
**Adhesives — Test methods for the
evaluation and selection of adhesives
for indoor wood products —**

**Part 1:
Resistance to delamination in non-
severe environments**

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adhésifs destinés aux produits en bois utilisés à l'intérieur —*

*Partie 1: Résistance à la délamination dans des environnements
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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 26842-1:2013), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Clause 1](#) has been modified to clarify the scope of the document;
- in [Clause 5](#), the first paragraph has been clarified.

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Part 1:

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SAFETY STATEMENT — Persons using this document should be familiar with normal laboratory practice, if applicable. This document does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices.

It is recognized that some of the materials permitted in this document might have a negative environmental impact. As technological advances lead to more acceptable alternatives for such materials, they will be eliminated to the greatest extent possible.

At the end of the test, care should be taken to dispose of all waste in an appropriate manner.

1 Scope

This document gives guidelines to select, by means of delamination-resistance tests, adhesive/wood combinations for use in wood products placed in non-severe environments, in which the products are not exposed to extreme changes in temperature and humidity.

This document provides a series of exposure cycles at various temperature and humidity values to verify that the adhesive selected, or a product bonded with the adhesive, meets the necessary requirements for resistance to delamination.

This document is intended to help the user not only to select a suitable adhesive, but also to evaluate adhesives and adhesively bonded wood products.

NOTE When actual wood products are tested using this method, the test results might not be comparable because the test laboratory do not normally have had adequate control over the way the product was assembled.

This document is not intended for use in the qualification of structural components.

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 6238, *Adhesives — Wood-to-wood adhesive bonds — Determination of shear strength by compressive loading*

ISO 9424, *Wood-based panels — Determination of dimensions of test pieces*

ISO 16999, *Wood-based panels — Sampling and cutting of test pieces*

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 Principle

Test specimens or actual products that have been bonded with the test adhesive are placed in chambers at a specified temperature and humidity for a length of time and/or number of cycles depending on the grade of resistance to delamination under consideration. On completion of this exposure, the length of any delamination at the bond line is determined as a percentage of the overall length. If the length of delamination does not exceed 10 %, the adhesive can be certified as complying, under the test conditions used, with the requirements of the grade of resistance to delamination under consideration.

5 Apparatus

Apparatus that includes the features of all the chambers specified in 5.1 to 5.4 might be available. Not all the types of chambers are needed. Air should circulate at a velocity of $(2,25 \pm 0,25)$ m/s.

5.1 Conditioning chamber, capable of being maintained either at a temperature of (23 ± 2) °C and a relative humidity of (50 ± 5) % or at a temperature of (20 ± 2) °C and a relative humidity of (65 ± 5) %.

5.2 Dry-heat chamber, capable of being maintained at temperatures of (40 ± 2) °C with no provision for humidity control.

NOTE These temperatures can be experienced in the bottom of ships sailing in tropical seas or on heated floors.

5.3 Cold chamber, capable of being maintained at temperatures of (-5 ± 3) °C with no provision for humidity control.

NOTE These temperatures can be experienced inside warehouses in cold latitudes.

5.4 Humidity chambers, capable of being maintained at relative humidity of 30 %, and 85 %, and fitted with the following:

- a) equipment capable of maintaining the temperature at (30 ± 2) °C and measuring it to within ± 2 °C;
- b) equipment capable of measuring the relative humidity to within ± 3 %.

6 Specimens

6.1 Preparation and number

Test specimens shall be parallel two-ply laminates of dimensions 300 mm (width) × 300 mm (length) × 7,5 mm (thickness), prepared in accordance with ISO 6238 and measured in accordance with ISO 9424. The wood shall be cut to size in accordance with ISO 16999 and then adhesively bonded. Other test specimen dimensions may be agreed upon between the wood product manufacturer and the supplier of the adhesive, depending on the purpose of the test.

For each grade of resistance to delamination and specific set of test conditions within the grade, a minimum of 10 specimens is required.

NOTE If appropriate, actual adhesively bonded products can be tested using the test requirements and conditions specified in this document.