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**Part 1:
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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the title of the document has been modified;
- the figures have been modified and notes were added to provide further explanation;
- Figure 4 has been replaced by [Table 2](#).

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Buildings and civil engineering works — Determination of the staining of porous substrates by sealants used in joints —

Part 1: Test with compression

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the staining of porous substrates (e.g. marble, limestone, sandstone or granite) by sealants used in building construction. The method evaluates the likelihood of a sealant causing an early stain on a porous substrate due to exudation of materials from the sealant. The outcome of the test is specific to the tested sealant and tested substrate and cannot be extrapolated to other sealant formulations or other porous substrates. During this accelerated test, if the sealant does not stain or discolour the substrates, it does not mean that the tested sealant will not stain or discolour the tested porous substrate over a longer time period.

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 4892-1, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 1: General guidance*

ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

ISO 4892-3, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 3: Fluorescent UV lamps*

ISO 6927, *Buildings and civil engineering works — Sealants — Vocabulary*

ISO 11431:2002, *Building construction — Jointing products — Determination of adhesion/cohesion properties of sealants after exposure to heat, water and artificial light through glass*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6927 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/>

4 Principle

This method measures the visible staining attributed to joint sealants on porous substrates that is a result of the conditioning specified.

A sealant is applied and cured between two pieces of porous substrate. The test specimens are compressed and then subjected to heat aging and/or cold aging and/or aging in actinic radiation accelerated weathering equipment. After aging, the test specimens are evaluated and visible staining is

recorded on the exterior surface and in the interior of the substrate after visual inspection of changes in surface appearance and measurements of maximum and minimum stain width and stain penetration.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Substrate materials

For the preparation of each test specimen, two substrate pieces of the same material are required with dimensions as shown in [Figure 1](#).

5.2 Spacers

For the preparation of the test specimens, the spacers shall be of a cross-section 12 mm × 12 mm, with a non-adherent surface (see [Figure 1](#)).

If the spacers are made of a material to which the sealant adheres, their surfaces should be made non-adherent, e.g. by a thin wax coating.

5.3 Non-adherent substrate

For the preparation of test specimens, the non-adherent substrate can be, for example, a polyethylene (PE) film or a micro-porous polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE) film, preferably on the advice of the sealant manufacturer.

5.4 Masking tape

The masking tape shall be suitable for covering the tested surface of the substrates (see [Figure 1](#)) to prevent sealant contamination during specimen preparation.

5.5 Ventilated convection-type oven

The ventilated convection-type oven shall be capable of being maintained at (70 ± 2) °C.

5.6 Refrigerated enclosure

The refrigerated enclosure shall be capable of being maintained at (-20 ± 2) °C.

5.7 Clamps or other device

The clamps are for maintaining the specimen under compression (see [Table 1](#)).

5.8 Actinic radiation accelerated aging apparatus

5.8.1 General

A fluorescent ultraviolet radiation/condensation test apparatus or xenon light test apparatus shall be employed as the actinic radiation accelerated aging apparatus.

NOTE Test results can differ between the exposure to fluorescent ultraviolet radiation/condensation and xenon light because of differences in the spectral power distribution of the radiation source and differences in the exposure conditions a) to d) in [8.2.4](#).

5.8.2 Fluorescent ultraviolet radiation/condensation test apparatus

The apparatus shall provide the ultraviolet radiation with fluorescent UVA-340 lamps having their peak emission at 343 nm, capable of exposing the test specimens to radiation under controlled conditions of