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isolators —**

**Part 1:
Test methods**

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Foreword

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— Part 3: Applications for buildings — Specifications

Introduction

This International Standard contains two parts related to specifications for isolators — one for bridges and the other for buildings — since the requirements for isolators for bridges and for buildings are quite different, although the basic concept of the two products is similar. Therefore, when this International Standard is applied to the design of bridge isolators, Part 2 and the relevant clauses in Part 1 are used and, when it is applied to building isolators, Part 3 and the relevant clauses in Part 1 are used.

The main differences to be noted between isolators for bridges and isolators for buildings are as below:

- a) Isolators for bridges are mainly rectangular in shape and those for buildings circular in shape.
- b) Isolators for bridges are designed to be used for both rotation and horizontal displacement, while isolators for buildings are designed for horizontal displacement only.
- c) Isolators for bridges are designed to perform on a daily basis to accommodate length changes of bridges caused by temperature changes as well as during earthquakes, while isolators for buildings are designed to perform only during earthquakes.
- d) Isolators for bridges are designed to withstand dynamic loads caused by vehicles on a daily basis as well as earthquakes, while isolators for buildings are mainly designed to withstand dynamic loads caused by earthquakes only.

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Part 1: Test methods

1 Scope

ISO 22762 applies to elastomeric seismic isolators used to provide buildings or bridges with protection from earthquake damage. The isolators covered consist of alternate rubber layers and reinforcing steel plates. They are placed between a superstructure and its substructure to provide both flexibility for decoupling structural systems from ground motion, and damping capability to reduce displacement at the isolation interface and the transmission of energy from the ground into the structure at the isolation frequency.

This part of ISO 22762 specifies the test methods for determination of the characteristics of elastomeric seismic isolators and for measurement of the properties of the rubber material used in their manufacture.

The specifications cover testing for all properties required in the elastomeric isolators, such as compression and shear properties, the durability of the isolators and the physical properties of the materials used in isolators.

Annex E may be used to review those requirements needing confirmation prior to the test programme.

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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 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

ISO 188, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

ISO 812, *Rubber, vulcanized — Determination of low-temperature brittleness*

ISO 813, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of adhesion to a rigid substrate — 90° peel method*

ISO 815, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of compression set at ambient, elevated or low temperatures*

ISO 1431-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Resistance to ozone cracking — Part 1: Static and dynamic strain testing*

ISO 1827, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of modulus in shear or adhesion to rigid plates — Quadruple shear method*

ISO 3387, *Rubber — Determination of crystallization effects by hardness measurements*

ISO 4664-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of dynamic properties — Part 1: General considerations*

ISO 7500-1:2004, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system*

ISO 7619-2, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of indentation hardness — Part 2: IRHD pocket meter method*

ISO 11346:2004, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Estimation of life-time and maximum temperature of use*

ISO 22762-2, *Elastomeric seismic-protection isolators — Part 2: Applications for bridges — Specifications*

ISO 22762-3, *Elastomeric seismic-protection isolators — Part 3: Applications for buildings — Specifications*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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3.1 breaking

rupture of elastomeric isolator due to compression (or tension)-shear loading

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3.2 buckling

state when elastomeric isolators lose their stability under compression-shear loading

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3.3 compressive properties of elastomeric isolator

compressive stiffness (K_v) for all types of rubber bearings

3.4 compressive-shear testing machine

machine used to test elastomeric isolators, which has the capability of shear loading under constant compressive load

3.5 cover rubber

rubber wrapped around the outside of inner rubber and reinforcing steel plates before or after curing of elastomeric isolators for the purpose of protecting the inner rubber from deterioration due to oxygen, ultraviolet rays and other natural elements and protecting the reinforcing plates from corrosion

3.6 design compressive stress

long term compressive force on the elastomeric isolator imposed by the structure

3.7 effective loaded area

area sustaining vertical load in elastomeric isolators, which corresponds to the area of reinforcing steel plates

3.8**effective width**

(rectangular elastomeric isolator) the smaller of the two side lengths of inner rubber to which direction shear displacement is not restricted

3.9**elastomeric isolator**

rubber bearing, for seismic isolation of buildings, bridges and other structures, which consists of multi-layered vulcanized rubber sheets and reinforcing steel plates

NOTE Types of such isolators include high-damping rubber bearings, linear natural rubber bearings and lead rubber bearings.

3.10**first shape factor**

ratio of effectively loaded area to free deformation area of one inner rubber layer between steel plates

3.11**high-damping rubber bearing****HDR**

elastomeric isolator with relatively high damping properties obtained by special compounding of the rubber and the use of additives

3.12**inner rubber**

rubber between multi-layered steel plates inside an elastomeric isolator

3.13**lead rubber bearing****LRB**

elastomeric isolator whose inner rubber with a lead plug or lead plugs press fitted into a hole or holes of the isolator body to achieve damping properties

3.14**linear natural rubber bearing****LNR**

elastomeric isolator with linear shear force-deflection characteristics and relatively low damping properties and fabricated using natural rubber

NOTE Any bearing with relatively low damping may be treated as an LNR bearing for the purposes of isolator testing.

3.15**maximum compressive stress**

maximum compressive stress acting briefly on elastomeric isolators during an earthquake

3.16**nominal compressive stress**

long-term compressive stress recommended by the manufacturer for the isolator, including the safety margin

3.17**roll-out**

instability of an isolator with either dowelled or recessed connection under shear displacement

3.18**routine test**

a test for quality control of the production isolators during and after manufacturing

3.19

second shape factor

(circular elastomeric isolator) ratio of the diameter of the inner rubber to the total thickness of the inner rubber

(rectangular or square elastomeric isolator) ratio of the effective width of the inner rubber to the total thickness of the inner rubber

3.20

shear properties of elastomeric isolators

a comprehensive term that covers characteristics determined from isolator tests:

- shear stiffness (K_h) for LNR;
- shear stiffness (K_h) and equivalent damping ratio (h_{eq}) for HDR and LRB;
- post-yield stiffness (K_d) and characteristic strength (Q_d) for LRB.

3.21

structural engineer

engineer who is in charge of designing of structure for base-isolated bridges or buildings and is responsible for specifying the requirements for elastomeric isolators

3.22

type test

test for verification either of material properties and isolator performances during development of the product or that project design parameters are achieved

3.23

ultimate properties

properties at either buckling, breaking, or roll-out of an isolator under compression-shear loading

3.24

ultimate property diagram

UPD

diagram giving the interaction curve of compressive stress and buckling strain or breaking strain of an elastomeric isolator

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of all three parts of ISO 22762, the symbols given in Table 1 apply.

Table 1 — Symbols and definitions

Symbol	Definition
A	effective plan area; plan area of elastomeric isolator excluding cover rubber portion
A_b	effective area of bolt
A_e	overlap area between the top and bottom elastomer area of isolator sheared under non-seismic displacement
A_{free}	load-free area of isolator
A_{load}	loaded area of isolator
A_p	area of the lead plug for a lead rubber bearing

a	side length of square elastomeric isolator excluding cover rubber thickness, or length in longitudinal direction of rectangular isolator excluding cover rubber thickness
a_e	length of the shorter side of the rectangular isolator including cover rubber thickness
a'	length in longitudinal direction of the rectangular isolator, including cover rubber thickness
B	effective width for bending of flange
b	length in transverse direction of the rectangular isolator, excluding cover rubber thickness
b'	length in transverse direction of the rectangular isolator, including cover rubber thickness
c	distance from centre of bolt hole to effective flange section
D'	outer diameter of circular isolator, including cover rubber
D_f	diameter of flange
d_i	inner diameter of reinforcing steel plate
d_k	diameter of bolt hole
d_o	outer diameter of reinforcing steel plate
E_{ap}	apparent Young's modulus of bonded rubber layer
E_c	apparent Young's modulus corrected, if necessary, by allowing for compressibility
E_c^s	apparent Young's modulus corrected for bulk compressibility depending on its shape factor (S_1)
E_∞	bulk modulus of rubber
E_0	Young's modulus of rubber
F_u	tensile force on isolator by uplift
G	shear modulus
$G_{eq}(\gamma)$	equivalent linear shear modulus at shear strain γ
H	height of elastomeric isolator including mounting flange
H_n	height of elastomeric isolator excluding mounting flange
h_{eq}	equivalent damping ratio
$h_{eq}(\gamma)$	equivalent damping ratio as a function of shear strain
K_d	post-yield stiffness (tangential stiffness after yielding of lead plug) of lead rubber bearing
K_h	shear stiffness
K_i	initial shear stiffness
K_p	shear stiffness of lead plug inserted in lead rubber bearing
K_r	shear stiffness of lead rubber bearing before inserting lead plug
K_t	tangential shear stiffness
K_v	compressive stiffness
L_f	length of one side of a square flange
M	resistance to rotation

M_f	moment acting on bolt
M_r	moment acting on isolator
n	number of rubber layers
n_b	number of fixing bolts
P	compressive force
P_0	design compressive force
P_{\max}	maximum design compressive force
P_{\min}	minimum design compressive force
Q	shear force
Q_b	shear force at break
Q_{buk}	shear force at buckling
Q_d	characteristic strength
S_1	first shape factor
S_2	second shape factor
T	temperature
T_r	total rubber thickness, given by $T_r = n \times t_r$
t_r	thickness of one rubber layer
t_{r1}, t_{r2}	thickness of rubber layer laminated on each side of plate
t_s	thickness of one reinforcing steel plate
t_o	thickness of outside cover rubber
$U(\gamma)$	function giving ratio of characteristic strength to maximum shear force of a loop
V	uplift force
v	loading velocity
W_d	energy dissipated per cycle
X	shear displacement
X_0	design shear displacement
X_b	shear displacement at break
X_{buk}	shear displacement at buckling
X_s	shear displacement due to quasi-static shear movement
X_{\max}	maximum design shear displacement
X_d	shear displacement due to dynamic shear movement
Y	compressive displacement
Z	section modulus of flange
α	coefficient of linear thermal expansion

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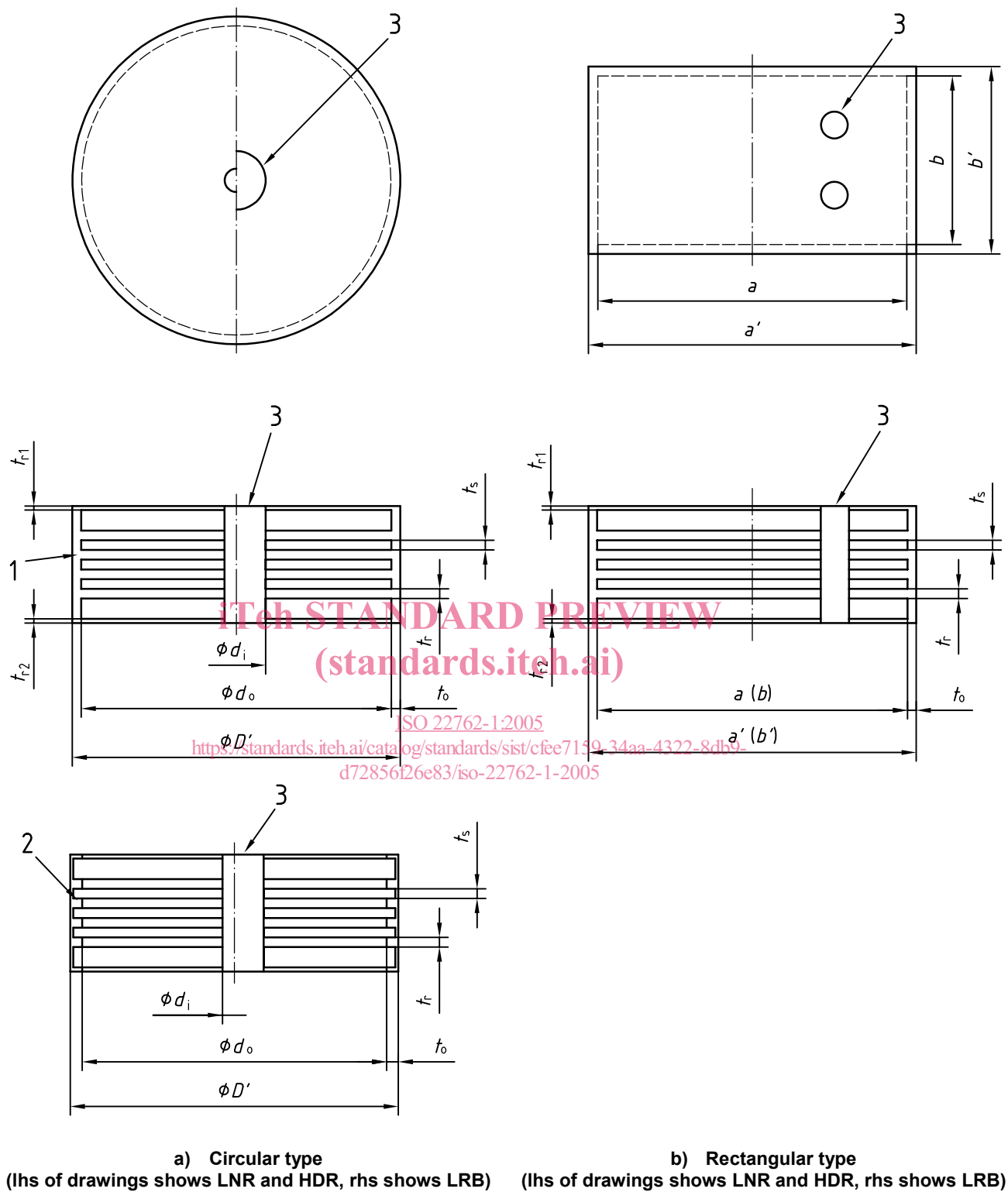
γ	shear strain
γ_0	design shear strain
γ_a	upper limit of the total of design strains on elastomeric isolators
γ_b	shear strain at break
γ_c	local shear strain due to compressive force
γ_d	shear strain due to dynamic shear movement
γ_{\max}	maximum shear strain during earthquake
γ_r	local shear strain due to rotation
γ_s	shear strain due to quasi-static shear movement
γ_u	ultimate shear strain
δ_H	horizontal offset of isolator
δ_V	difference in isolator height measured between two points at opposite extremes of the isolator
ε	compressive strain of isolator
ε_{cr}	creep strain
ε_T	tensile strain of isolator
ε_{Tb}	tensile-break strain of isolator
ε_{Ty}	tensile-yield strain of isolator
ζ	ratio of total rubber height to total height of rubber and steel layers
θ	rotation angle of isolator about the diameter of a circular bearing or about an axis through a rectangular bearing
θ_a	rotation angle of isolator in the longitudinal direction (a)
θ_b	rotation angle of isolator in the transverse direction (b)
λ	correction factor for calculation of stress in reinforcing steel plates
η	correction factor for calculation of critical stress
κ	correction factor for apparent Young's modulus according to hardness
$\Sigma\gamma$	total local shear strain
σ	compressive stress in isolator
σ_0	design compressive stress
σ_B	tensile stress in bolt
σ_b	bending stress in flange
σ_{bf}	allowable bending stress in steel
σ_{cr}	critical stress in isolator
σ_f	allowable tensile stress in steel
σ_{\max}	maximum design compressive stress

σ_{\min}	minimum design compressive stress
σ_{nom}	for building: nominal long term compressive stress recommended by manufacturer
σ_s	tensile stress in reinforcing steel plate
σ_{sa}	allowable tensile stress in steel plate
σ_{sy}	yield stress of steel for flanges and reinforcing steel plates
σ_{su}	tensile strength of steel for flanges and reinforcing steel plates
σ_t	tensile stress
σ_{te}	allowable tensile stress in isolator
σ_{yi}	yield stress in steel plate
τ_B	shear stress in bolt
τ_f	allowable shear stress in steel
ϕ	factor for computation of buckling stability
ψ	factor for computation of buckling check
ξ	factor for computation of critical stress

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Key

- 1 cover rubber cured with insulator
- 2 cover rubber added after insulator cured
- 3 lead plug

Figure 1 — Cross-section of isolator