
**Furniture — Tests for surface finishes —
Part 2:
Assessment of resistance to wet heat**

Ameublement — Essais des finitions de surface —

Partie 2: Évaluation de la résistance à la chaleur humide

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 136, *Furniture*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4211-2:1993), which has been technically revised. Significant technical changes in this version are as follows:

- change in the illumination of the diffuse light source; it is now (1200 ± 400) lx;
- changes in the descriptive numerical rating code: new descriptions apply.

ISO 4211 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Furniture — Tests for surface finishes*:

- *Part 2: Assessment of resistance to wet heat*
- *Part 3: Assessment of resistance to dry heat*
- *Part 4: Assessment of resistance to impact*

Furniture — Tests for surface finishes —

Part 2: Assessment of resistance to wet heat

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4211 specifies a method for the assessment of the resistance to wet heat of all rigid furniture surfaces regardless of materials.

It does not apply to leather and textile surfaces.

The test is intended to be carried out on a part of the finished furniture, but can be carried out on test panels of the same material, finished in an identical manner to the finished product and of a size sufficient to meet the requirements of the test.

The test is carried out on unused surfaces.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 209, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Chemical composition*

ISO 1770, *Solid-stem general purpose thermometers*

ISO 4287, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters*

ISO 4288, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Rules and procedures for the assessment of surface texture*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

test panel

panel including the test surface

Note 1 to entry: It may be cut from a finished item of furniture or it may be a separate panel produced in the same manner as the finished item of furniture.

3.2

test surface

part of the test panel

3.3

test area

part of the test surface under the heat source (5.2)

3.4 roughness

R_a
arithmetic mean of the absolute values of the profile deviations from the mean line

4 Principle

A standard aluminium alloy block at a specified test temperature is placed on a damp cloth in contact with the test surface. After a specified test period, the block and damp cloth are removed and the test surface is left for 16 h to 24 h. Thereafter, the test surface is cleaned and examined for damages such as discolouration, change in gloss, change in colour, blistering, and swelling. The test result is stated in a numerical rating code.

5 Apparatus and materials

5.1 Thermometer, as specified in ISO 1770, capable of insertion to the bottom of the centre bore of the heat source (5.2) or other means of measuring the temperature of the heat source to an accuracy of ± 1 °C.

5.2 Heat source, a block as shown in Figure 1, manufactured from aluminium alloy according to ISO 209, Al Mg Si (alloy shall contain more than 94 % aluminium). The roughness of the bottom surface shall be (2 ± 1) μm , expressed as R_a , according to ISO 4287 and ISO 4288.

NOTE Alloy 6060 and 64430 are suitable.

The following tolerances are applicable:

Lengths: $\pm 0,2$ mm of the nominal length

Angles: $\pm 2^\circ$ of the nominal angle

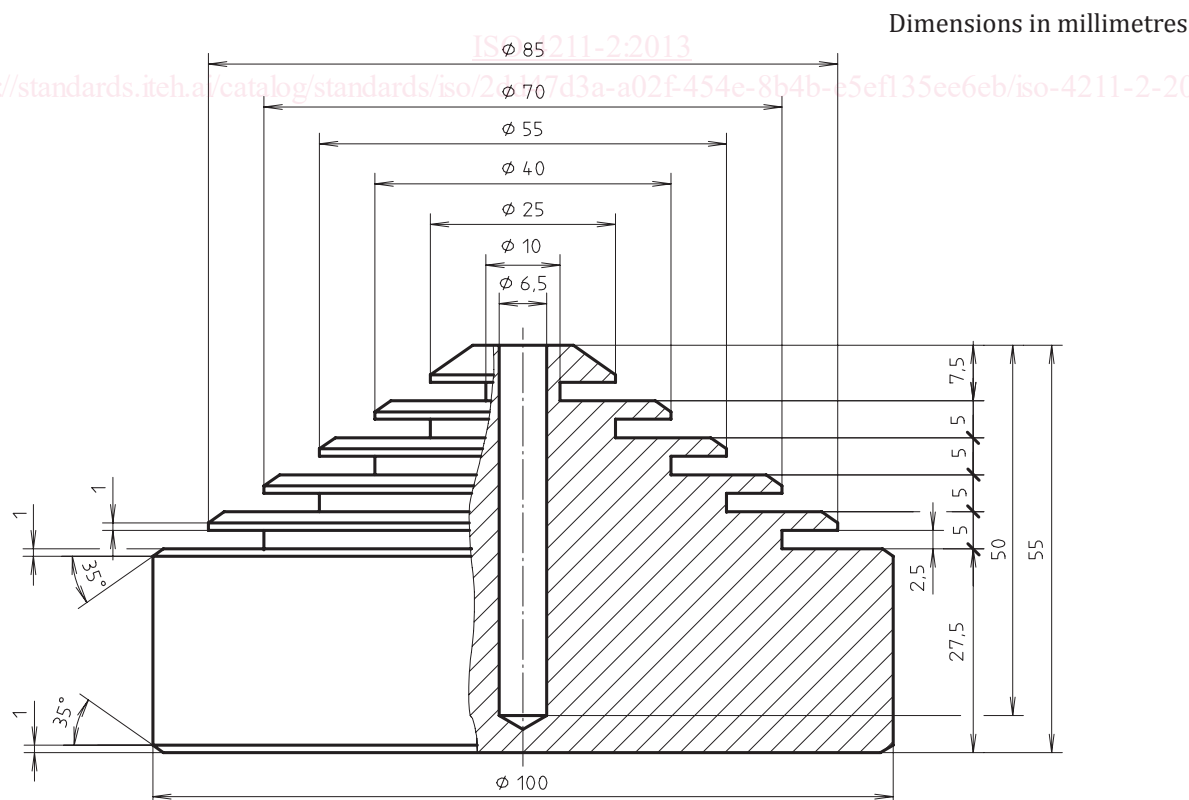


Figure 1 — Aluminium block used as heat source