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properties**

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Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 165, *Timber structures*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 22390:2010), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the specimen dimension measurement accuracy in [4.3](#) and
- routine update of the standard.

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Introduction

Laminated veneer lumber (LVL) is being produced in many countries under different national standards and these products are being exported from one country to another. While the national standards have many similarities, there are also many areas of dissimilarity. Thus, there is a need for the development of this International Standard to establish consistency between these standards in order to ensure the suitability of LVL for structural end-use applications, regardless of the country of manufacture or end use. It is valuable for the industry, consumers, governments and distributors.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for establishing the characteristic properties of structural laminated veneer lumber (LVL), including 5th percentile strength values, stiffness characteristics and other performance characteristics, related to its end use as a structural product for dry use (service class 1). It is applicable to members used in flatwise or edgewise bending orientations.

It does not cover the assessment of formaldehyde requirements, biological durability, fire performance or manufacturing, such as quality control and marking.

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 10033-1, *Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) — Bonding quality — Part 1: Test methods*

ISO 10033-2, *Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) — Bonding quality — Part 2: Requirements*

ISO 13910, *Timber structures — Strength graded timber — Test methods for structural properties*

ISO 16572, *Timber structures — Wood-based panels — Test methods for structural properties*

ISO 16979, *Wood-based panels — Determination of moisture content*

EN 408, *Timber structures — Structural timber and glued laminated timber — Determination of some physical and mechanical properties*

ASTM D143, *Standard Test Methods for Small Clear Specimens of Timber*

ASTM D198, *Standard Test Methods of Static Tests of Lumber in Structural Sizes*

ASTM D4761, *Standard Test Methods for Mechanical Properties of Lumber and Wood-Base Structural Material*

ASTM D5456, *Standard Specification for Evaluation of Structural Composite Lumber Products*

ASTM D6815, *Standard Specification for Evaluation of Duration of Load and Creep Effects of Wood and Wood-Based Products*

NOTIFICATION NO MAFF 701 (Revised 2016), *Japanese Agricultural Standard for Laminated Veneer Lumber*

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:

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

3.1
laminated veneer lumber
LVL

composite of wood veneer sheet elements manufactured from one or more species, either separately or mixed, with wood fibres primarily oriented along the length of the member

Note 1 to entry: This does not exclude laminated veneer lumber with cross-laminated veneers.

3.2
characteristic value for strength

estimate of the 5th percentile values based on a statistical distribution obtained from results of tests on the defined properties with the test duration between 60 s and 300 s

Note 1 to entry: The characteristic values used for [3.2](#) are an estimate of the 5th percentile value of the sample as determined from ISO 12122-1 and ISO 12122-4.

Note 2 to entry: The defined properties are in accordance with [Clauses 5](#) and [6](#).

3.3
characteristic value for stiffness

estimate of the mean property from results of tests on the defined properties with the test duration between 60 s and 300 s

Note 1 to entry: The characteristic values used for [3.3](#) are an estimate of the mean value of the sample as determined from ISO 12122-1 and ISO 12122-4.

Note 2 to entry: The defined properties are in accordance with [Clauses 5](#) and [6](#).

3.4
test specimen

specimen cut from random locations within the pieces of the LVL samples

3.5
thickness

t
dimension of a cross-section, which is perpendicular to the plane of the veneers, and measured in the Y-direction

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

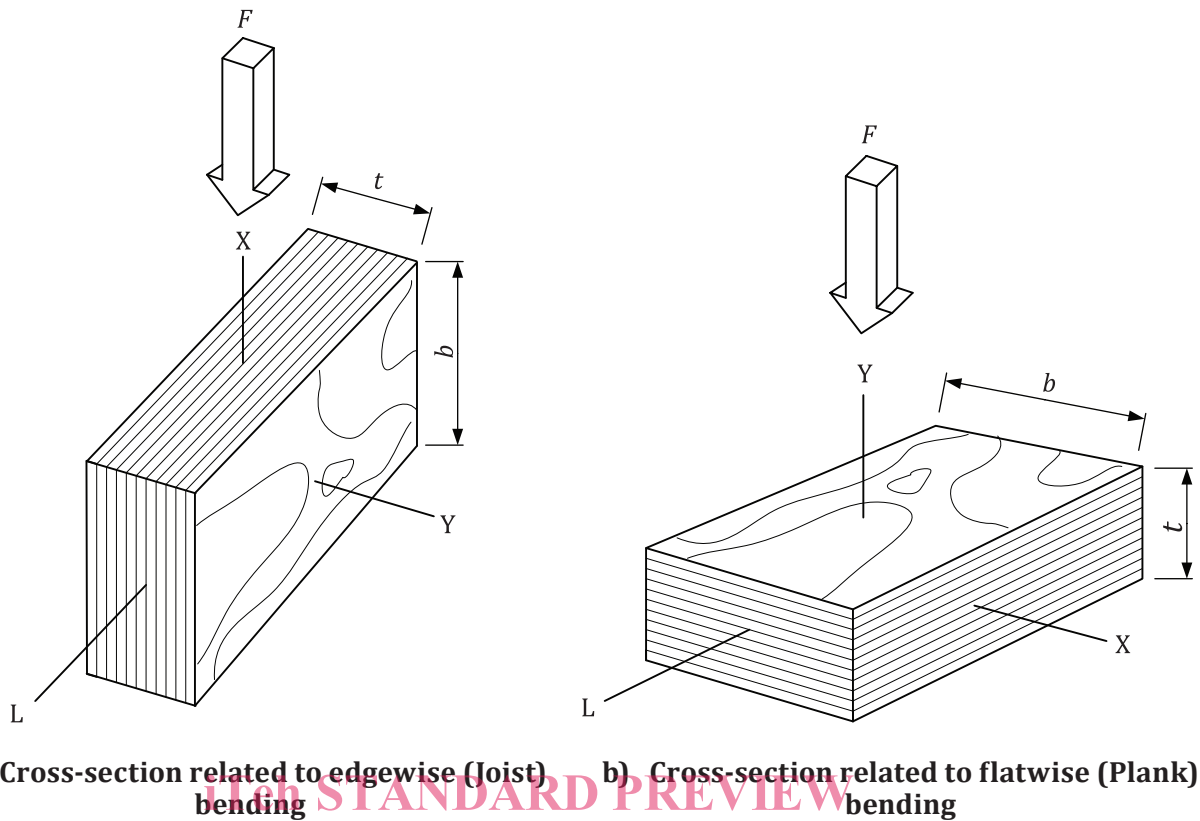
3.6
width

b
dimension of a cross-section, which is perpendicular to the thickness (or parallel to the plane of the veneers) and measured in the X-direction

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

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**Key** F applied load t thickness of the LVL b width of the LVL

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Figure 1 — Cross-section of laminated veneer lumber

4 Requirements

4.1 Veneers

The minimum number of veneers in the cross-section shall be five. The maximum thickness of each veneer shall be 6 mm.

4.2 Bonding quality

The LVL shall utilize a structural adhesive suitable for dry service (service class 1) and the bonding quality and adhesive qualification shall be determined in accordance with ISO 10033-1 and ISO 10033-2.

NOTE 1 Attention is drawn to national standards which can be applicable.

NOTE 2 Examples of applicable national standards include EN 314-1, ASTM D5456 and MAFF Notification No. 701.

NOTE 3 Additional testing to cover more severe bonding service conditions (service classes 2 and 3) can be considered as a manufacturer's option and can be required by some national standards.