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**Building construction — Sealants —  
Determination of tensile properties of  
sealants at maintained extension after  
immersion in water**

*Construction immobilière — Mastics — Détermination des propriétés de  
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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10590:1991), Clauses 6 and 8 and Table 1 of which have been technically revised.

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# Building construction — Sealants — Determination of tensile properties of sealants at maintained extension after immersion in water

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the influence of water immersion on the adhesion/cohesion properties at maintained extension of sealants used in joints in building construction.

## 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 6927, *Building construction — Jointing product — Sealants — Vocabulary*

ISO 13640, *Building construction — Jointing products — Specifications for test substrates*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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For the purpose of this document, the definitions given in ISO 6927 apply.

## 4 Principle

Preparation of test specimens in which the sealant to be tested adheres to two parallel contact surfaces. Submission of the test specimens to water immersion under defined conditions. Extension of the test specimens to a defined width and maintaining this extension for a defined time. Record any breaks in adhesion or cohesion.

## 5 Apparatus

**5.1 Substrate materials**, used for the preparation of test specimens, are defined in ISO 13640. Select the substrate material(s) from mortar and/or anodized aluminium and/or glass. Other substrate materials may be used as agreed by the parties concerned.

For each test specimen, two substrate pieces of the same material are required with a cross-section of dimensions as shown in Figures 1 and 2. Test substrates of other dimensions may be used, but then the dimensions of the sealant bead and the area of adhesion shall be the same as those shown in Figures 1 and 2.

**5.2 Spacers**, of cross-section (12 mm × 12 mm), for the preparation of test specimens (see Figures 1 and 2), with anti-adherent surface.

**5.3 Anti-adherent substrate**, for the preparation of the test specimens, e.g. polyethylene (PE) film, preferably according to the advice of the sealant manufacturer.

- 5.4 **Tensile test machine**, capable of extending the test specimens at a rate of  $(5,5 \pm 0,7)$  mm/min
- 5.5 **Separators**, of appropriate dimensions to hold the test specimens at an elongation of 60 % or 100 %.
- 5.6 **Ventilated convection-type oven**, capable of being maintained at  $(70 \pm 2)$  °C (conditioning method B).
- 5.7 **Container**, for immersing test specimens in distilled water (conditioning method B).
- 5.8 **Container**, for immersing test specimens in water at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C.
- 5.9 **Measuring device**, scaled to 0,5 mm.

## 6 Preparation of test specimens

The sealant and substrate shall be brought to  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C. For each substrate material, three test specimens shall be prepared. For each test specimen, two substrates (5.1) and two spacers (5.2) shall be assembled (see Figures 1 and 2) and set on the anti-adherent substrate (5.3).

The instructions of the sealant manufacturer shall be followed concerning, for instance, whether a primer is to be used and the mixing procedure for multi-component sealants. The hollow volume formed by the substrates shall be filled with the sealant.

The following precautions shall be taken;

- a) the formation of air bubbles shall be avoided;
- b) the sealant shall be pressed on the inner surfaces of the supports;
- c) the sealant surface shall be trimmed so that it is flush with the faces of the supports and spacers.

The test specimens shall be set on the edge of one of the supports. The anti-adherent substrate shall be removed as soon as possible. The specimens shall be kept in this position to allow curing or optimum drying of the sealant.

The spacers shall be maintained in place during conditioning.

## 7 Conditioning of test specimens

### 7.1 General

The test specimens shall be conditioned either in accordance with method A (see 7.2) or method B (see 7.3).

### 7.2 Conditioning method A

The test specimens shall be conditioned for 28 days at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity.

### 7.3 Conditioning method B

First, the test specimens shall be conditioned according to method A and subsequently subjected three times to the following storage cycle:

- a) three days in the oven (5.6) at  $(70 \pm 2)$  °C;
- b) one day in distilled water (5.7) at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C;

- c) two days in the oven (5.6) at  $(70 \pm 2)$  °C;
- d) one day in distilled water (5.7) at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C.

This cycle may be carried out alternatively in the sequence c), d), a), b).

After conditioning according to method B, the test specimens shall be stored for a further period of 24 h at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity before testing.

NOTE Conditioning method B is a normal conditioning procedure using the influence of heat and water. It is not suitable for giving information on the durability of the sealant.

## 8 Test procedure

After conditioning according to method A or method B, the spacers (5.2) shall be removed, the test specimens shall be immersed in water at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C (5.8) for four days. After removal from the water, the test specimens shall be stored for 24 h in air at  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity. The test specimens shall be placed in the tensile test machine (5.4) and extended, at a rate of  $(5,5 \pm 0,7)$  mm/min, by 60 % or 100 % (to 19,2 mm and 24 mm respectively) of the original width or by any other percentage as agreed between the parties concerned. This extension shall be maintained for 24 h using the separators (5.5).

The depth and the location of any loss of adhesion or cohesion shall be measured using a suitable measuring device capable of reading to 0,5 mm (5.9).

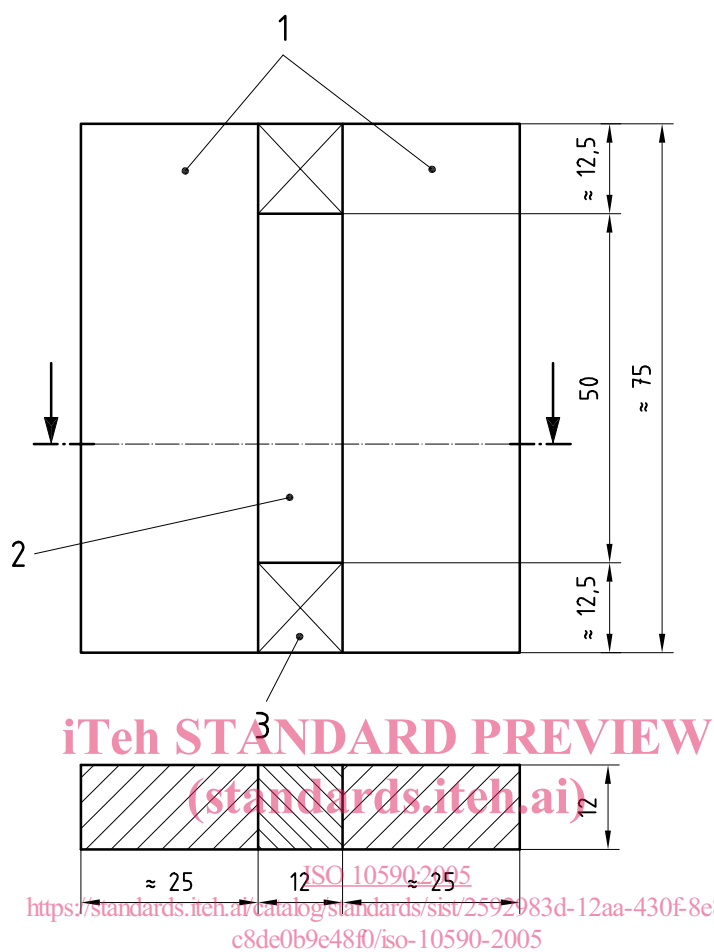
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## 9 Test report

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The test report shall contain the following information:

- a) test laboratory's name and date of test;  
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- b) reference to this International Standard;
- c) name, type (chemical family) and colour of sealant;
- d) batch of sealant from which the test specimens were produced;
- e) substrate materials used (see 5.1);
- f) primer used, if applicable;
- g) method of conditioning used (see Clause 7);
- h) elongation used;
- i) depth and the location of any loss of adhesion and/or cohesion break in mm for each test specimen;
- j) deviations from this International Standard.

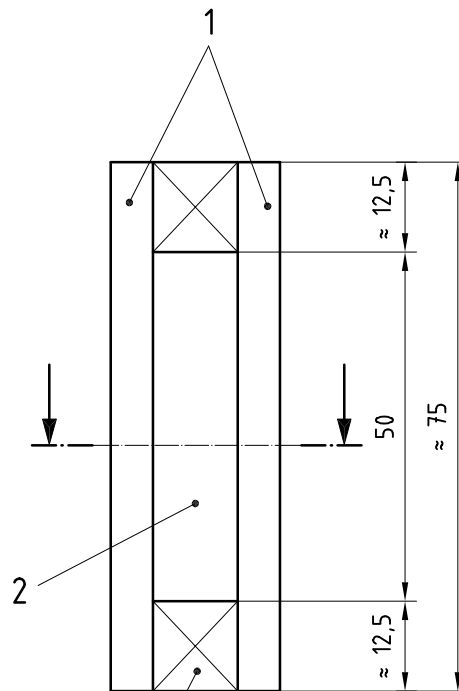


**Key**

- 1 mortar substrates
- 2 sealant
- 3 spacers (5.2)

**Figure 1 — Test specimens with mortar substrates**





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**Key**

- 1 anodized aluminium or glass substrates
- 2 sealant
- 3 spacers (5.2)

**Figure 2 — Test specimens with anodized aluminium or glass substrates**