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## Introduction

The ISO 22762 series consists of five parts related to specifications for isolators. They are: ISO 22762-1 for test method, ISO 22762-2 for bridges, ISO 22762-3 for buildings, ISO/TS 22762-4 for guidance of ISO 22762-3, and ISO 22762-5 for elastomeric sliding isolators for buildings.

This document specifies minimum requirements and test methods for elastomeric sliding isolators used for buildings and the rubber material used in the manufacture of such isolators.

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# Elastomeric seismic-protection isolators —

## Part 5: Sliding seismic-protection isolators for buildings

### 1 Scope

This document specifies minimum requirements and test methods for flat sliding seismic-protection isolators used for buildings and the materials used in the manufacture of such isolators.

It is applicable to flat sliding seismic-protection isolators used to provide buildings with protection from earthquake damage. The sliders are each mounted on elastomeric bearings to provide vertical compliance and rotational flexibility about horizontal axes.

### 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 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 48-2, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness — Part 2: Hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD*

ISO 48-5, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness — Part 5: Indentation hardness by IRHD pocket meter method*

ISO 527, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties*

ISO 868, *Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness)*

ISO 1431-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Resistance to ozone cracking — Part 1: Static and dynamic strain testing*

ISO 2039, *Plastics — Determination of hardness*

ISO 22762-1, *Elastomeric seismic-protection isolators — Part 1: Test methods*

### 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### breaking

rupture of elastomeric isolator due to compression (or tension)-shear loading

3.2

**buckling**

state when elastomeric isolators lose their stability under compression-shear loading

3.3

**compressive properties**

$K_v$

compressive stiffness for elastomeric sliding isolators

3.4

**compression-shear testing machine**

machine used to test sliding isolators, which has the capability of shear loading under constant compressive load

3.5

**contact time**

time from the end of subjecting the test piece to a compressive force to the start of subjecting a shear force when performing the compressive-shear test

3.6

**cover rubber**

rubber wrapped around the outside of inner rubber and reinforcing steel plates before or after curing of elastomeric isolators for the purposes of protecting the inner rubber from deterioration due to oxygen, ozone and other natural elements and protecting the reinforcing plates from corrosion

3.7

**design compressive stress**

long-term compressive force on the sliding isolator imposed by the structure

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3.8

**effective loaded area**

area sustaining vertical load in elastomeric isolators, which corresponds to the area of reinforcing steel plates

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3.9

**effective width**

smallest of the two side lengths of inner rubber to which direction shear displacement is not restricted

3.10

**elastomeric sliding isolator**

sliding isolator with rubber bearing which consists of multi-layered vulcanized rubber sheets and reinforcing steel plates

3.11

**first shape factor**

ratio of *effective loaded area* (3.8) to free deformation area of one inner rubber layer between steel plates

3.12

**inner rubber**

rubber between multi-layered steel plates inside an elastomeric isolator

3.13

**maximum compressive stress**

peak stress acting briefly on sliding isolators in compressive direction during an earthquake

3.14

**routine test**

test for quality control of the production isolators during and after manufacturing



**3.15****second shape factor**

(circular elastomeric isolator) ratio of the diameter of the *inner rubber* (3.12) to the total thickness of the *inner rubber* (3.12)

**3.16****second shape factor**

(square or square elastomeric isolator) ratio of the *effective width* (3.9) of the *inner rubber* (3.12) to the total thickness of the *inner rubber* (3.12)

**3.17****shear properties of sliding isolators**

comprehensive term that covers characteristics determined from isolator tests:

- initial shear stiffness,  $K_i$ , for elastomeric sliding isolator (3.10);
- friction coefficient,  $\mu$ , for elastomeric sliding isolator (3.10)

**3.18****sliding material**

material which provides sliding functionality, when used as counterface to sliding plate

**3.19****sliding plate**

plate which provides sliding functionality

**3.20****sliding friction coefficient**

ratio of friction force versus normal compression force of sliding friction pair

**3.21****standard value**

value of isolator property defined by manufacturer based on the results of type test

**3.22****structural engineer**

engineer who is in charge of designing the structure for base-isolated buildings and is responsible for specifying the requirements for sliding isolators

**3.23****type test**

test for verification either of material properties and isolator performances during development of the product or that project design parameters are achieved

**3.24****ultimate properties**

properties at either *buckling* (3.2) or *breaking* (3.1) of an isolator under compression-shear loading

**4 Symbols**

For the purposes of this document, the symbols given in [Table 1](#) apply.

**Table 1 — Symbols and descriptions**

Symbol	Description
$A$	effective plan area of elastomeric sliding isolator, excluding cover rubber portion
$A_b$	effective area of bolt
$A_e$	overlap area between the top and bottom elastomer area of isolator
$A_{load}$	effective loaded area of isolator

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Description
$A_s$	area of the sliding material
$a$	side length of square elastomeric isolator, excluding cover rubber thickness
$a_e$	length of the square isolator, including cover rubber thickness
$a_f$	side length of square flange
$a_s$	side length of square sliding material
$a_{sp}$	side length of square sliding plate
$a'$	length of the square isolator, including cover rubber thickness
$B$	effective width for bending of flange
$c$	bolt hole pitch circle diameter of on flange
$D_s$	diameter of sliding material
$D'$	outer diameter of circular isolator, including cover rubber
$D_f$	diameter of flange
$d_i$	inner diameter of reinforcing steel plate
$d_k$	diameter of bolt hole
$d_0$	outer diameter of reinforcing steel plate
$E_{ap}$	apparent Young's modulus of bonded rubber layer
$E_c$	apparent Young's modulus corrected, if necessary, by allowing for compressibility
$E_c^s$	apparent Young's modulus corrected for bulk compressibility depending on its shape factor ( $S_1$ )
$E_\infty$	bulk modulus of rubber
$E_0$	Young's modulus of rubber
$G$	shear modulus
$G_{eq}(\gamma)$	equivalent linear shear modulus at shear strain $\gamma$
$H$	height of sliding isolator, including mounting flange
$H_n$	height of sliding isolator, excluding mounting flange
$K_i$	initial shear stiffness
$K_v$	compressive stiffness
$L_f$	length of one side of a square flange
$M$	resistance to rotation
$M_f$	moment acting on bolt
$M_r$	moment acting on isolator
$n$	number of rubber layers
$n_b$	number of fixing bolts
$P$	compressive force
$P_0$	design compressive force in absence of seismic action effects
$P_{max}$	maximum compressive force including seismic action effects
$P_{min}$	minimum compressive force including seismic actions effects
$Q$	shear force
$Q_b$	shear force at break
$Q_{buk}$	shear force at buckling
$Q_d$	characteristic strength
$S_1$	first shape factor
$S_2$	second shape factor
$T$	temperature

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Description
$T_0$	standard temperature, 23 °C or 27 °C; where specified tolerance is $\pm 2$ °C, $T_0$ is standard laboratory temperature
$T_r$	total rubber thickness, given by $T_r = n \times t_r$
$t_r$	thickness of one rubber layer
$t_{r1}, t_{r2}$	thickness of rubber layer laminated on each side of plate
$t_s$	thickness of one reinforcing steel plate
$t_{sm}$	protruding length of sliding material
$t_0$	thickness of outside cover rubber
$U(\gamma)$	function giving ratio of characteristic strength to maximum shear force of a loop
$V$	uplift force
$v$	loading velocity
$v_0$	design horizontal velocity
$v_{nom}$	for building: nominal horizontal velocity recommended by manufacturer
$W_d$	energy dissipated per cycle
$X$	shear displacement
$X_0$	design shear displacement
$X_b$	shear displacement at break
$X_{buk}$	shear displacement at buckling
$X_s$	shear displacement due to quasi-static shear movement
$X_{max}$	maximum shear displacement
$X_d$	shear displacement due to dynamic shear movement
$Y$	compressive displacement
$Z$	section modulus of flange
$\alpha$	coefficient of linear thermal expansion
$\gamma$	shear strain of laminated rubber
$\gamma_b$	shear strain at break of laminated rubber
$\gamma_c$	local shear strain due to compressive force of laminated rubber
$\gamma_r$	local shear strain due to rotation of laminated rubber
$\gamma_u$	ultimate shear strain of laminated rubber
$\delta_H$	horizontal offset of isolator
$\delta_v$	difference in isolator height measured between two points at opposite extremes of the isolator
$\varepsilon$	compressive strain of laminated rubber
$\varepsilon_{cr}$	creep strain
$\zeta$	ratio of total height of rubber and steel layers to total rubber height
$\theta$	rotation angle of isolator about the diameter of a circular bearing or about an axis through a square bearing
$\lambda$	correction factor for calculation of stress in reinforcing steel plates
$\eta$	correction factor for calculation of critical stress
$\kappa$	correction factor for apparent Young's modulus according to hardness
$\Sigma\gamma$	total local shear strain
$\rho_R$	safety factor for roll-out
$\sigma$	compressive stress in isolator
$\sigma_0$	design compressive stress
$\sigma_B$	tensile stress in bolt

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Description
$\sigma_b$	bending stress in flange
$\sigma_{bf}$	allowable bending stress in steel
$\sigma_{cr}$	critical stress in isolator
$\sigma_f$	allowable tensile stress in steel
$\sigma_{max}$	maximum compressive stress
$\sigma_{min}$	minimum compressive stress
$\sigma_{nom}$	nominal long-term compressive stress recommended by manufacturer for building
$\sigma_r$	compressive stress in laminated rubber
$\sigma_s$	tensile stress in reinforcing steel plate
$\sigma_{sa}$	allowable tensile stress in steel plate
$\sigma_{sm}$	compressive stress in sliding material
$\sigma_{sm0}$	design compressive stress in sliding material
$\sigma_{sm,max}$	maximum compressive stress in sliding material
$\sigma_{sm,min}$	minimum compressive stress in sliding material
$\sigma_{sm,nom}$	for building: nominal long-term compressive stress in sliding material recommended by manufacturer
$\sigma_{sy}$	yield stress of steel for flanges and reinforcing steel plates
$\sigma_{su}$	tensile strength of steel for flanges and reinforcing steel plates
$t_b$	shear stress in bolt
$\tau_f$	allowable shear stress in steel
$\phi$	factor for computation of buckling stability
$\xi$	factor for computation of critical stress
$\mu$	friction coefficient

## 5 Classification

### 5.1 Isolator types

Sliding isolators are classified by performance, sliding friction coefficient and shape.

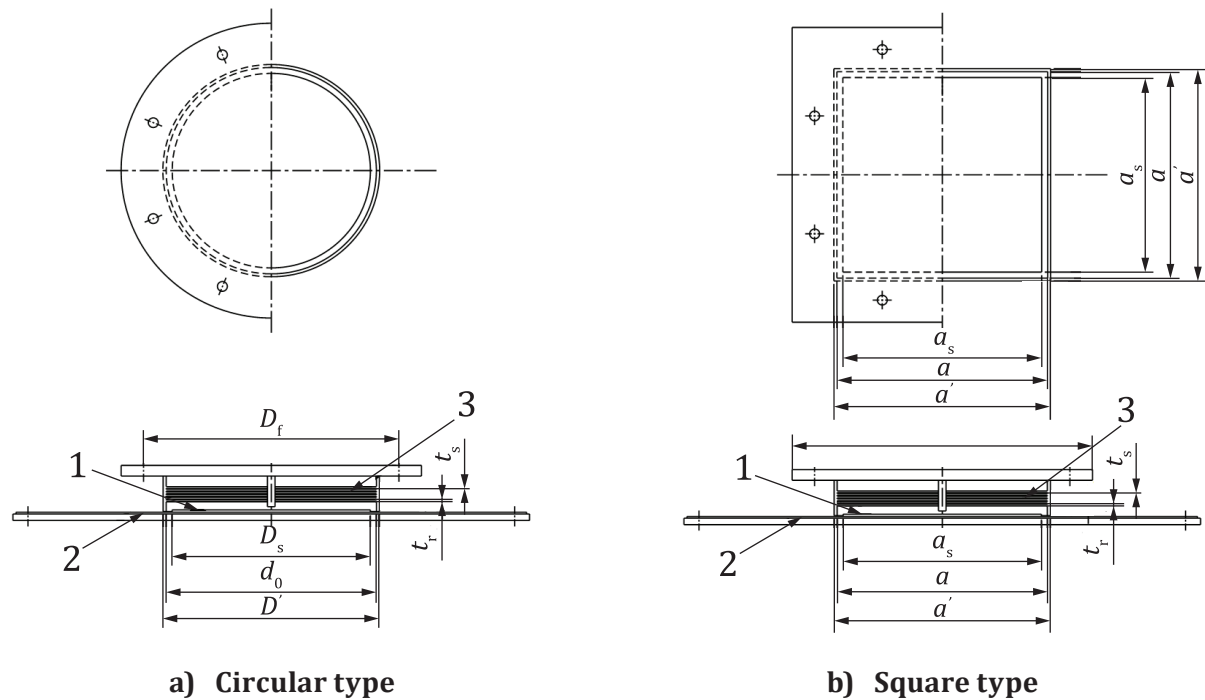
### 5.2 Classification by sliding friction coefficient

Sliding isolators are classified as the following three types by sliding friction coefficient:

- low-friction sliding isolator:  $\mu < 0,015$ ;
- intermediate-friction sliding isolator:  $0,015 \leq \mu < 0,09$ ;
- high-friction sliding isolator:  $0,09 \leq \mu$ .

### 5.3 Cross-section of isolator

A typical cross-section of the isolator is given in [Figure 1](#).



a) Circular type

b) Square type

## Elastomeric sliding isolator

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**Key**

- 1 sliding material
- 2 sliding plate
- 3 laminated rubber

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**Figure 1 — Cross-section of isolator****6 Requirements****6.1 General**

Sliding isolators for buildings and the materials used in manufacture shall meet the requirements specified in this clause. For test items (see [Table 2](#)) that have no specific required values, the manufacturer shall define the values and inform the purchaser prior to production.

The standard temperature for determining the properties of elastomeric isolators is 23 °C or 27 °C in accordance with prevailing International Standards. However, it is advisable to establish a range of working temperatures taking into consideration actual environmental temperatures and possible changes in temperatures at the work site where the elastomeric isolators are installed.

**NOTE** Some of these properties can be determined using one of the standard test pieces detailed in [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#). The standard test piece is used for non-specific product testing, such as testing for the development of new materials and products.

**Table 2 — Test pieces for type testing of elastic sliding bearings**

Properties	Test item	Test piece	
		Scale	Minimum number
Compressive properties	Compressive stiffness	Full-scale only	3
Shear properties	Shear stiffness	Full-scale only	3
	Friction coefficient		
Dependency of shear properties	Compressive stress dependency	Full-scale only	3
	Velocity dependency	Scale A, STD-S	3
	Repeated loading dependency	Scale A	3
	Temperature dependency	Scale A, STD-R, SBS	3
	Vertical loading time dependency	Scale A, STD-S	2
Dependency of compressive properties	Compressive stress dependency	Scale B	3
Ultimate properties	Ultimate horizontal displacement	Scale B	3
	Ultimate compressive load	Scale B	3
Durability	Ageing	Scale A, STD-R, SBS	2
	Creep	Scale A	2

Scale A: Scaling such that, for a circular bearing, diameter of reinforcing steel plates  $\geq 150$  mm, for a square bearing, side length reinforcing steel plates  $\geq 100$  mm and, for both types, rubber layer thickness  $\geq 1,5$  mm and thickness of reinforcing steel plates  $\geq 0,5$  mm.

Scale B: Scaling such that, for a circular bearing, diameter reinforcing steel plates  $\geq 400$  mm, for a square bearing, side length reinforcing steel plates  $\geq 400$  mm and, for both types, rubber layer thickness  $\geq 1,5$  mm and thickness of reinforcing steel plates  $\geq 0,5$  mm. Minimum scale factor 0.5.

STD-S = standard test piece for sliding material and sliding plate (see Table 3).

STD-R = standard test piece for laminated rubber (see Table 4).

SBS = shear-block test piece specified in ISO 22762-1:2018, 5.8.3.

**Table 3 — Standard test piece for sliding material and sliding plate**

Item		Circle			Square		
Sliding material outer diameter, mm	$D_s$	150	250	400	—	—	—
Sliding material side length, mm	$a_s \times a_s$	—	—	—	100 × 100	240 × 240	400 × 400
Protruding length of sliding material, mm	$t_{sm}^a$	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4
Sliding plate side length, mm	$a_{sp} \times a_{sp}$	400 × 400	650 × 650	1 200 × 1 200	400 × 400	650 × 650	1 200 × 1 200

NOTE Size of sliding plate should be decided by considering a displacement amplitude in the test.

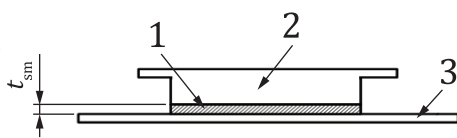
<sup>a</sup>  $t_{sm}$  is apparent thickness (see Figure 2).

**Table 4 — Standard test piece for laminated rubber**

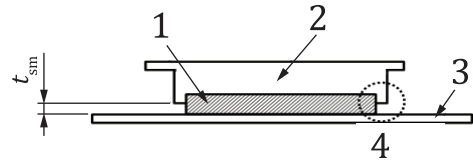
Item		Circle			Square		
Reinforcing steel plate outer diameter, mm	$d_0$	150	250	400	—	—	—
Reinforcing steel plate side length, mm	$a \times a$	—	—	—	100 × 100	240 × 240	400 × 400
Reinforcing steel plate inner diameter, mm	$d_i$	7,5	12,5	25	7,5	12,5	25

Table 4 (continued)

Item		Circle			Square		
Thickness of a single reinforcing steel plate, mm	$t_s$	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4
Thickness of a single rubber layer, mm	$t_r$	1,5	2,0	4,0	1,5	2,0	4,0
Number of rubber layers	$n$	20	25	25	20	25	25
Thickness of outside cover rubber, mm	$t_0$	4	6	8	4	6	8



a) Simple attachment



b) Attachment using recess

**Key**

- 1 sliding material
- 2 steel body
- 3 sliding plate
- 4 recess

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Figure 2 — Attachment method of sliding material and steel body

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**6.2 Type tests and routine tests**

**6.2.1** Testing to be carried out on sliding isolators is classified into “type tests” and “routine tests”.

**6.2.2** Type tests shall be conducted either to ensure that project design parameters have been achieved (in which case the test results shall be submitted to the structural engineer for review prior to production) or to verify isolator performance and material properties during development of the product. The test piece for each type test shall be full-scale or one of the options specified in [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#). The test piece shall not have been subjected to any previous test programme.

**6.2.3** Previous type test results may be substituted, provided the following conditions are met.

- a) Isolators are fabricated in a similar manner and from the same compound and adhesive.
- b) All corresponding external and internal dimensions are within 10 % of each other. Flange plates are excluded.
- c) First and second shape factors are equal to or larger than those in previous tests.
- d) The test conditions, such as maximum and minimum vertical load applied in the ultimate property test (see [7.4](#)), are more severe.

Routine tests are carried out during production for quality control. Sampling is allowed for routine testing for projects with agreement between structural engineer and manufacturer. Sampling shall be conducted randomly and cover not less than 20 % of the production of any isolator design. For a given project, tests shall cover not less than four test pieces for each size and not less than 20 test pieces in total.