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**Paper, board and corrugated  
fibreboard — Description and  
calibration of fixed platen  
compression-testing equipment**

*Papier, carton et carton ondule — Description et étalonnage du  
matériel pour essai de compression à plateau fixe*

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 13820:2014), which has been technically revised:

The main changes are as follows:

- the title of this document has been changed;
- “fixed platen” has been added to the scope;
- former 4.2, 5.2 and Annex A have been removed;
- [Clause 6](#) has been restructured with additional sub-clauses added for clarity;
- the bibliography has been updated.

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## Introduction

This document describes the fixed-platen compression tester used for carrying out compression tests on paper, board, and corrugated fibreboard. This equipment develops compressive forces at a constant rate of strain. This is the primary equipment used in modern test labs, preferred because of its reliability, its ability to test over the range of test levels likely to be found, and because the characteristics of existing instruments have been well defined and universally accepted.

Another instrument, known as the beam-deflection compression tester, develops compressive forces between one platen driven at constant speed and another platen resting on a deformable beam. With this type neither rate of stress nor rate of strain is constant. The two instrument types produce different results<sup>[1][2][3][2]</sup>. The extent of the difference depends on the test being conducted and on the characteristics, particularly the elastic characteristics, of the material being tested. The beam-deflection tester has been inadequately defined in past International Standards for compression tests; among existing instruments there have been different loading rates, different beam stiffnesses, and therefore different rates of strain. It is no longer described in this document.

The testing equipment referred to in this document is used for tests described in ISO 3035<sup>[1]</sup>, ISO 3037<sup>[2]</sup>, ISO 7263<sup>[3]</sup>, ISO 12192<sup>[4]</sup>, ISO 13821<sup>[5]</sup>, and ISO 16945<sup>[6]</sup>, among others.

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