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International Standard ISO 3795 was prepared jointly by Technical Committees ISO/TC 22, *Road vehicles*, and ISO/TC 23, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 3795 : 1976), the scope of which has been extended to include tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry.

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Introduction

Evaluation of burning behaviour of interior materials is based on the assumption that a fire in the passenger compartment is unlikely to occur when the burning rate of the interior material under the action of a small flame is zero or very small.

In the framework of international regulations for motor vehicle safety prepared by the competent groups of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE/UNO), ISO had been requested to develop a method for the determination of the burning behaviour of interior materials in motor vehicles. Extensive information on existing test methods was collected and evaluated. In view of safety standards which are already mandatory, considerations were based primarily on the test procedure defined in US-FMVSS 302.

Considerable attention was devoted to the problem of ventilation of the combustion chamber. Two series of comparative tests were conducted to investigate different design variations.

After extended discussions, it was decided to incorporate the combustion chamber described in this International Standard.

Furthermore, it was decided to require the presence of supporting wires as part of the standard equipment in order to avoid subjective interpretations of sample behaviour by the test personnel.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the horizontal burning rate of materials used in the occupant compartment of road vehicles (for example, passenger cars, lorries/trucks, estate cars, coaches), and of tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry, after exposure to a small flame.

This method permits testing of materials and parts of the vehicle interior equipment individually or in combination up to a thickness of 13 mm. It is used to judge the uniformity of production lots of such materials with respect to their burning behaviour.

Because of the many differences between the real world situation (application and orientation within vehicle interior, conditions of use, ignition source, etc.) and the precise test conditions specified in this International Standard, this method cannot be considered as suitable for evaluation of all true in-vehicle burning characteristics.

2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 2768-1: 1989, *General tolerances — Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1 burning rate: Quotient of the burnt distance measured according to this International Standard and the time taken to burn this distance.

It is expressed in millimetres per minute.

3.2 composite material: Material composed of several layers of similar or different materials intimately held together at their surfaces by cementing, bonding, cladding, welding, etc.

When different materials are connected together intermittently (for example, by sewing, high-frequency welding, riveting), then in order to permit the preparation of individual samples in accordance with clause 6, such materials will not be considered as composite materials.

3.3 exposed side: Side which faces towards the occupant compartment when the material is mounted in the vehicle.

4 Principle

A sample is held horizontally in a U-shaped holder and is exposed to the action of a defined low-energy flame for 15 s in a combustion chamber, the flame acting on the free end of the sample. The test determines if and when the flame extinguishes or the time in which the flame passes a measured distance.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Combustion chamber (see figure 1), preferably of stainless steel and having the dimensions given in figure 2. The front of the chamber contains a flame-resistant observation window, which may cover the front and which can be constructed as an access panel.

The bottom of the chamber has vent holes, and the top has a vent slot all around. The combustion chamber is placed on four feet, 10 mm high.

The chamber may have a hole at one end for the introduction of the sample holder containing the sample; in the opposite end, a hole is provided for the gas line. Melted material is caught in a pan (see figure 3) which is placed on the bottom of the chamber between vent holes without covering any vent hole area.

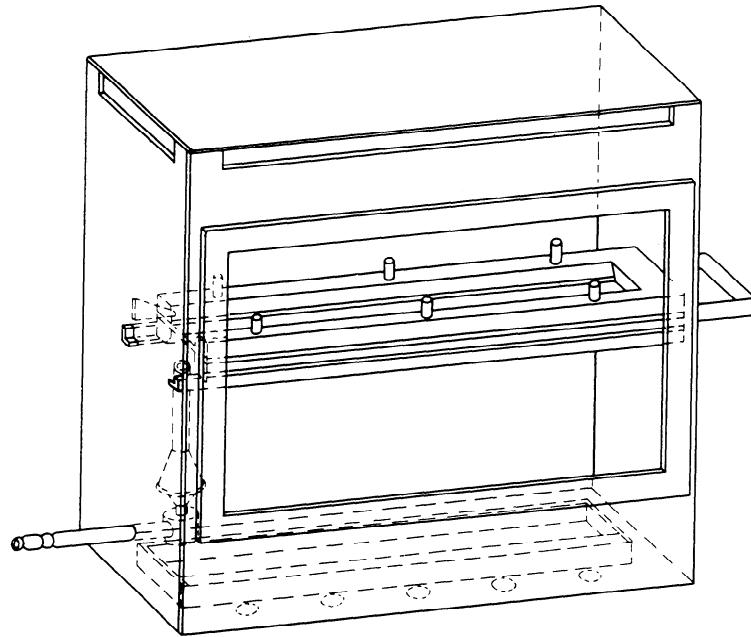


Figure 1 – Example of combustion chamber with sample holder and drip pan

Dimensions in millimetres
Tolerances according to ISO 2768-1

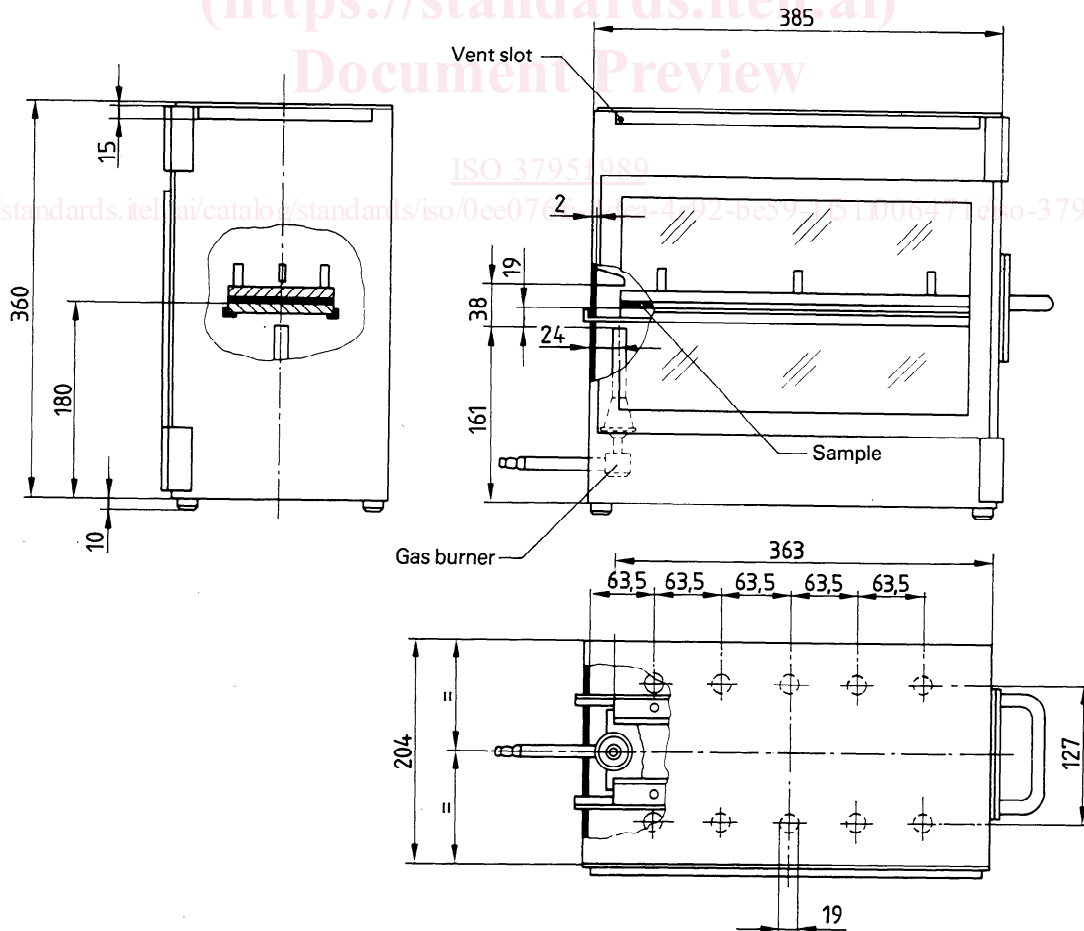


Figure 2 – Example of combustion chamber