



**SLOVENSKI STANDARD**  
**kSIST FprEN 320:2010**

**01-november-2010**

---

**Vlakenne plošče - Določanje odpornosti proti aksialnemu izvleku vijaka**

Particleboards and fibreboards - Determination of resistance to axial withdrawal of screws

Spanplatten und Faserplatten - Bestimmung des achsenparallelen Schraubenausziehwidestands

Panneaux de particules et panneaux de fibres - Détermination de la résistance à l'arrachement des vis selon son axe

**Ta slovenski standard je istoveten z: FprEN 320**

---

**ICS:**

79.060.20      Vlakenne in iverne plošče      Fibre and particle boards

**kSIST FprEN 320:2010**

**en,fr,de**



EUROPEAN STANDARD  
NORME EUROPÉENNE  
EUROPÄISCHE NORM

**FINAL DRAFT**  
**FprEN 320**

September 2010

---

ICS 79.060.20

Will supersede EN 320:1993

English Version

## Particleboards and fibreboards - Determination of resistance to axial withdrawal of screws

Panneaux de particules et panneaux de fibres -  
Détermination de la résistance à l'arrachement des vis  
selon son axe

Spanplatten und Faserplatten - Bestimmung des  
achsenparallelen Schraubenauszieh Widerstands

This draft European Standard is submitted to CEN members for unique acceptance procedure. It has been drawn up by the Technical Committee CEN/TC 112.

If this draft becomes a European Standard, CEN members are bound to comply with the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations which stipulate the conditions for giving this European Standard the status of a national standard without any alteration.

This draft European Standard was established by CEN in three official versions (English, French, German). A version in any other language made by translation under the responsibility of a CEN member into its own language and notified to the CEN Management Centre has the same status as the official versions.

CEN members are the national standards bodies of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

**Warning** : This document is not a European Standard. It is distributed for review and comments. It is subject to change without notice and shall not be referred to as a European Standard.



EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDIZATION  
COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DE NORMALISATION  
EUROPÄISCHES KOMITEE FÜR NORMUNG

**Management Centre: Avenue Marnix 17, B-1000 Brussels**

**Contents**

Page

Foreword.....	3
1 Scope .....	4
2 Normative references .....	4
3 Principles.....	4
4 Apparatus .....	4
5 Test pieces .....	5
5.1 Sampling.....	5
5.2 Dimensions.....	5
5.3 Conditioning.....	5
5.4 Preparation of test pieces .....	5
6 Procedure .....	6
6.1 Positioning of test pieces .....	6
6.2 Application of the force.....	7
6.3 Measurement of maximum load .....	7
7 Expression of results .....	8
7.1 For a test piece.....	8
7.2 For a board .....	8
8 Test report .....	8
Bibliography.....	9

## Foreword

This document (FprEN 320:2010) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 112 “Wood-based panels”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This document is currently submitted to the Unique Acceptance Procedure.

This document will supersede EN 320:1993.

Compared to EN 320:1993, the following modifications have been made:

- a) Scope extended to include also particleboards;
- b) Normative references updated.

## FprEN 320:2010 (E)

### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of the resistance of fibreboards and particleboards to axial withdrawal of screws.

### 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 326-1, *Wood-based panels — Sampling, cutting and inspection — Part 1: Sampling and cutting of test pieces and expression of test results*

EN ISO 1478, *Tapping screws thread (ISO 1478:1999)*

### 3 Principles

Face and edge withdrawal of screws are determined by measuring the force required to withdraw a defined screw from the test piece. Edge withdrawal is only determined on boards of 15 mm thickness or more.

### 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Testing machine**, which shall be capable of applying in increasing axial load to the underside of the screw head through a suitable stirrup, whilst adequately restraining the test piece at the same time and measuring the maximum load to an accuracy of 1 %.

#### 4.2 Metal jig.

For testing face withdrawal of screws of boards of less than 15 mm thickness, the use of a metal jig with a central boring, which restrains the test piece (see Figure 1), is recommended.

Dimensions in millimetres

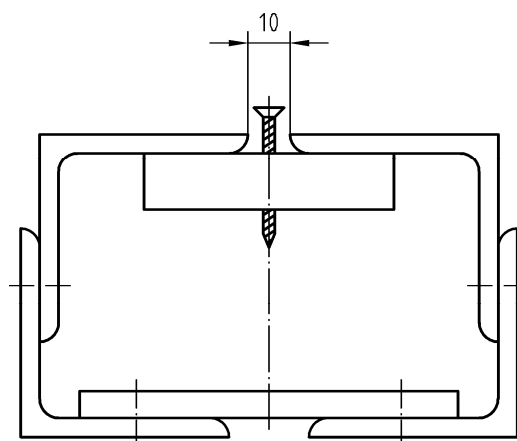


Figure 1 — Principle of testing face screwholding on boards of < 15 mm thickness

## 5 Test pieces

### 5.1 Sampling

Sampling and cutting of the test pieces shall be carried out according to EN 326-1.

### 5.2 Dimensions

Five test pieces are taken from each sample board. The test pieces shall be square with a side length of  $(75 \pm 1)$  mm.

### 5.3 Conditioning

The test pieces shall be conditioned to constant mass in an atmosphere with a mean relative humidity of  $(65 \pm 5)$  % and a temperature of  $(20 \pm 2)$  °C. Constant mass is considered to be reached when the results of two successive weighing operations, carried out at an interval of 24 h, do not differ by more than 0,1 % of the mass of the test piece.

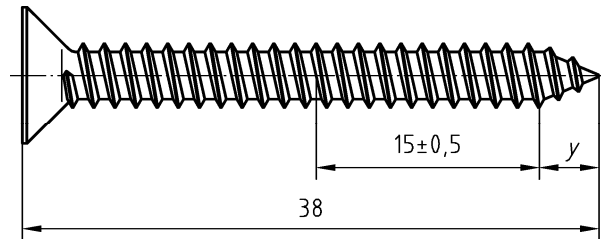
NOTE The tests should be carried out not later than 1 h after removal of the test pieces from the conditioning environment.

### 5.4 Preparation of test pieces

After the test pieces have been conditioned, the screws shall be inserted into prebored pilot holes. Holes shall have a diameter of  $(2,7 \pm 0,1)$  mm and a depth of  $(19 \pm 1)$  mm. They shall be drilled perpendicular to the surface of the test piece, located at the midpoints of one face and two adjacent edges (on edges for boards of  $\geq 15$  mm thickness only).

For this test, a steel screw, nominal size 4,2 mm  $\times$  38 mm, with a thread no. ST 4,2 according to EN ISO 1478 and a thread pitch of 1,4 mm (see Figure 2) shall be used. The screws shall be inserted into the test pieces in such a way, that  $(15 \pm 0,5)$  mm of complete thread are embedded in the test piece. For testing face screwholding on test pieces of < 15 mm, insert the screw in such a way that the length of the incomplete thread,  $y$ , protrudes on the opposite side of the test piece.

Dimensions in millimetres

**Key** $y$  length of incomplete thread

**Figure 2 — Parallel shank screw, nominal size 4,2 mm × 38 mm, with a thread no. ST 4.2 according to EN ISO 1478, thread pitch: 1,4 mm**

**6 Procedure****6.1 Positioning of test pieces**

Mount the test pieces in the testing machine so that the surface under test is not supported at any point closer than 15 mm to the periphery of the embedded part of the screw, and is held perpendicular to the direction of the force applied to the screw (see Figure 3). For the testing of face screw withdrawal on boards of < 15 mm thickness, the metal jig (see Figure 1) shall be used in such a way that the screw is inserted into the boring in the centre of the metal jig, and the test piece is well restrained by the metal jig.