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produits autoadhésifs - Détermination de l'adhésivité d'une
bille roulante

Klebstoffe für Papier, Verpackung und Hygieneprodukte -
Messung der Oberflächenklebrigkeit von Haftklebstoffen -
Bestimmung der Oberflächenklebrigkeit nach der Methode
"Rollende Kugel"

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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 193 "Adhesives", the secretariat of which is held by AENOR.

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1 Scope

This test method specifies a "Rolling Ball Tack" test method for coated pressure sensitive adhesives.

2 Normative References

This European Standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 923 Adhesives - Terms and definitions

EN 1066 Adhesives - Sampling

EN 1067 Adhesives - Examination and preparation of samples for testing

3 Definition

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For the purpose of this standard the definitions in accordance with EN 923 and the following definition apply:

3.1 rolling ball tack: The distance a specified rolling ball travels on an adhesive layer before stopping, after it has been allowed to roll down a defined incline.

4 Safety

Persons using this standard shall be familiar with normal laboratory practice.

This standard does not purport to address all the safety problems, if any, associated with its use.

It is the responsibility of the user to establish safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any European and national regulatory conditions.

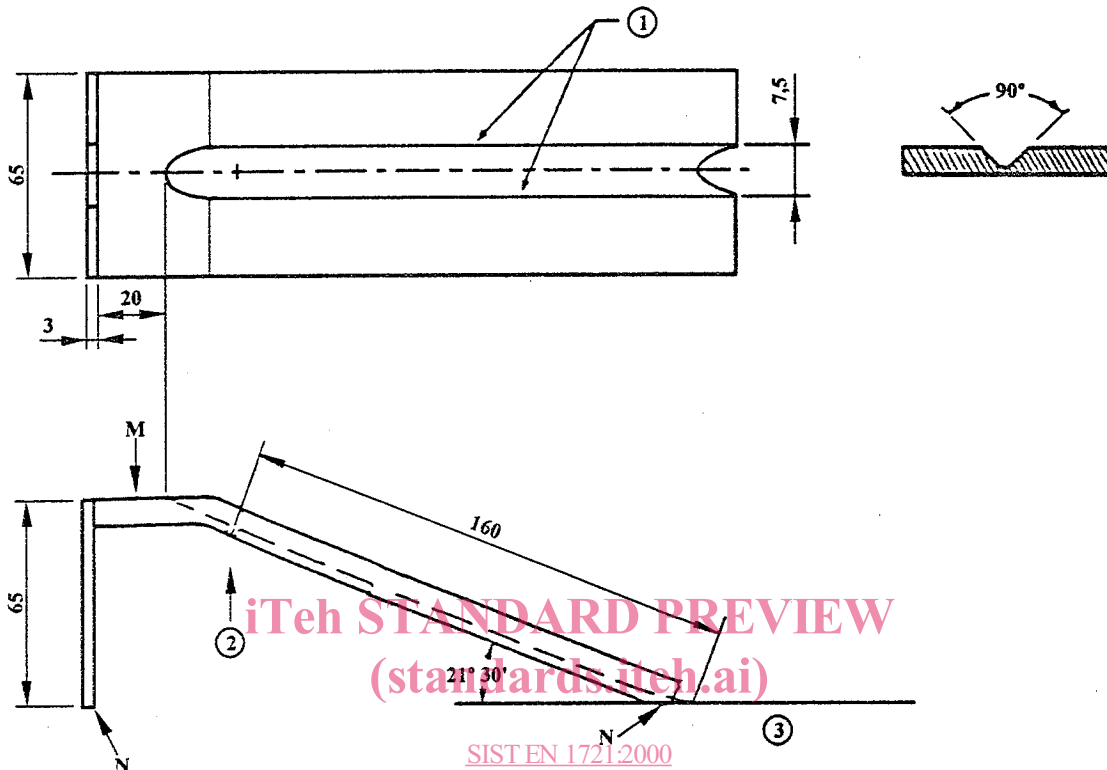
5 Test equipment

5.1 An inclined trough, equipped with a release lever at the top through which the ball gains downhill momentum.

5.2 A solid ball, with 10 mm diameter made of stainless steel which shall be thoroughly cleaned.

The equipment is described in Figures 1 and 2.

Dimensions in millimetres

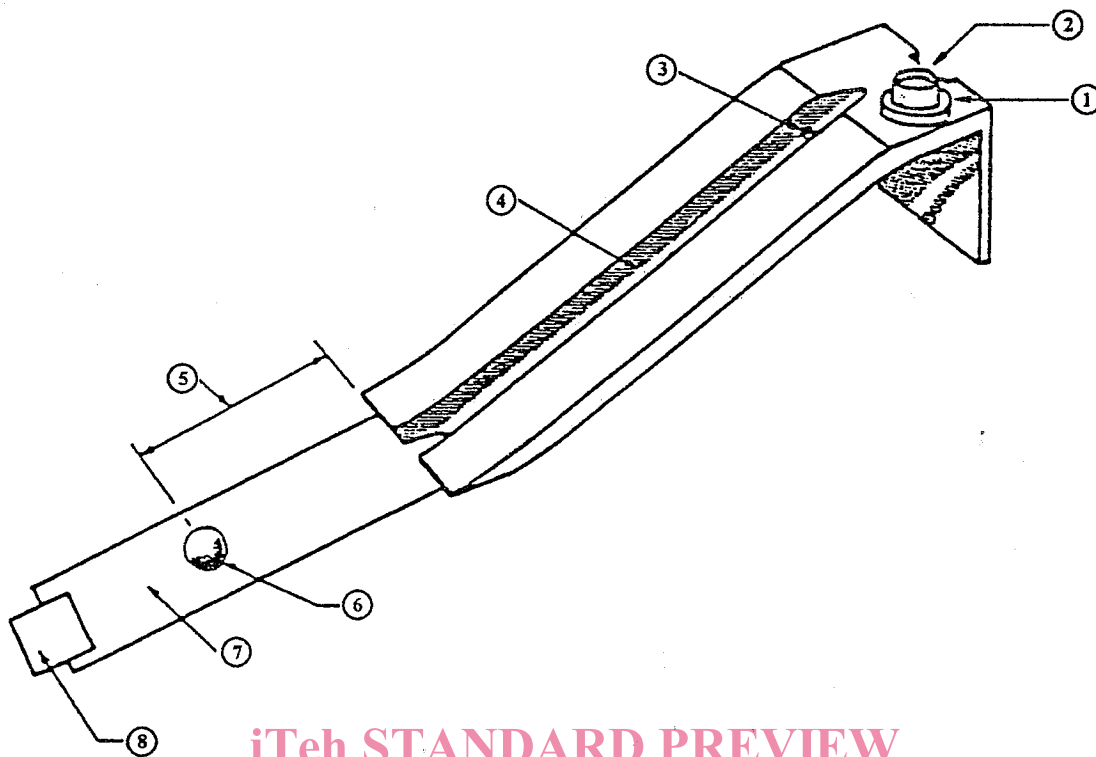


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SURFACES M AND N MUST BE PARALLEL

- 1 these two edges to be parallel
- 2 release position
- 3 adhesive layer

Figure 1: Incline for rolling ball test



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- 1 circular spirit level
 2 release level
 3 release
 4 inclined trough
 5 distance between end of incline and ball
 6 10 mm diameter, steel ball
 7 Adhesive coating
 8 Hold down tape or weight

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Figure 2: Apparatus and specimen showing distance of roll that is measured

5.3 A test table, with a hard horizontal surface e.g. a metal or glass plate.

5.4 Suitable equipment for the preparation of an adhesive coating, with a consistent dry coating weight of (25 ± 2) g/m². Deviation from this coating weight shall be reported.

6 Materials

6.1 Adhesive

Sampling shall be carried out in accordance with EN 1066 and preparation of samples in accordance with EN 1067.

6.2 Polyester film, with a thickness of 50 µm

6.3 Release paper

7 Preparation and conditioning of test pieces

Coat the adhesive sample onto the polyester film to produce a consistent coating of (25 ± 2) g/m². Deviation from this coating weight shall be reported.

Cover this coating with release paper.

Coating and drying of the adhesive shall conform to the appropriate commercial practice.

NOTE: A transfer coating technique can also be used.

Test specimens are strips taken from the coated polyester film and generally about 50 mm wide and approximately 380 mm long. Specific dimensions can be selected for the adhesive to be tested since the length needs only to be sufficient to allow the adhesive to stop the ball, and the width needs to be only wide enough to encompass the ball track.

A minimum of 5 tests specimens shall be prepared.

The adhesive coatings shall be conditioned for (24 ± 4) h before testing at standard climate of (23 ± 2) °C and $(50 \pm 5)\%$ R.H.

Prior to use the cleaned balls shall be left for a minimum of 30 min under the same conditions. Balls shall only be handled using tools.

8 Test procedure

The test shall be performed at standard climate as described in clause 7.

Prior to each test ensure that the inclined trough is clean.

Arrange the strips to be tested with the adhesive coating uppermost in line with the inclined trough.

The strips shall be free of any wrinkles, creases, or splices. The end of the strips opposite the incline shall be held to the table with a tape or a weight as shown in Figure 2. Only one test shall be run on each strip.

For each test a new cleaned and conditioned ball is placed with a suitable tool on the upper side of the release of the inclined trough.

Release the ball and allow it to roll to a stop on the adhesive.

Measure the distance in millimetres from the centre of contact between the ball and adhesive to the near end of the incline.