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**Adhesives — Wood-to-wood adhesive  
bonds — Determination of shear  
strength by compressive loading**

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 61, *Plastics*, Subcommittee SC 11, *Products*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 6238:2001), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the references in [Clause 2](#) have been updated;
- [Clause 3](#) has been inserted and subsequent clauses have been renumbered;
- the document has been editorially revised.

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# Adhesives — Wood-to-wood adhesive bonds — Determination of shear strength by compressive loading

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the shear strength of wood-to-wood adhesive bonds, with a standard specimen loaded in compression and under specified conditions of preparation, conditioning and testing. This method is intended for testing only those adhesives used in bonding wood to wood.

This method is not intended for use in testing manufactured products.

## 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 7500, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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 Apparatus

### 4.1 Apparatus for preparation of adhesive

**4.1.1 Balance and other suitable equipment**, capable of measuring the proportions of the adhesive mix to within a tolerance of  $\pm 1$  %.

**4.1.2 Mixing equipment**, to ensure homogeneous mixing of the constituents with minimum aeration of the adhesive (except foamed adhesive).

**4.1.3 Spreading equipment**, such as a **wire-wound bar**, **roller spreader**, **curtain coater** or **suitable hand applicators**, capable of spreading the adhesive uniformly within  $\pm 5$  % of the desired spread.

**4.1.4 Equipment**, designed to exert the required pressure evenly over the whole bonded area within  $\pm 5$  % of the desired value, for example a **press** or **clamps**. If necessary, **heated platens** capable of maintaining the prescribed temperature within  $\pm 2$  °C during compression.

## 4.2 Apparatus for the determination

**4.2.1 Analytical balance**, capable of weighing to 0,000 1 g.

**4.2.2 Linear measuring device**, reading to 0,05 mm, e.g. vernier calipers or micrometer.

**4.2.3 Tensile-testing machine**, operating in the compression mode, capable of maintaining a pre-determined constant cross-head rate. The machine shall be capable of determining a maximum load. The measured strength shall be between 15 % and 85 % of the capacity of the machine. The machine shall permit the measurement and recording of the applied force with an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  %. The testing machine shall be fitted with a shearing tool containing a self-alignment seat to ensure uniform lateral distribution of the force.

NOTE A shearing tool as shown in [Figure 1](#) has been found satisfactory.

The equipment shall be calibrated regularly in accordance with ISO 7500-1.

It is recommended that the machine be autographic, giving a chart that can be read in terms of millimetres of cross-head movement as one coordinate and applied force as the other coordinate. It is also recommended that inertialess equipment be used.

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