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## Introduction

This document does not give any product requirements. Where no requirements document is available the desired functional characteristics should be determined by the specifier.

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# Furniture — Mattresses — Test methods for the determination of functional characteristics

## 1 Scope

This document specifies test methods for the determination of the durability, height loss and hardness of mattresses with a height  $\geq 100$  mm (and mattress pads when they form a unit with the mattress).

This document applies to adult mattresses for domestic and non-domestic use. It does not apply to water mattresses, air mattresses or standalone mattress pads.

Test methods for the assessment of aging, degradation, fire resistance and electrical functions are not included.

## 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.

EN 1334, *Domestic furniture — Beds and mattresses — Methods of measurement and recommended tolerances*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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

#### load curve

#### deflection curve

curves that are obtained by pressing a load pad into the mattress and measuring the associated value of indentation and force simultaneously

### 3.2

#### hardness value

#### $H$

determined from load/deflection measurement, in N/mm

### 3.3

#### firmness rating

#### $H_s$

number (1 decimal) on a scale from 1 to 10 which expresses the firmness of a mattress

### 3.4

#### height loss

change in the height of a mattress, in mm, as a result of the durability test

### 3.5 mattress pad

product, comprising a cover and filling(s), or filling material(s) alone, used in conjunction with a mattress or upholstered bed base

Note 1 to entry: This product is not intended to be used separately.

## 4 General test conditions

### 4.1 Preliminary preparation

The tests shall be carried out in indoor ambient conditions at a temperature between 15 °C and 25 °C. If during a test the temperature is outside of the range of 15 °C to 25 °C, the maximum and/or minimum temperature shall be recorded in the test report.

All conditioning shall be carried out in a standardised climate of  $(23 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity (RH).

During conditioning and handling, mattresses shall be kept flat and unloaded.

If a test cannot be carried out as specified, e.g. because a loading pad cannot be used for the application of a force due to the design of product, the test shall be carried out as far as possible as specified.

If necessary, mattress pads shall be prevented from moving during testing by a suitable means, e.g. adhesive tape or pins.

If the product information states that the mattress has a soft side and a firm side, both sides shall be tested using separate mattresses.

### 4.2 Tolerances

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Unless otherwise stated the following tolerance are applicable to the test equipment:

- a) all forces shall have an accuracy of  $\pm 5$  % of the nominal force;
- b) all masses an accuracy of  $\pm 0,5$  % of the nominal mass;
- c) all dimensions less than 200 mm shall have an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  mm of the nominal dimension; the other dimensions shall have an accuracy of  $\pm 0,5$  %;
- d) the tolerance for position of loading pads shall be  $\pm 5$  mm;
- e) the tolerance for measuring point shall be  $\pm 20$  mm.

NOTE For the purposes of uncertainty measurement, test results are not considered to be adversely affected when the above tolerances are met.

## 5 Test apparatus

### 5.1 Standard test bed base for mattresses

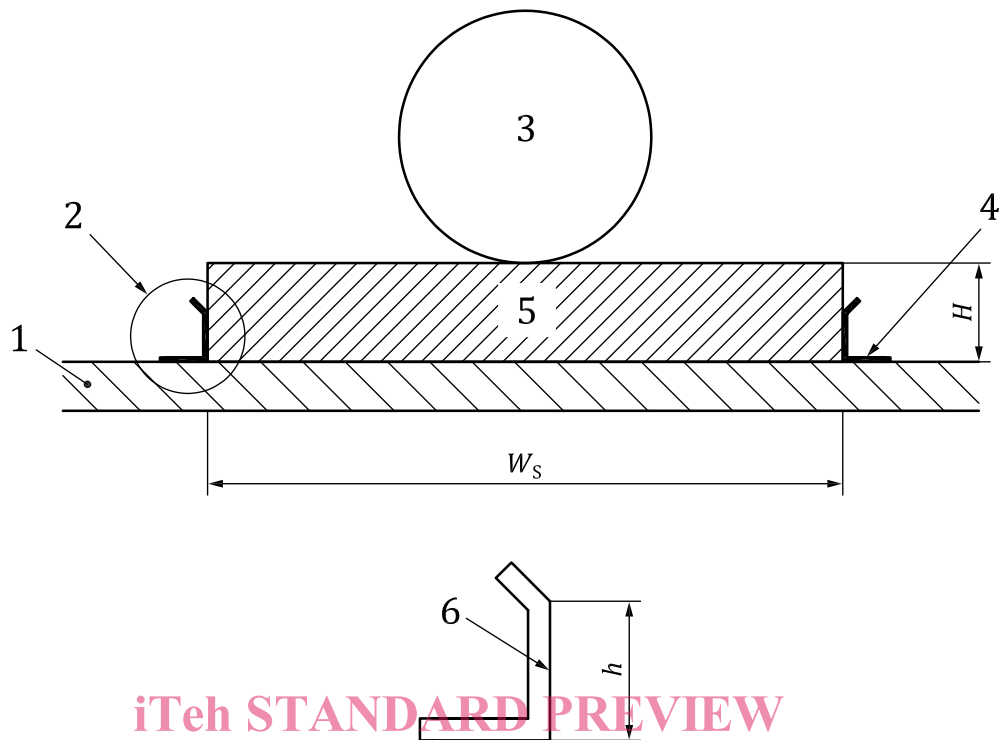
Rigid, horizontal, flat and smooth.

### 5.2 Side support profile

The mattress shall be prevented from moving during durability test by two side support profiles as illustrated in [Figure 1](#). The internal distance between the supports ( $W_s$ ) shall be equal to the width of the mattress measured according to EN 1334,  $\pm 10$  mm. The height of the support profiles ( $h$ ) shall



not exceed one third of the mattress thickness ( $H$ ), measured according to EN 1334. The length of the support profiles shall be at least equal to the length of the test unit.



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#### Key

1	standard test bed base	4	side support profile
2	side support profiles	5	mattress
3	roller	6	enlargement of side support profiles (2)
$H$	height of mattress	$h$	height of support profiles
$W_s$	distance between supports		

Figure 1 — Side support profile

### 5.3 Standard table/test board (measuring)

Horizontal, flat and smooth surface, large enough to fully support the mattress in any measuring position. At the loading position, the deflection shall not exceed 1 mm under 1 000 N load. The overall flatness tolerance of the test board shall be 2 mm/1 000 mm.

### 5.4 Loading pad

Rigid circular object 355 mm in diameter the face of which has a convex spherical curvature of  $(800 \pm 20)$  mm radius with a 20 mm front edge radius (see Figure 2).

The loading pad shall have a smooth surface and shall be mounted to the loading system of the test machine (5.5) by a ball joint as close as possible to the indenter surface (see Figure 2).

Dimensions in millimetres

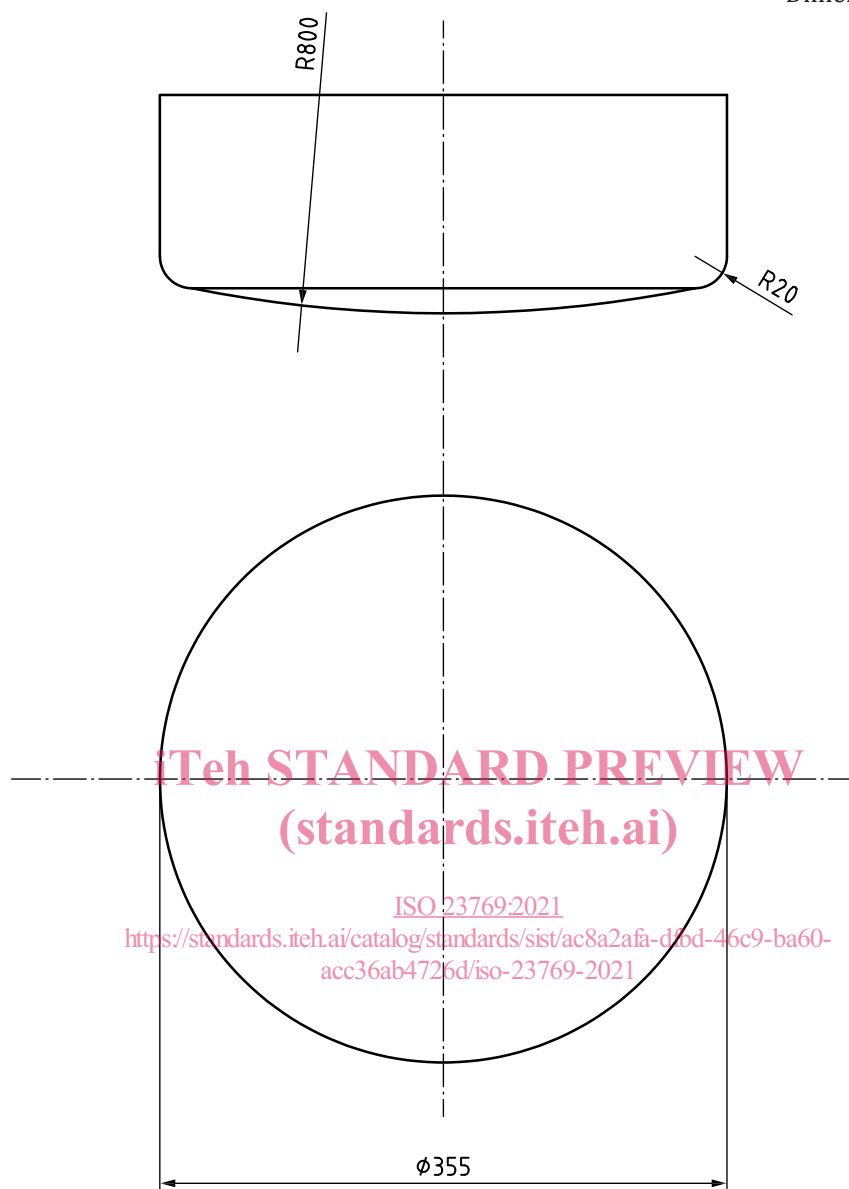


Figure 2 — Loading pad

### 5.5 Equipment for recording the load/deflection curves

The equipment for recording the load/deflection curves shall be loading pad (5.4) and a testing machine capable of applying a vertical downward load up to 1 000 N.

The travel speed for both loading and unloading shall be  $(90 \pm 5)$  mm/min.

Load and height with reference to a fixed datum shall be measured.

The accuracy of the height measuring system shall be  $\pm 0,5$  mm or better.

The accuracy of the load measuring system shall be  $\pm 1$  % of the max load (1 000 N) or better.

The equipment shall be so that horizontal forces do not influence the measurement.

## 5.6 Equipment for the durability test

The equipment consists of a roller with dimensions and a shape illustrated in [Figure 3](#) and a mechanism capable of relative horizontal movement of the roller on the unit surface.

The roller surface shall be hard, smooth and without scratches or other surface defects.

The total rolling system shall apply a load of  $(1\,400 \pm 7)$  N measured in the static condition.

The roller shall have a rotation moment of inertia of  $0,5 \text{ kgm}^2 \pm 0,05 \text{ kgm}^2$ . The roller shall be free to pivot along its longitudinal and lateral axis relative to the horizontal.

The roller shall be capable of following the surface of the mattress, and it shall be free to move up and down to follow the mattress surface.

The forces on the roller shall act horizontally at the centre point. The motion shall be approximately sinusoidal (within  $\pm 10\%$ ) and symmetrical along the longitudinal symmetry axis of the unit. The frequency shall be  $(16 \pm 2)$  cycles per minute.

Dimensions in millimetres

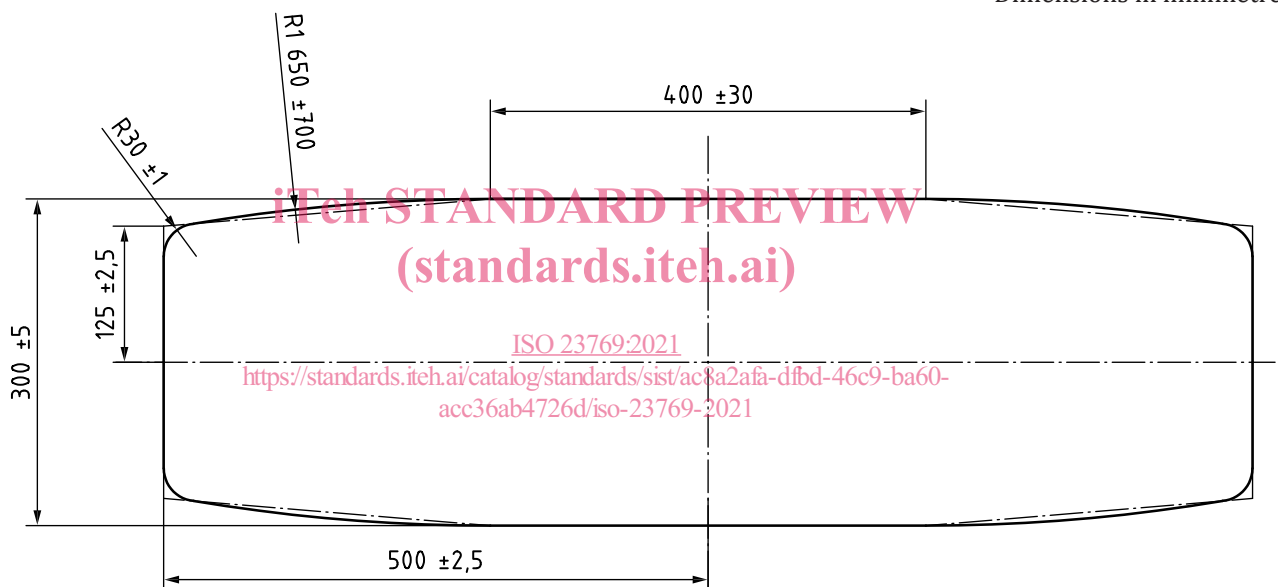


Figure 3 — Roller

## 5.7 Edge loading pad

The edge loading pad is a naturalistically shaped rigid indenter with a hard, smooth surface having overall dimensions within the limits shown in [Figure A.1](#).

For details of design, see [Annex A](#).

## 6 Test procedure

### 6.1 General

All tests shall be carried out on the same mattress and in the sequence as the clauses are numbered in this document.

The mattress shall be tested for durability with the standard test bed base for mattresses ([5.1](#)) with side support profiles ([5.2](#)).