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insulation products for buildings —
Specifications**

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Foreword

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This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition (ISO 4898:2010), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- product Category IV has been removed as this type of product is not made.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and methods of testing for three categories of rigid cellular plastics thermal-insulation products for buildings. It covers rigid cellular plastics in the form of flat or profiled boards, with or without natural skins. They can also be faced or laminated with foil, plastic or metal films or sheets, mineral coatings, paper, cardboard or other materials.

This document is not applicable to materials used for the thermal insulation of pipes and vessels, for impact sound absorption or for acoustical insulation.

This document covers the following cellular materials used in the thermal insulation of buildings:

- PF based on phenolic polymer;
- EPS based on expanded polystyrene;
- XPS based on extruded polystyrene;
- PUR based on polyurethane.

The limiting quality values in this document are for use only in the specification of materials between purchaser and supplier, and are not intended to be used for design purposes.

Additional requirements for special applications can be added to those specified in this document by agreement between purchaser and supplier.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 844, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of compression properties*

ISO 845, *Cellular plastics and rubbers — Determination of apparent density*

ISO 1040, *Building construction — Modular coordination — Multimodules for horizontal coordinating dimensions*

ISO 1209-1, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of flexural properties — Part 1: Basic bending test*

ISO 1663, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of water vapour transmission properties*

ISO 1923, *Cellular plastics and rubbers — Determination of linear dimensions*

ISO 2796, *Cellular plastics, rigid — Test for dimensional stability*

ISO 2896, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of water absorption*

ISO 7616, *Cellular plastics, rigid — Determination of compressive creep under specified load and temperature conditions*

ISO 7850, *Cellular plastics, rigid — Determination of compressive creep*

ISO 8301, *Thermal insulation — Determination of steady-state thermal resistance and related properties — Heat flow meter apparatus*

ISO 8302, *Thermal insulation — Determination of steady-state thermal resistance and related properties — Guarded hot plate apparatus*

ISO 11561, *Ageing of thermal insulation materials — Determination of the long-term change in thermal resistance of closed-cell plastics (accelerated laboratory test methods)*

ISO 12576-1:2001, *Thermal insulation — Insulating materials and products for buildings — Conformity control systems — Part 1: Factory-made products*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

EPS

rigid cellular plastics insulation material manufactured by moulding beads of expandable polystyrene or one of its copolymers and that has a substantially closed-cell structure, filled with air

[SOURCE: ISO 9229]

3.2

XPS

rigid cellular plastics insulation material expanded and extruded with or without a skin from polystyrene or one of its copolymers and that has a closed-cell structure

[SOURCE: ISO 9229]

3.3

PUR

rigid cellular plastics insulation material with a substantially closed-cell structure based on polyurethane or urethane/isocyanurate polymers

Note 1 to entry: For definitions of polyisocyanurate plastic, polyurethane and urethane plastic, see ISO 472.

3.4

PF

rigid cellular insulation foam, the polymer structure of which is made primarily from the polycondensation of phenol, its homologues and/or derivatives with aldehydes or ketones

Note 1 to entry: PF used for thermal-insulation purposes has a cellular structure consisting substantially of closed cells (subcategory A) or with a higher content of open cells (subcategory B) which affects the thermal conductivity.

[SOURCE: ISO 9229, modified – Note 1 to entry has been added.]

4 Sizes and dimensional-tolerance requirements

4.1 Board materials shall be supplied in dimensions agreed between purchaser and supplier or in accordance with ISO 1040. Boards shall be flat.