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**Part 2:  
Sawn timber**

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 165, *Structural Timber*.

ISO 12122 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Timber structures — Determination of characteristic values*: <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/c8289c58-d4bb-4ad4-be2b-3d0a397bca17/iso-12122-2-2014>

- *Part 1: Basic requirements*
- *Part 2: Sawn timber*

## Introduction

This International Standard sets out a framework for establishing characteristic values from test results on a sample drawn from a clearly defined reference population of sawn timber. The characteristic value is an estimate of the property of the reference population with a consistent level of confidence prescribed in the standard.

This part of ISO 12122 is to be used in conjunction with ISO 12122-1.

This part of ISO 12122 permits the evaluation of characteristic values on testing on commercial sized specimens of sawn timber.

This part of ISO 12122 is applicable to structural sawn timber. In some cases, characteristic values determined in accordance with this part of ISO 12122 can be modified to become a design value.

This part of ISO 12122 has the following annexes:

- [Annex A](#) presents a commentary on this part of ISO 12122.

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# Timber structures — Determination of characteristic values —

## Part 2: Sawn timber

### 1 Scope

This International Standard gives methods for the determination of characteristic values for a defined population of sawn timber products, calculated from test values.

It presents methods for the determination of

- a) characteristic value of mean-based properties, and
- b) characteristic value of 5th percentile-based properties.

### 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 12122-1, *Timber structures — Determination of characteristic values — Part 1: Basic requirements*  
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### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12122-1 apply.

### 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

Symbols defined in the relevant ISO product or test standard shall be used. Other symbols are defined in ISO 12122-1.

### 5 Reference Population

In addition to the requirements for definition of the reference population in ISO 12122-1, the following attributes of sawn timber may be described:

- a) climate or climate range of growing region;
- b) altitude or altitude range of growing region;
- c) specific silvicultural practices used in the growing region;
- d) soil type or range of soil types of growing region;
- e) sawing patterns (e.g. backsawn or quartersawn, core wood included or excluded);
- f) seasoning method (if seasoned);
- g) grading or production method.

## 6 Sampling

### 6.1 Sampling method

The sampling method shall comply with the performance objective of sampling defined in ISO 12122-1.

Representation of each of the variants in the sample shall approximate the representation of the same variants in the reference population.

The sampling method shall be documented in the report as detailed in [Clause 10](#) and this documentation shall indicate a response to each of the identified attributes of the reference population listed in compliance with [Clause 5](#) in this part of ISO 12122 and in ISO 12122-1.

### 6.2 Sample size

The sample size shall comply with requirements of ISO 12122-1 and shall take into account the coefficient of variation ( $V$ ) expected for the sawn timber in the reference population.

NOTE 1 See notes under the relevant clause in ISO 12122-1.

Sawn timber properties generally have larger population coefficient of variation ( $V$ ), and should therefore have a larger sample size.

NOTE 2 ISO 12122-1 gives some guidance on selecting sample size.

## 7 Sample conditioning

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The sample storage and testing environment shall reflect conditioning in accordance with the definition of the reference population as indicated in ISO 12122-1.

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## 8 Test data

### 8.1 Test method

The test data shall be obtained from

- a) ISO 13910, or
- b) a standard test method appropriate for the sawn timber reference population provided equivalency factors with ISO 13910 can be established.

NOTE 1 See notes under the relevant clause in ISO 12122-1.

NOTE 2 Test methods involve many variables that will affect results including loading configuration and rates, specimen positioning, and measurement methods. The level of precision of these variables must be appropriate to the objectives of the testing and the adjustments required in [8.2](#).

### 8.2 Test data compatible with product description

Where the characteristic value is applicable to a standard size or moisture content, adjustments to the raw test data may be required. Any adjustment shall be in accordance with ISO 12122-1 and shall be detailed in the report.

NOTE These adjustments include those required to pool data from different test programs as outlined in ISO 12122-1.



## 9 Evaluation of characteristic values for structural properties

### 9.1 Structural properties

For sawn timber, material properties shall be evaluated. These shall include modulus of elasticity and characteristic strengths.

NOTE These are properties which when multiplied by a geometric parameter give a component capacity or component stiffness. Examples of these properties include characteristic modulus of elasticity and characteristic bending strength.

Determination of the characteristic values for structural properties shall be in accordance with ISO 12122-1.

### 9.2 Characteristic modulus of elasticity

Characteristic modulus of elasticity value for serviceability shall be the average of the test values evaluated in accordance with ISO 12122-1, and in the case of its use in the ultimate limit state it shall be either the average or the 5th percentile value.

NOTE In some cases, where a reduction of modulus of elasticity is not already factored into the behaviour equation used for design, a 5th percentile value of modulus of elasticity can be required to design for beam or column stability.

### 9.3 Characteristic values of strength

#### 9.3.1 Characteristic bearing strength

The characteristic values for bearing strength, both parallel and perpendicular to grain, shall be the mean property obtained from results of tests.

#### 9.3.2 Other characteristic values for strength based on the 5th percentile test value

The 75 % lower single-sided confidence limit of the test 5th percentile value shall be evaluated. Suitable methods for evaluating the 5th percentile value of the test data and estimating the 75 % lower single-sided confidence limit are presented in ISO 12122-1.

## 10 Report

The report shall comply with the requirements of ISO 12122-1.