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## Paper and board — Stylus contact method

### Part 1 Determination of surface roughness

#### 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for the determination of the surface roughness of paper and board using a stylus contact method. It is applicable to all papers and boards except tissue paper.

#### 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 186, Paper and board — Sampling to determine average quality*

*ISO 187, Paper, board and pulps — Standard atmosphere for conditioning and testing and procedure for monitoring the atmosphere and conditioning of samples*

#### 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 surface roughness

$R$   
value indicating a deviation of height from the mean line

##### 3.2 average surface roughness

$R_a$   
arithmetic average of the absolute values of the *surface roughness* (3.1)

##### 3.3 mean deviation from the roughness average

$M$   
It is determined using Formulae (3) in Clause 10.

#### 4 Principle

For surface roughness measurement, the specimen with the stylus under the contact force is scanned horizontally at a constant speed and surface height is measured.

NOTE Annex A provides further information.

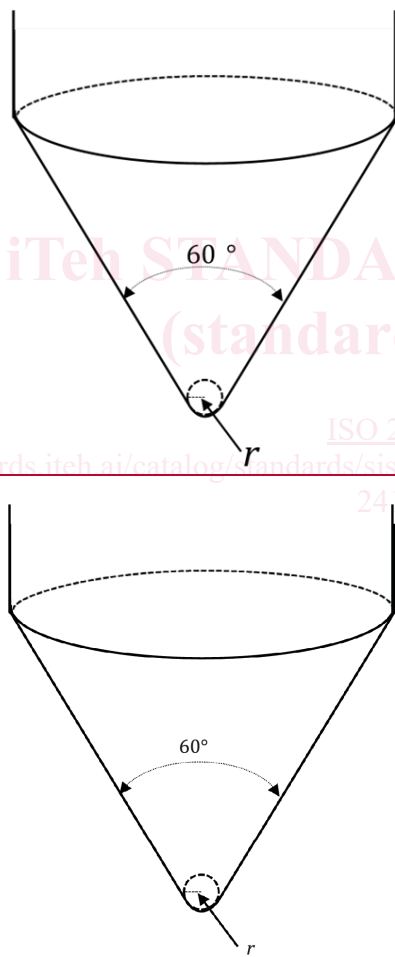
## 9.5 Apparatus

### 9.4.5.1 Surface roughness-testing apparatus

The surface roughness measurement should have an accuracy of  $\pm 1\%$  or less of the full scale of 0,4 m within a surface measurement travel distance of 30 mm, and an overall accuracy of  $\pm 1\%$  or less of the full scale.

### 9.2.5.2 Stylus

A conical shape whose radius of the curvature of the tip is  $0,5 \text{ mm} \pm 0,025 \text{ mm}$ . The material made of stainless steel specified in ASTM A681-08:2015 (P21 or equivalent) is recommended.



**Key**

$r$	$(0,5 \pm 0,025) \text{ mm}$
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**Figure\_1 — Geometry of stylus tip**



### 9.35.3 Drive unit

Drive unit for advancing the test piece beneath the stylus with constant traversing speed of 1,0 mm/s  $\pm$  0,05 mm/s.

### 9.45.4 Specimen holder

Used to place and fix the test piece on the horizontal metallic plate during the testing.

## 10 Sampling

If the tests are being made to evaluate a lot, the sample shall be selected in accordance with ISO 186. If the tests are performed on another type of sample, verify that the test pieces taken are representative of the sample received.

### 117 Conditioning of samples

Condition the samples in accordance with ISO 187 and keep them in the standard atmosphere throughout the test. Conditioning shall be performed prior to the preparation of test pieces.

### 128 Preparation of the test pieces

Prepare the test pieces in the same atmospheric conditions as those used to condition the sample. Cut at least 10 test pieces for the machine direction (MD) testing and another 10 sheets for the cross direction (CD) testing. Test pieces should have a minimum size of 100 mm  $\pm$  5 mm in length and 60 mm  $\pm$  5 mm in width.

The test area shall be free from folds, wrinkles, holes, watermarks or defects not inherent in the sample. Do not handle the part of the test piece that will become part of the test area.

### 139 Procedure

Carry out the test in the same atmospheric conditions as those used to condition the samples.

- ~~place~~**Place** the instrument on a solid and vibration-free table<sub>z</sub>.
- ~~place~~**Place** the test piece on the specimen holder<sub>z</sub>.
- ~~set~~**Set** stylus to contact force 50,0 mN  $\pm$  0,25 mN<sub>z</sub>.
- ~~start~~**Start** the test and record the data until it scans at least 30 mm, then stop the test. Record the roughness reading during a run of 5 mm  $\pm$  0,01 mm to 25 mm  $\pm$  0,01 mm while the surfaces are moving uniformly over one another<sub>z</sub>.
- ~~repeat~~**Repeat** the test at least 10 times in both CD and MD.

### 1410 Calculation

Surface roughness, average surface roughness and  $M$  are calculated according to ~~Formulae (1), (2) and (3)~~**Formulae (1), (2) and (3)**.

$$R_i = h_i - \bar{h} \quad (1)$$

$$R_a = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |R_i| + \sum_{i=1}^N |R_i| \quad (2)$$

$$M = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N ||R_i| - R_a| + \sum_{i=1}^N ||R_i| - R_a| \quad (3)$$

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where

- ~~$R_i$~~   $R_i$  is the surface roughness at point  $i$ , in  $\mu\text{m}$ ;
- ~~$h_i$~~   $h_i$  is the height at point  $i$ , in  $\mu\text{m}$ ;
- ~~$\bar{h}$~~   $\bar{h}$  is the height average (mean line), in  $\mu\text{m}$ ;
- $N$  is number of data points from 5 mm to 25 mm;
- ~~$R_a$~~   $R_a$  is the average surface roughness, arithmetic average of the absolute values of the roughness, in  $\mu\text{m}$ ;
- $M$  is the mean absolute deviation from ~~the~~  $R_a$ , in  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**15.11 Test report**

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) ~~a)~~ a reference to this document i.e. ISO 24118-1: ~~2023~~;
- b) ~~b)~~ the date and place of testing;
- c) ~~c)~~ all details necessary for the complete identification of the sample;
- d) ~~d)~~ the conditioning atmosphere used;
- e) ~~e)~~ the number of test pieces;
- f) ~~f)~~  $R_a$  and  $M$  results of each test piece with the grand average of the 10 test pieces in both MD and CD, reported to three significant figures, respectively;
- g) ~~g)~~ the standard deviation of the 10 individual  $R_a$  and  $M$  results, reported to three significant figures for each direction MD and CD;
- h) ~~h)~~ the coefficient of variation in % to first decimal place for each direction MD and CD;
- i) ~~i)~~ any departure from this document and any circumstances that may have affected the results.