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Foreword

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ISO 22762 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Elastomeric seismic-protection isolators*:

- *Part 1: Test methods*
- *Part 2: Applications for bridges — Specifications*
- *Part 3: Applications for buildings — Specifications*

Introduction

ISO 22762 (all parts) consists of two parts related to specifications for isolators, i.e. ISO 22762-2 for bridges and ISO 22762-3 for buildings. This is because the isolator requirements for bridges and for buildings are quite different, although the basic concept of the two products is similar. Therefore, ISO 22762-2 and the relevant clauses in this part of ISO 22762 are used when ISO 22762 (all parts) is applied to the design of bridge isolators, whereas ISO 22762-3 and the relevant clauses of this part of ISO 22762 are used when it is applied to building isolators.

The main differences to be noted between isolators for bridges and isolators for buildings are the following.

a) Isolators for bridges are mainly rectangular in shape and those for buildings are 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.

For structures other than buildings and bridges (e.g. tanks), the structural engineer uses either ISO 22762-2 or ISO 22762-3, depending on the requirements of the structure.

Elastomeric seismic-protection isolators —

Part 1:
Test methods

1 Scope

This part of ISO 22762 specifies the test methods for determination of

a) the properties of the rubber material used to manufacture the elastomeric seismic isolators, and

b) the characteristics of elastomeric seismic isolators.

It is applicable to elastomeric seismic isolators used to provide buildings or bridges with protection from earthquake damage. The isolators covered consist of alternate elastomeric layers and reinforcing steel plates which 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.

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 or thermoplastic — Determination of low-temperature brittleness*

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

ISO 815-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of compression set — Part 1: At ambient or elevated temperatures*

ISO 815-2, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of compression set — Part 2: At 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 shear modulus and adhesion to rigid plates — Quadruple-shear methods*

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

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

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.

3.1
breaking
rupture of elastomeric isolator due to compression (or tension)-shear loading

3.2
buckling
state when elastomeric isolators lose their stability under compression-shear loading

3.3
compressive properties of elastomeric isolator
K_v
compressive stiffness for all types of rubber bearings

3.4
compression-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 purposes of protecting the inner rubber from deterioration due to oxygen, ozone 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

EXAMPLE 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, fabricated using natural rubber

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

3.15
maximum compressive stress
peak stress acting briefly on elastomeric isolators in compressive direction during an earthquake

3.16
nominal compressive stress
long-term stress acting on elastomeric isolators in compressive direction as 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
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

3.20
second shape factor
⟨rectangular or square elastomeric isolator⟩ ratio of the effective width of the inner rubber to the total thickness of the inner rubber

3.21
shear properties of elastomeric isolators
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

3.22
structural engineer
engineer who is in charge of designing the structure for base-isolated bridges or buildings and is responsible for specifying the requirements for elastomeric isolators

3.23
type test
test for verification either of material properties and isolator performances during development of the product or that project design parameters are achieved

3.24
ultimate property
property at either buckling, breaking, or roll-out of an isolator under compression-shear loading

3.25
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 cross-section of isolator

4.1 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols given in Table 1 apply.

Table 1 — Symbols and descriptions

Symbol	Description
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
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

Table 1 (*continued*)

Symbol	Description
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_0	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
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 rectangular 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 compressive force
P_{min}	minimum compressive force
Q	shear force

Table 1 (*continued*)

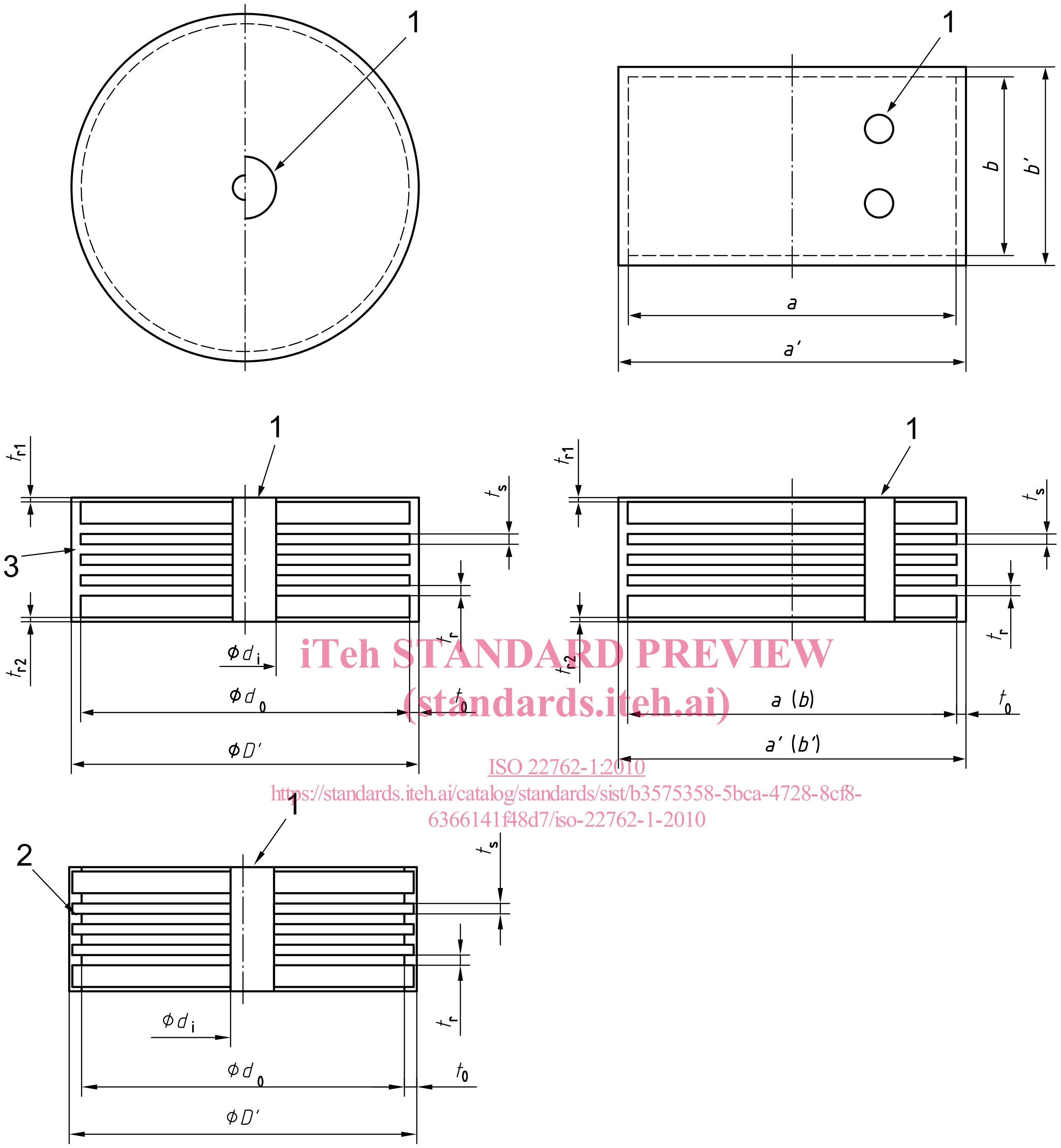
Symbol	Description
Q_b	shear force at break
Q_{buk}	shear force at buckling
Q_d	characteristic strength
S_1	first shape factor
S_2	second shape factor
T	temperature
T_L	minimum temperature
T_0	standard temperature, 23 °C or 27 °C; where specified tolerance is ± 2 °C, it is standard laboratory temperature
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_0	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 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
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 design 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

Table 1 (*continued*)

Symbol	Description
ε	compressive strain of rubber
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 height of rubber and steel layers to total rubber height
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
τ_B	shear stress in bolt
τ_f	allowable shear stress in steel
ϕ	factor for computation of buckling stability
ξ	factor for computation of critical stress

4.2 Cross-section of isolator

A typical cross-section of the isolator is given in Figure 1.



NOTE The left-hand side of the figure shows LNR and HDR, shows LRB.

a) Circular type

NOTE The right-hand side of the figure shows LNR and HDR, shows LRB.

b) Rectangular type

Key

1 lead plug

2 cover rubber added after isolator cured

3 cover rubber cured with insulator

Figure 1 — Cross-section of isolator

5 Rubber material tests

5.1 Test items

In order to assure the required quality of elastomeric isolators, it is necessary to specify the physical properties of the rubber materials and the adhesion between the rubber and the steel plates. The basic properties of rubber materials related to performance of elastomeric isolators are shown as test items in Table 2.

Table 2 — Test items of rubber materials

Property	Test item	Related International Standard
Tensile properties	Tensile strength	ISO 37
	Elongation at break	
	100 % modulus	
Ageing properties	Tensile strength	ISO 188 ISO 37
	Elongation at break	
	100 % modulus	
Hardness	Hardness	ISO 48 ISO 7619-2
Adhesion	90° peel strength between metal and rubber Classification of fracture mode	ISO 813
Compression set	Compression set	ISO 815-1 ISO 815-2
Shear properties	Shear modulus	ISO 4664-1
	Equivalent damping ratio	
	Temperature dependence of shear modulus and equivalent damping ratio	
	Repeated deformation dependence of shear modulus and equivalent damping ratio	
	Fracture strength	ISO 1827
	Fracture strain	
Brittleness point	Brittleness temperature	ISO 812
Ozone resistance	Inspection of deterioration	ISO 1431-1 (static strain test)
Low-temperature crystallization	Hardness	ISO 3387

5.2 Test conditions and test pieces

The temperature and humidity in the laboratory, the preparation of test pieces, and methods for measuring thickness and width, etc., shall be in accordance with ISO 23529.

Moulded test pieces shall be used. They shall be cured to have properties as similar as practicable to the rubber in the bulk of the isolator.

5.3 Tensile properties

The tensile test should be carried out by the method specified in ISO 37. However, the test piece specified in Table 3 can be used as an alternative.