
**Plywood — Bonding quality —
Part 2:
Requirements**

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ISO 12466 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plywood — Bonding quality*:

- *Part 1: Test methods*
- *Part 2: Requirements*

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Plywood — Bonding quality —

Part 2: Requirements

1 Scope

This part of ISO 12466 specifies requirements for determination of bonding quality class of plywood, blockboard, battenboard, and laminboard, bonded with thermosetting resins, according to their intended end uses.

NOTE Appropriate test methods are specified in ISO 12466-1.

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 12465, *Plywood — Specifications*

[ISO 12466-2:2007](#)

ISO 12466-1:2007, *Plywood — Bonding quality — Part 1: Test methods*

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3 Bonding classes

Bonding quality is categorized into three classes, in accordance with ISO 12465, based upon moisture resistance as follows.

3.1 Class 1: Dry conditions

This bonding class is appropriate for veneer plywood intended for use in normal interior climates excluding any extended direct exposure to weather.

3.2 Class 2: Tropical-dry/humid conditions

This bonding class is appropriate for veneer plywood intended for protected external applications (e.g. behind cladding or under roof coverings), but capable of resisting weather exposure for short periods (e.g. when exposed during construction). It is also suitable for interior situations where the service moisture condition is higher than the class 1 level.

3.3 Class 3: High humidity/exterior conditions

This bonding class is designed for veneer plywood intended for exposure to weather over sustained periods.

NOTE The durability of plywood depends not only upon the level of bonding performance, but also upon other factors.

4 Requirements

4.1 General

For each bonding quality class, both the mean shear strength and the average apparent cohesive wood failure shall be determined in accordance with ISO 12466-1.

Test pieces shall be pre-treated as specified for the applicable bonding class, as given in Table 1. A minimum of 10 test pieces per glue line shall satisfy the criteria given in Table 2.

For Class 2 and Class 3 where two pre-treatments are required, each pre-treatment shall be carried out on a separate set of not less than five test pieces for each glue line.

4.2 Pre-treatments

Table 1 — Pre-treatment requirements

Bonding class	Pre-treatment					
	Basic		Additional			
	24 h Cold soak (ISO 12466-1: 2007, 5.1.1)	VP (ISO 12466-1: 2007, 5.1.4)	6 h Boil (ISO 12466-1: 2007, 5.1.2)	BDB (ISO 12466-1: 2007, 5.1.3)	72 h Boil (ISO 12466-1: 2007, 5.1.5)	Steam (ISO 12466-1: 2007, 5.1.6)
1	X	X	—	—	—	—
2	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	—	X	X	X

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One of the indicated basic pre-treatments shall be chosen, plus one of the indicated additional pre-treatments for bonding class 2 and bonding class 3.

For full phenolic adhesives, when VP is used as the basic pre-treatment, an additional pre-treatment needs to be only occasionally conducted for validation purposes.

4.3 Glue line requirements

For all three bonding classes, each glue line tested shall satisfy two criteria: the mean shear strength and the average apparent cohesive wood failure, as combined in Table 2.

Table 2 — Glue line requirements

Mean shear strength τ MPa	Average apparent cohesive wood failure %
$\tau < 0,2$	not applicable
$0,2 \leq \tau < 0,4$	≥ 80
$0,4 \leq \tau < 0,6$	≥ 60
$0,6 \leq \tau \leq 1,0$	≥ 40
$1,0 < \tau$	no requirement

The relationship between the average percentage of apparent cohesive wood failure and the mean shear strength given in Table 2 is illustrated in Figure 1.

If ISO 12466-1:2007, Annex B (chisel/knife testing) is used, the average bond quality of each glue line of test sample shall be a minimum of 2 and the overall average bond quality for all glue lines in the test sample shall be 5.

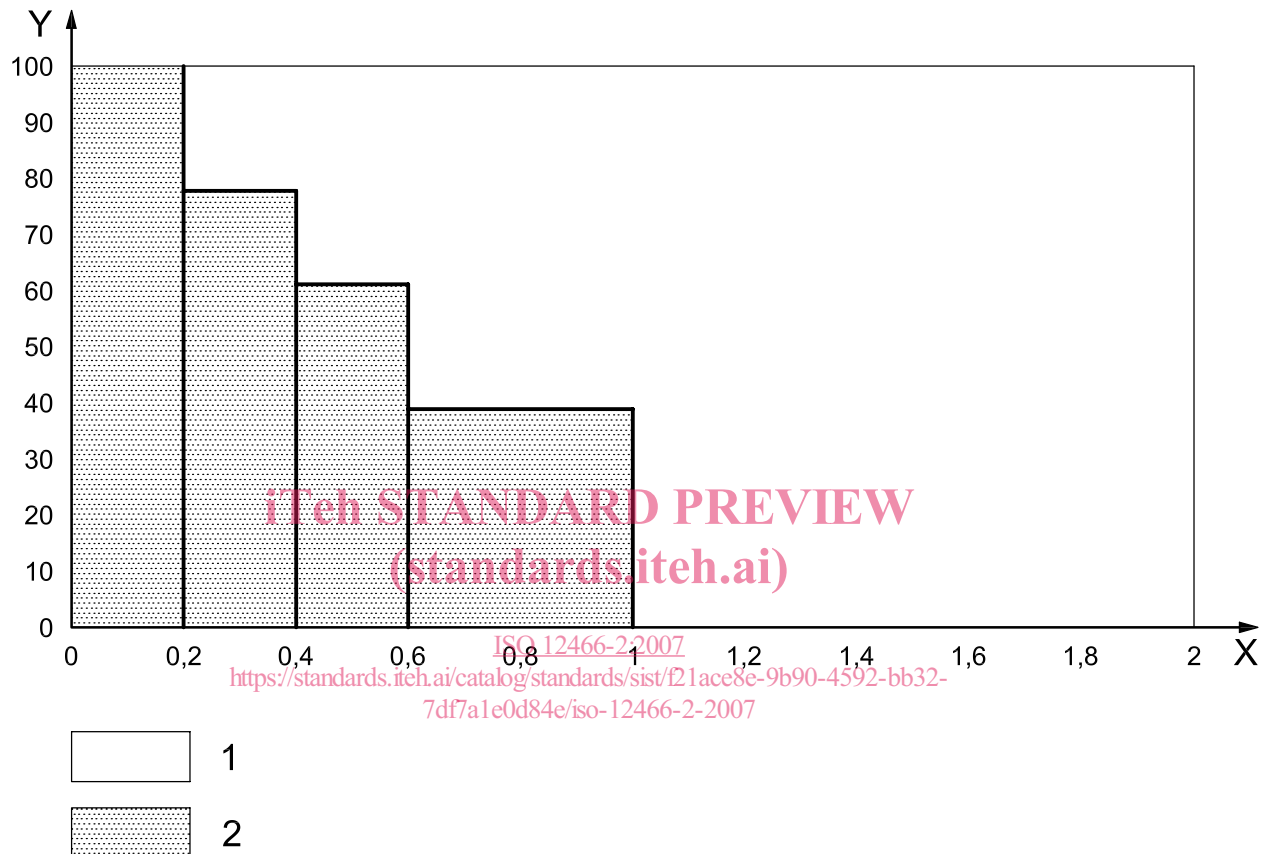


Figure 1 — Relation between average percentage of apparent cohesive wood failure and mean shear strength

5 Determination of bonding quality

The comparison of results obtained in accordance with ISO 12466-1 with the requirements defined in this part of ISO 12466 allows determination of the bonding class to which the tested panel belongs.

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