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**Fibre-cement corrugated sheets and  
fittings for roofing and cladding**

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## Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 10904 cancels and replaces ISO 9384:1991 and ISO 9933:1995, which have been technically revised.

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## Introduction

The performance of a roof or another building part constructed with the products covered by this International Standard depends not only on the properties of the products as required by this International Standard, but also on the design, construction and installation of the components as a whole relative to the environment and the conditions of use.

This International Standard does not include calculations with regard to works, design requirements, installation techniques, wind uplift or rain proofing of the installed sheets.

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# Fibre-cement corrugated sheets and fittings for roofing and cladding

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies technical requirements and methods for the inspection and testing of straight short and long fibre-cement profiled sheets and their fibre-cement fittings designed to provide the weather-exposed surfaces on roofs and internal and external walls of buildings.

Products covered by this International Standard can be used for other purposes, provided they comply with the appropriate national or international application code or standard.

Some of the requirements of this International Standard can apply, after agreement between manufacturer and purchaser, to curved profiled sheets.

The type tests described in this International Standard are not intended to evaluate the performance of the coating in isolation (colour-fastness, adhesion, etc.). Specific performance requirements for coatings are referenced in other International Standards or national standards.

This International Standard does not apply to fibre-cement profiled sheets and fittings reinforced with asbestos fibres.

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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 390:1993, *Products in fibre-reinforced cement — Sampling and inspection*

ISO 2602:1980, *Statistical interpretation of test results — Estimation of the mean — Confidence interval*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

ISO 3951-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by variables — Part 1: Specification for single sampling plans indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection for a single quality characteristic and a single AQL*

ISO 12468-1, *External exposure of roofs to fire — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 12468-2, *External fire exposure to roofs — Part 2: Classification of roofs*

EN 15057, *Fibre cement profiled sheets — Impact resistance test method*

### 3 Terms and definitions

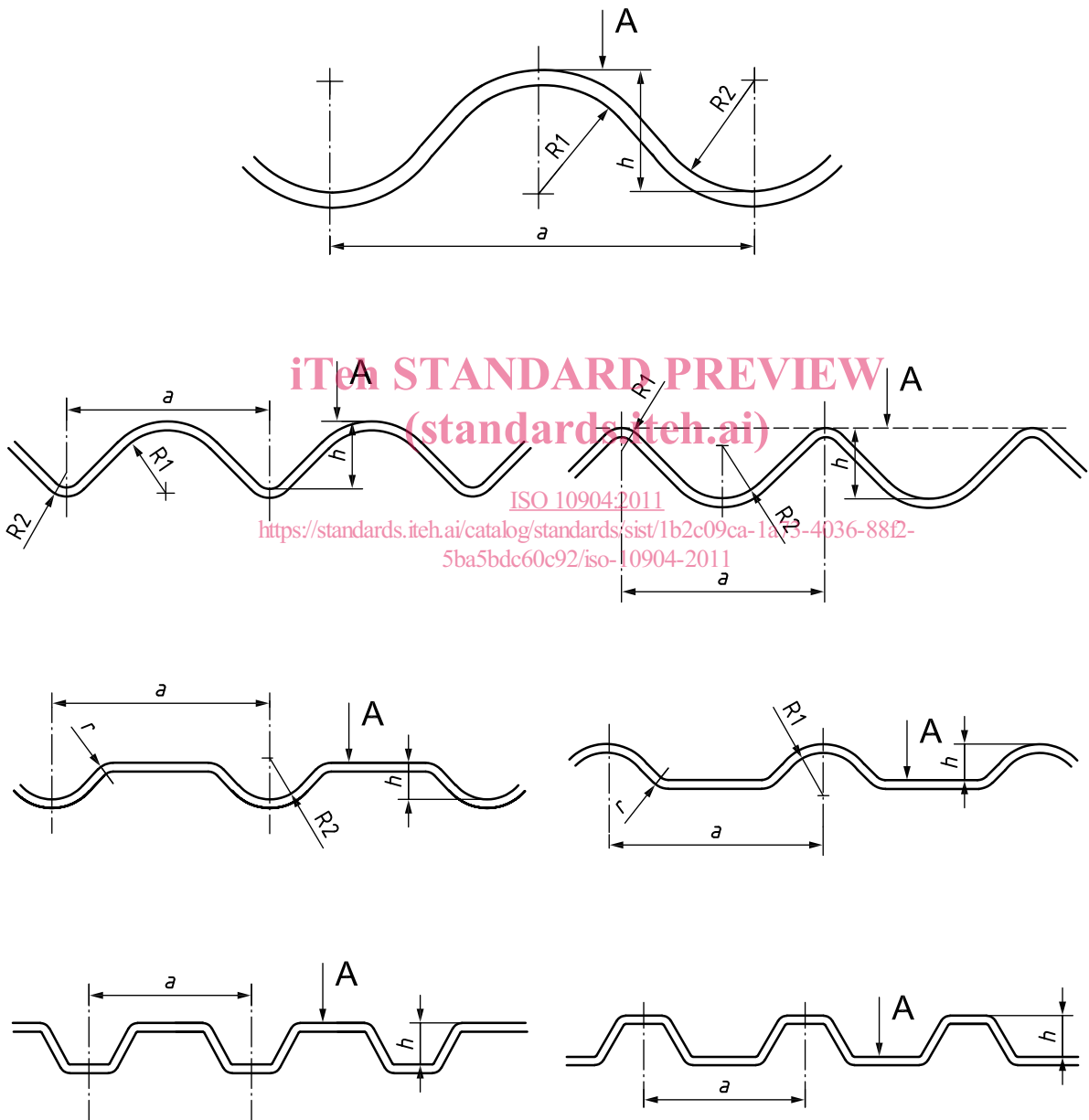
For the purposes of this document, the following definitions apply.

#### 3.1 profiled sheet

component whose cross-section consists of corrugations

NOTE 1 Examples are shown in Figure 1.

NOTE 2 The corrugations are defined by their pitch,  $a$ , and their height,  $h$ .



**Key**  
 A upper face

Figure 1 — Examples of categorization by height of profile



**3.2****side corrugation**

corrugation at the extreme end(s) of a cross section normally having a different pitch and height, normally used for side overlapping

**3.3****acceptance test**

test to establish whether a batch of products conforms to a specification

NOTE 1 The test is performed on samples drawn from continuous production or from a consignment.

NOTE 2 Test methods, specifications and limit values are specified in this International Standard. Sampling levels and acceptance criteria are specified in 6.3.

NOTE 3 See ISO 390.

**3.4****type test**

test performed to demonstrate conformity with the requirements of this International Standard or for the approval of a new product and/or when a fundamental change is made in formulation and/or method of manufacture, the effects of which cannot be predicted on the basis of previous experience

NOTE The test is performed on the as-delivered product, but is not required for each production batch.

**3.5****acceptable quality level****AQL**

maximum percent defective (or maximum number of defects per 100 units) that can be considered satisfactory as a long-term average quality level in a sampling plan

NOTE When a manufacturer's process satisfies a sampling scheme with an AQL of 4 %, this indicates that 96 % of the inspected product exceeds the specification. This type of specification provides the consumer with a clearly defined lower quality boundary; this does not occur if acceptance is based solely on the average value of the measured property. Examples of sampling schemes can be found in ISO 390, ISO 2859-1 and ISO 3951-1.

**3.6****as delivered**

in the same condition as that in which the producer intends to supply the product after completing all aspects of the process, including maturing and, when appropriate, painting

**3.7****reinforcement fibres**

organic or inorganic reinforcement fibres for the manufacture of fibre-cement profiled sheets and fittings complying with this International Standard

NOTE See 5.1.

**3.8****apparent density**

dry mass per unit volume based upon the volume of the sample calculated by water displacement or equivalent

NOTE This is an average density of the material and pores, coated or uncoated (as delivered).

**3.9****breaking load**

maximum load achieved during the bending test and representing the load-bearing capacity of the sheets at the test span

**3.10**

**bending moment at rupture**

moment at mid-span calculated from the maximum load during the bending test

**3.11**

**short sheet**

sheet with a length less than or equal to 0,9 m

**3.12**

**long sheet**

sheet with a length greater than 0,9 m

**3.13**

**upper face**

face normally exposed to the weather

**3.14**

**under face**

reverse of the upper face

**3.15**

**ambient laboratory conditions**

atmosphere for testing or storing and conditioning of samples, defined for the purpose of this International Standard as a temperature of 23 °C ± 10 °C and a relative humidity of 50 % ± 20 %

**3.16**

**fitting**

components with particular shapes that are fitted to profiled sheets and complete, for instance, the roofing at the verge, ridge and eaves, or perform functions such as ventilation, daylight-admission, etc.

**3.17**

**bending modulus**

modulus of elasticity derived from the load-deflection data recorded during the breaking load test

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**4 Symbols, abbreviations and units**

For the purposes of this document, the following symbols and abbreviations are used.

- a* pitch of the corrugation, expressed in millimetres
- b* dimension of the specimen parallel to the supports in either the breaking load test (called width of the specimen) or the bending moment test (called length of the specimen), expressed in millimetres
- e* thickness of the sheet, expressed in millimetres
- $E_m$  bending modulus, expressed in newtons per square millimetre, in the breaking load test
- $f_{0,15}$  deflection, expressed in millimetres, at approximately 15 % of the maximum load in the breaking load test
- $f_{0,55}$  deflection, expressed in millimetres, at approximately 55 % of the maximum load in the breaking load test
- F* load at rupture in the breaking load test or bending moment test, expressed in newtons
- $F_s$  load at rupture per metre width from the breaking load test, expressed in newtons per metre
- $F_{0,15}$  load, expressed in newtons, at 15 % of the maximum load in the breaking load test

$F_{0,55}$	load, expressed in newtons, at 55 % of the maximum load in the breaking load test
$h$	height of the corrugation, expressed in millimetres
$h_{od}$	height of the edge of the descending corrugation, expressed in millimetres
$h_{om}$	height of the edge of the ascending corrugation, expressed in millimetres
$I$	moment of inertia of the section around a horizontal axis through the centre of gravity, expressed in millimetres
$l$	length of the sheet, expressed in millimetres
$l_s$	clear span between the supports in the breaking load test or the bending moment test, expressed in millimetres
$L_1$	upper estimation at 95 % confidence level of the result $X_1$
$L_2$	lower estimation at 95 % confidence level of the result $X_2$
$m$	mass of the specimen, expressed in grams, after drying, when determining the apparent density
$M$	bending moment at rupture per metre length from the bending moment test, expressed in newton-metres per metre
$R_L$	ratio of the estimation $L_2$ to the estimation $L_1$
$s_1$	standard deviation of the specimens with average $X_1$
$s_2$	standard deviation of the specimens with average $X_2$
$V$	apparent volume, expressed in cubic centimetres, of the specimens for the apparent density test
$w$	width of the sheet, expressed in millimetres
$x_0$	actual result obtained when dry-testing
$\bar{X}_1$	mean value of the bending test results of the control specimens (the first lot) for a type test
$\bar{X}_2$	mean value of the bending test results of the specimens (the second lot) after a type-test exposure
$x_{std}$	minimum value for use as the specification for the dry method of test; this value is calculated at the 97,5 % lower confidence level from the value $y_{std}$ specified for the wet method of test in this International Standard
$y_0$	value calculated from the value obtained from a specimen tested dry, which is the estimate at the 97,5 % lower confidence level of the value expected from a specimen tested wet
$y_{std}$	minimum value specified in this International Standard for wet testing
$\alpha$	one of the coefficients of the regression line defined in Annex E
$\beta$	one of the coefficients of the regression line defined in Annex E
$\rho$	apparent density of specimen, expressed in grams per cubic centimetre

## 5 Product requirements

### 5.1 General

#### 5.1.1 Composition

**5.1.1.1** Fibre-cement profiled sheets and fittings shall consist essentially of cement or a calcium silicate formed by the chemical reaction of a siliceous and a calcareous material, reinforced by fibres. The cement shall comply with the relevant national standards in the country of manufacture.

Process aids, fillers, aggregates and pigments that are compatible with the fibre-reinforced cement may be added.

**5.1.1.2** Reinforcement may be one or a combination of the following materials:

- cellulose fibre;
- synthetic organic and/or inorganic fibre;
- glass fibre.

**5.1.1.3** These materials may have one or more of the following forms:

- discrete elements randomly dispersed;
- continuous strands or tapes;
- nets or webs.

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#### 5.1.2 Manufacture

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Fibre-cement profiled sheets may be formed either with or without pressure and cured either under natural or accelerated conditions, to meet the specified requirements. The fibre-cement fittings may be formed by either hand- or machine-moulding techniques.

#### 5.1.3 Appearance and finish

The profiled sheets may be left with their natural color, or coloring matter may be added in the composition. They may also receive adherent colored or uncolored coatings or impregnations on their surfaces. The upper face shall have a generally smooth finish. Variations of the surface appearance that do not impair the characteristics of the sheets as defined in this International Standard are permitted.

Edges shall be straight and clean and the sheets shall be square. Sheets may have one or more corners pre-mitred or prepared for mitring and/or may be pre-drilled for fixing.

The fittings shall have a general appearance and finish compatible with the sheets with which they are being used.

### 5.2 Categorization and classification

#### 5.2.1 According to nominal height of corrugations

The fibre-cement profiled sheets are divided into five categories depending on the nominal height,  $h$ , expressed in millimetres, of their corrugations, in accordance with Table 1. Examples of profiles are shown in Figure 1.

Table 1 — Categories of fibre-cement profiled sheets

Category	Height $h$ mm	
	Long sheets length > 0,9 m	Short sheets length ≤ 0,9 m
A	$15 \leq h \leq 30$	$15 \leq h \leq 30$
B	$25 \leq h \leq 45$	$25 \leq h \leq 45$
C	$40 \leq h \leq 80$	$40 \leq h \leq 80$
D	$60 \leq h \leq 120$	$60 \leq h \leq 120$
E	$90 \leq h \leq 150$	—

### 5.2.2 According to thickness

The thickness of the sheets may be

- either approximately constant throughout the width of the profile (type A sheets); see Figure 2 a); or
- vary regularly between the valley and the crown for corrugated sheets or between the lower part and the upper part of ribs for asymmetrical section sheets, in the same cross-section (type B sheets); see Figure 2 b).

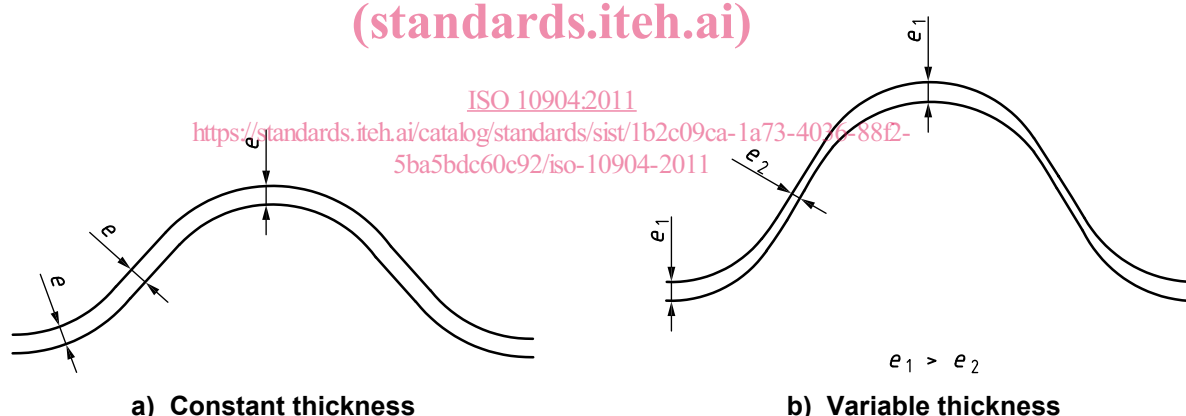


Figure 2 — Profiled sheet

### 5.2.3 According to minimum breaking load in bending for long sheets

For sheets with a length greater than 0,9 m (long sheets), each category of sheet is subdivided into classes according to the value of the minimum breaking load in bending; see Table 3.

### 5.2.4 According to minimum bending moment at rupture for long and short sheets

For long and short sheets, each category of sheet is subdivided into classes according to the value of the minimum bending moment at rupture; see Table 4.

National standards may choose one or more classes depending on the local conditions in the area of use.

National standards may specify, in addition of the minimum breaking load (in newtons per metre width), the unit flexural strength (in newtons per square millimetre) provided that the manufacturer defines the profile,

including the side corrugations, and consequently indicates how to calculate the moment of inertia for the specific corrugated surface section.

**5.3 Dimensions and tolerances on nominal dimensions**

**5.3.1 General**

The manufacturer shall specify the nominal dimensions, shapes and configuration of the edges of the fibre-cement profiled sheets.

Fittings shall have nominal dimensions and shapes determined by the manufacturer and appropriate to the corresponding fibre-cement profiled sheets with which the fittings are used.

**5.3.2 Minimum thickness of profiled sheets**

Each individual thickness measured according to B.5 shall be no less than the values in Table 2.

**Table 2 — Minimum individual thickness of profiled sheets**

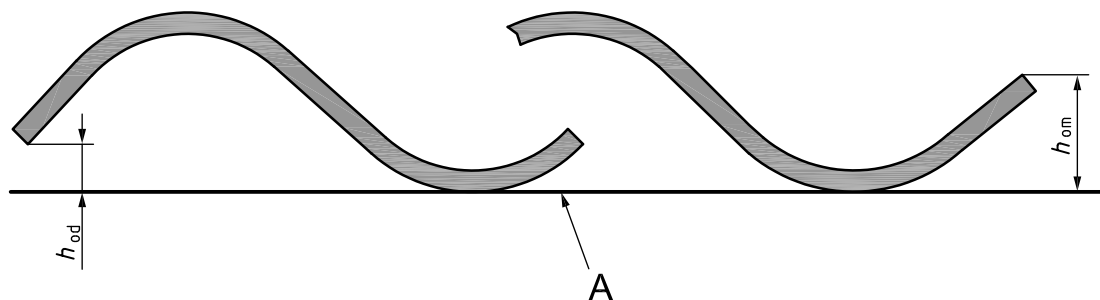
Category	Height <i>h</i> mm	Minimum individual thickness <i>e</i> mm	
		Long sheets length > 0,9 m	Short sheets length ≤ 0,9 m
A	$15 \leq h \leq 30$	3,0	3,0
B	$25 \leq h \leq 45$	4,0	4,0
C	$40 \leq h \leq 80$	4,5	4,5
D	$60 \leq h \leq 120$	5,5	5,5
E	$90 \leq h \leq 150$	6,0	—

**5.3.3 Number of corrugations**

The number of corrugations considered for designation is the number of complete corrugations of the sheet.

**5.3.4 Height of edges**

The nominal height of edges of both the ascending and descending edges (see Figure 3) shall be specified in national standards. This requirement applies only for sheets having an ascending corrugation on one side and a descending corrugation on the other side.



**Key**  
A reference plane (control surface)

**Figure 3 — Measurement of the height of edges**

### 5.3.5 Tolerances on nominal dimensions for sheets

The following tolerances shall apply to nominal dimensions given by the manufacturer:

a) tolerance on pitch,  $a$ , expressed in millimetres:

$a \leq 75$	$\pm 1,5$
$75 < a \leq 180$	$\pm 2$
$180 < a \leq 260$	$\pm 2,5$
$260 < a$	$\pm 3$

b) tolerance on height of corrugation,  $h$ , expressed in millimetres:

$15 \leq h \leq 45$	$\pm 2$
$45 < h \leq 150$	$\pm 3$

c) tolerance on length:  $\pm 10$  mm;

d) tolerance on width:  $\begin{matrix} +10 \\ -5 \end{matrix}$  mm;

e) tolerance on thickness,  $e$ : the average thickness shall be within  $\pm 10$  %, but no more than  $\pm 0,6$  mm of the nominal thickness;

f) out-of-squareness of sheet:  $\leq 6$  mm;

g) tolerance on height of edges: applies only for sheets having an ascending (rising) edge on one side and a descending edge on the other side, and where it is required by the installation technique in order to ensure weather tightness and/or geometrical fit; the manufacturer shall use the tolerances specified in installation standards or regulations or, if none are given, he shall specify them in his literature.

### 5.3.6 Tolerances on nominal dimensions for fittings

The following tolerances shall apply to nominal dimensions given by the manufacturer:

a) tolerance on length:  $\pm 10$  mm;

b) tolerance on width:  $\pm 10$  mm;

c) tolerance on average thickness:  $\pm 1$  mm.

National standards may specify tolerances tighter than the ones specified in 5.3.5 and 5.3.6.

## 5.4 Physical requirements and characteristics

### 5.4.1 General

Mechanical and physical properties are normally determined on product as delivered. The results shall be identified as applying to coated or uncoated material. Failure of the coating does not constitute non-compliance of the product with this International Standard.

Testing of mechanical characteristics is performed with the upper face in compression. If required to establish a relationship between upper and under face testing, where significant differences are expected or if required for design purposes, the load shall be applied on the under face. Results obtained for under face testing are not relevant for classification.