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fabrics —**

**Part 1:
Hydraulic method for determination
of bursting strength and bursting
distension**

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Foreword

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The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the normative references have been updated.

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Part 1:

Hydraulic method for determination of bursting strength and bursting distension

1 Scope

This document describes a hydraulic method for the determination of bursting strength and bursting distension of textile fabrics.

In this document, a hydraulic pressure is applied using a constant rate of pumping device.

NOTE ISO 13938-2 describes a method using pneumatic pressure.

The method is applicable to knitted, woven, nonwoven and laminated fabrics. It can be suitable for fabrics produced by other techniques. The test is suitable for test specimens in the conditioned or wet state.

From the available data, there appears to be no significant difference in the bursting strength results achieved using hydraulic or pneumatic burst testers, for pressures up to 800 kPa. This pressure range covers the majority of performance levels expected of general apparel. For speciality textiles requiring high bursting pressures, the hydraulic apparatus is more suitable.

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

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 10012, *Measurement management systems — Requirements for measurement processes and measuring equipment*

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

test area

area of the test specimen within the circular clamping device

3.2
bursting pressure
pressure at burst

maximum pressure applied to a test specimen clamped over an underlying diaphragm until the test specimen ruptures

3.3
bursting strength
strength at burst

pressure obtained by subtracting the *diaphragm pressure* (3.4) from the mean *bursting pressure* (3.2)

3.4
diaphragm pressure

pressure applied to the diaphragm, with no test specimen present, to distend it to the mean *bursting distension* (3.5) of the test specimen

3.5
bursting distension
distension at burst

expansion of a test specimen at the *bursting pressure* (3.2)

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed either as *height at burst* (3.6) or as *volume at burst* (3.7).

3.6
height at burst

distance between the upper surface of the test specimen before distension and the top of the test specimen at the *bursting pressure* (3.2)

3.7
volume at burst

volume of pressurizing fluid pumped at the *bursting pressure* (3.2)

3.8
time to burst

time taken to distend a test specimen to burst

4 Principle

A test specimen is clamped over an expansive diaphragm by means of a circular clamping ring. Increasing fluid pressure is applied to the underside of the diaphragm, causing distension of the diaphragm and the fabric. The volume of fluid is increased at a constant rate per unit time until the test specimen bursts. The bursting strength and bursting distension are determined.

5 Sampling

Either select samples in accordance with the procedure laid down in the material specification for the fabric, or as agreed between the interested parties. In the absence of an appropriate material specification, an example of a suitable sampling procedure is given in [Annex A](#). Avoid areas that are folded or creased, selvages and areas not representative of the fabric. The system of clamping used generally permits tests to be applied without cutting out test specimens.

6 Apparatus

6.1 Bursting tester. Metrological confirmation of the bursting tester shall be carried out in accordance with ISO 10012.

The bursting tester shall comply with the following requirements.