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Foreword

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Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings — Castor chair test

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies methods for determining the change of appearance and stability of a textile floor covering or any damage caused by detachment of layers, opening of joints, or crazing of a resilient or laminate floor covering under the movement of a castor chair.

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 139, *Textiles — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 1957, *Machine-made textile floor coverings — Selection and cutting of specimens for physical tests*

ISO 2424, *Textile floor coverings — Vocabulary*

ISO 9405, *Textile floor coverings — Assessment of changes in appearance*

CEN/TS 16354, *Laminate floor coverings — Underlays — Specification, requirements and test methods*

EN 12466, *Resilient floor coverings — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

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For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 2424 and EN 12466 apply.

4 Principle

A floor covering, including one or more joints, treated or welded where necessary, is submitted for a prescribed number of cycles to the action of three castors. The castors move in epicyclical paths with multiple changes of direction, stops and starts, and the frequency of passage varies from area to area.

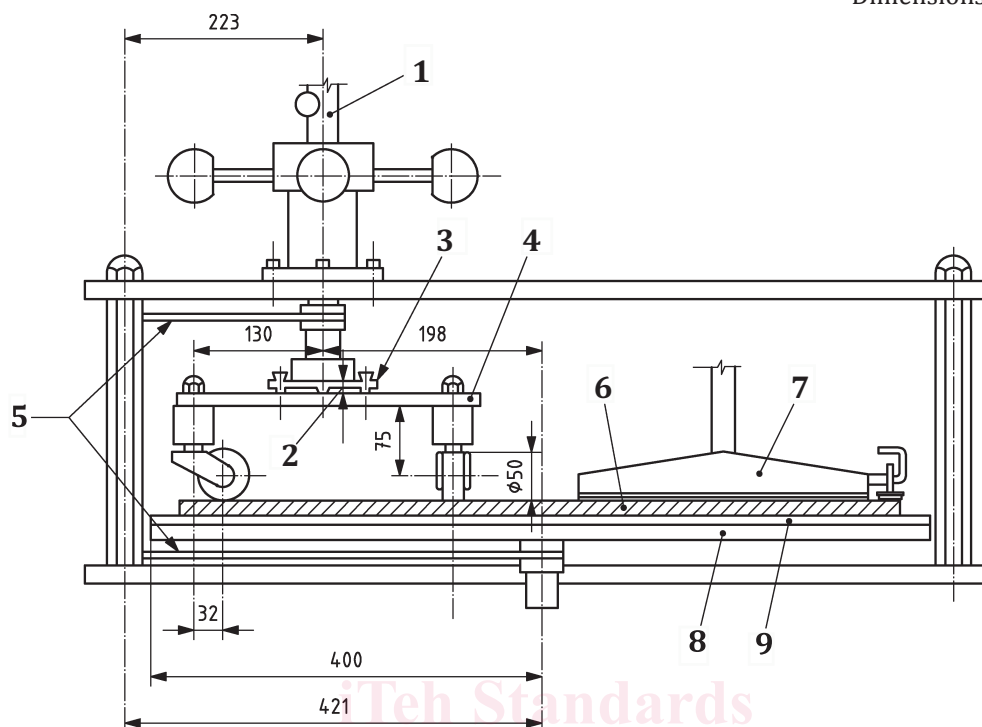
For textile floor coverings, three different assessment methods are specified:

- a) the change in appearance of a textile floor covering is assessed after 5 000 cycles and 25 000 cycles, in accordance with ISO 9405 (Test A),
- b) the change in colour is assessed by means of grey scales after 750 cycles (Test B),
- c) the extent of deterioration of the specimen is assessed after 10 000 cycles or 25 000 cycles (Test C).

For resilient and laminate floor coverings, any damage caused by detachment of layers, opening of joints, or crazing of the specimen is assessed.

5 Apparatus

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

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| 1 | total mass 90 kg | 6 | specimen |
| 2 | distance >3 mm | 7 | suction device with height regulation |
| 3 | load/drive plate | 8 | test platform |
| 4 | castor mounting plate | 9 | specimen support |
| 5 | chain | | |

Figure 1 — Typical castor chair apparatus

5.1 Rotating circular test platform.

The rotating circular test platform on which the specimen is placed shall have a diameter of minimum 800 mm.

5.2 Castor assembly.

This assembly comprises a vertical shaft, set in a bearing, and a plate on which the castors are mounted (Figure 2, item 1). This castor assembly is offset at a distance of (198 ± 1) mm from the centre of the rotating test platform.

The three castors are each arranged concentrically at 120° intervals around the centre of the plate at a distance of (130 ± 1) mm from the centre of the plate, and are free to rotate, so that they follow the rotation of the castor assembly.

The tested area of the specimen is determined by the distance between the axes of revolution of the castor chair assembly and the specimen table and by the distance of the castors from the centre of the plate. This area is approximately $0,3 \text{ m}^2$.

The apparatus is provided with a lifting device to raise the castor assembly above the testing platform when the apparatus is stopped.