value of the three test results expressed in newtons per square millimetre. The two other values shall be reported.

## 6. Tensile strength of tubes of internal diameter up to and including 50 mm

### *Test pieces*

Three test pieces shall be tested each consisting of a tube not less than 150 mm long with the central portion cut away as shown in Figure 1, page 24.

### *Apparatus*

Any apparatus may be used which will measure the load applied to an accuracy of 1%.

### *Procedure*

A steel plug of the same diameter as the internal diameter of the tube shall be inserted into each end of the tube to avoid crushing the test piece during testing. The test piece may then be held in ordinary wedge shape clamps.

The load shall be calculated from the stress stipulated in Part 3 and applied in such a way that it is reached in approximately 2 min and continued until the test piece breaks.

The tensile strength shall be calculated from the original cross-sectional area of the wall of the tube at the point of fracture and expressed in newtons per square millimetre.

### *Result*

The result is the central value of the three determinations, in newtons per square millimetre. The two other values shall be reported.

## 7. Flexural stress at rupture of flat sheets

Flexural stress at rupture shall be determined as specified in ISO Standard 178.

The test pieces shall be cut from the sheet to be tested with their major axes in the directions indicated at A and B in Figure 1 of ISO Standard 178; five test pieces in each direction. If the sheet to be tested is more than 20 mm thick, the thickness of the test pieces shall be reduced to 20 mm by machining both faces symmetrically.

The result in each direction is the central value of the five tests in that direction. The highest and lowest values in each direction are reported.

## 8. Flexural stress at rupture of rods

The flexural stress at rupture shall be determined as specified in ISO Standard 178 and in the following.

### *Test pieces*

Three test pieces shall be tested.

If the diameter of a rod exceeds 20 mm it shall be reduced concentrically to 20 mm by machining.

The length of the test piece shall be not less than 20 times its diameter.

### *Procedure*

The distance between the supports shall be 15 to 17 times the measured diameter and shall be measured to within 0.5%.