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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 1096:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Inclusion of a reference to ISO 2426-4.

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# Plywood — Classification

## 1 Scope

This document provides systems of classification of plywood panels based on general appearance and principal characteristics.

## 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 2074, *Plywood — Vocabulary*

ISO 2426-1, *Plywood — Classification by surface appearance — Part 1: General*

ISO 2426-2, *Plywood — Classification by surface appearance — Part 2: Hardwood*

ISO 2426-3, *Plywood — Classification by surface appearance — Part 3: Softwood*

ISO 2426-4, *Plywood — Classification by surface appearance — Part 4: Palm-plywood*

ISO 12465, *Plywood — Specifications*

## 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Classification

### 4.1 General

Plywood panels shall be classified in accordance with the criteria chosen in the following list.

### 4.2 General description

#### 4.2.1 Panel type as specified in accordance with ISO 2074

- a) veneer plywood;
- b) wood core plywood:
  - 1) blockboard;
  - 2) battenboard;

- 3) laminboard;
- c) composite plywood.

#### **4.2.2 Form and shape as specified in accordance with ISO 2074**

- a) flat;
- b) moulded.

#### **4.2.3 Surface appearances as specified in accordance with ISO 2426-1, ISO 2426-2, ISO 2426-3, and ISO 2426-4**

#### **4.2.4 Surface finishes as specified in accordance with ISO 2074**

- a) unsanded plywood;
- b) sanded plywood (one side or two sides);
- c) touch-sanded plywood;
- d) scraped plywood;
- e) overlaid plywood (resin impregnated paper, plastic, resin film, metal, decorative paper);
- f) pre-finished plywood;
- g) textured plywood;
- h) veneered plywood.

### **4.3 Principal characteristics**

#### **4.3.1 Mechanical properties linked with the type of application**

- a) plywood for non-structural uses (e.g. furniture, wall panelling);
- b) plywood for structural uses (e.g. wall sheathing, floor decking, and concrete forming).

#### **4.3.2 Exposure conditions as specified in accordance with ISO 12465**

- a) for use in dry conditions;
- b) for use in tropical dry/humid conditions;
- c) for use in high humidity/exterior conditions.

#### **4.3.3 Specific treatments to improve**

- a) biological durability (fungi, insects);
- b) moisture resistance;
- c) reaction to fire.