
**Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications
and classes —**

**Part 3:
Graded wood briquettes**

*Biocombustibles solides — Classes et spécifications des
combustibles —*

Partie 3: Classes de briquettes de bois



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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 238, *Solid biofuels*.

ISO 17225 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes*:

- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 2: Graded wood pellets*
- *Part 3: Graded wood briquettes*
- *Part 4: Graded wood chips*
- *Part 5: Graded firewood*
- *Part 6: Graded non-woody pellets*
- *Part 7: Graded non-woody briquettes*

Introduction

The objective of the ISO 17225 series is to provide unambiguous and clear classification principles for solid biofuels; to serve as a tool to enable efficient trading of biofuels; to enable good understanding between seller and buyer as well as a tool for communication with equipment manufacturers. It will also facilitate authority permission procedures and reporting.

This part of ISO 17225 supports the use of graded wood briquettes for residential, small commercial and public building applications.

The residential, small commercial and public building applications require higher quality fuel for the following reasons:

- Small-scale equipment does not usually have advanced controls and flue gas cleaning
- Appliances are not generally managed by professional heating engineers
- Appliances are often located in residential districts

NOTE 1 Wood briquettes produced according to this part of ISO 17225 may be used in stoves, fireplaces, cookers, roomheaters and multifired sauna stoves, which are tested according to European standards EN 13229[1], EN 12815[2], EN 12809[3], EN 13240[4], EN 15250[5] and EN 15821[6], and boilers systems tested according to EN 303-5[7].

NOTE 2 For individual contracts ISO 17225-1 can be used.

Although these product standards may be obtained separately, they require a general understanding of the standards based on and supporting ISO 17225-1. It is recommended to obtain and use ISO 17225-1 in conjunction with these standards.

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Part 3: Graded wood briquettes

1 Scope

This part of ISO 17225 determines the fuel quality classes and specifications of graded wood briquettes. This part of ISO 17225 covers only wood briquettes produced from the following raw materials (see ISO 17225-1, Table 1):

- 1.1 Forest, plantation and other virgin wood
- 1.2 By-products and residues from wood processing industry
- 1.3.1 Chemically untreated used wood

NOTE Thermally treated biomass briquettes (e.g. torrefied briquettes) are not included in the scope of this part of ISO 17225. Torrefaction is a mild pre-treatment of biomass at a temperature between 200 °C to 300 °C.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE ISO standards describing methods for analysis of fuel properties listed in the Bibliography, will become normative references when they are published.

ISO 16559, *Solid biofuels — Terminology, definitions and descriptions*¹⁾

ISO 16948, *Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen*²⁾

ISO 16968, *Solid biofuels — Determination of minor elements*³⁾

ISO 16994, *Solid biofuels — Determination of total content of sulfur and chlorine*⁴⁾

ISO 17225-1, *Solid biofuels — Fuel specifications and classes — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 18122, *Solid biofuels — Determination of ash content*⁵⁾

ISO 18134-1, *Solid biofuels — Determination of moisture content — Oven dry method — Part 1: Total moisture — Reference method*⁶⁾

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5) To be published.

6) To be published.

ISO 18134-2, *Solid biofuels — Determination of moisture content — Oven dry method — Part 2: Total moisture — Simplified method*⁷⁾

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16559 and the following apply.

3.1
wood briquette
densified biofuel made with or without additives in form of cubiform, prismatic or cylindrical unit with diameter of more than 25 mm produced by compressing milled biomass

Note 1 to entry: The raw material for wood briquettes is woody biomass in accordance with Table 1 of ISO 17225-1.

Note 2 to entry: Biofuel briquettes are usually manufactured in a piston press, with the total moisture content usually being less than 15 % of the mass.

3.2
additive
material which has been intentionally introduced into the fuel feed stock to improve quality of fuel (e.g. combustion properties), to reduce emissions or to make production more efficient

Note 1 to entry: Trace amounts of e.g. grease or other lubricants that are introduced into the fuel processing stream as part of normal mill operations are not considered as additives.

3.3
chemical treatment
any treatment with chemicals other than air, water or heat

EXAMPLE Glue and paint.

Note 1 to entry: Examples of chemical treatment are listed in ISO 17225-1.

3.4
commercial application
facility that utilize solid biofuel burning appliances or equipment that have similar fuel requirements as residential appliances

Note 1 to entry: Commercial applications should not be confused with industrial applications, which can utilize a much wider array of materials and may have somewhat different fuel requirements.

7) To be published.

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

The symbols and abbreviated terms used in this part of ISO 17225 comply with the SI system of units as far as possible.

<i>d</i>	dry (dry basis)
<i>ar</i>	as received
w-%	weight-percentage
A	Designation for ash content, A_d on dry basis [w-%]
D	Designation for diameter as received, D [mm]
DE	Designation for particle density as received [g/cm ³]
L	Designation for length as received, L [mm]
M	Designation for moisture content as received on wet basis, M_{ar} [w-%]
Q	Designation for net calorific value as received, $q_{p,net,ar}$ [MJ/kg or kWh/kg] at constant pressure

NOTE 1 1 MJ/kg equals 1 GJ/t or 0,2778 kWh/kg (1 kWh/kg equals 1 MWh/t and 1 MWh/t is 3,6 MJ/kg). 1 g/cm³ equals 1 kg/dm³. 1 mg/kg equals 0,000 1 % or 1 ppm.

NOTE 2 Designation symbols are used in combination with a number to specify property levels in Table 1. For designation of chemical properties, chemical symbols like S (sulfur), Cl (chlorine), N (nitrogen) are used and the property class is added at the end of the symbol.

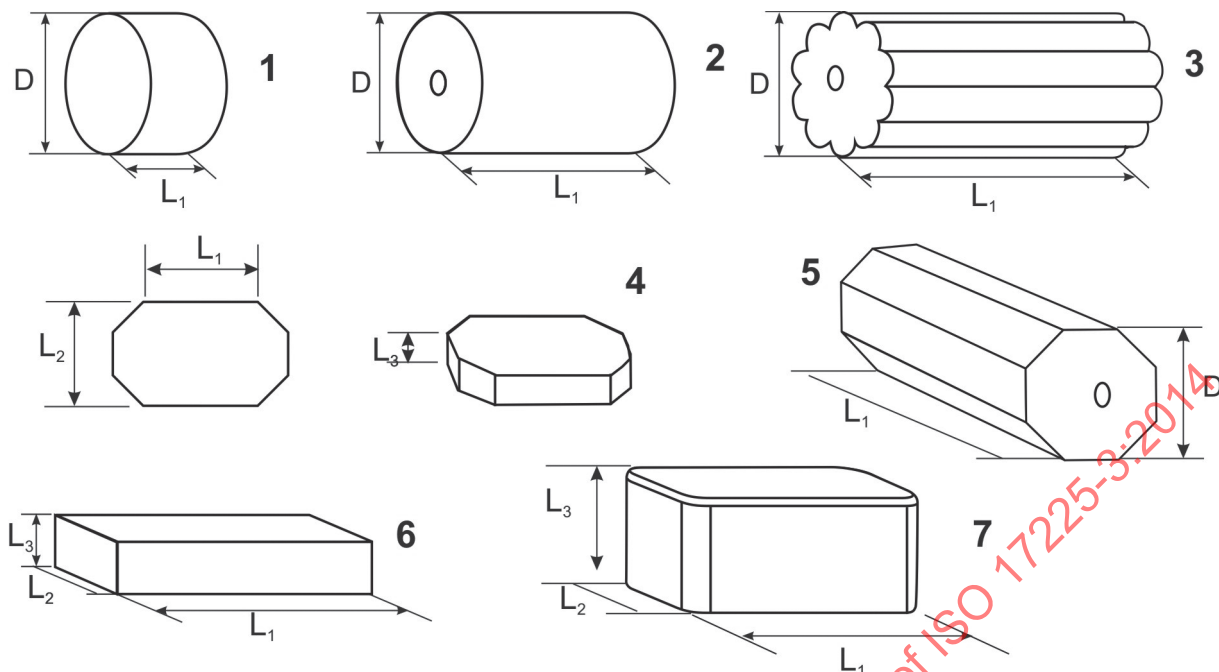
5 Specification of graded wood briquettes

The specification of the wood briquettes is stated in accordance with [Table 1](#) and [Figure 1](#). Sampling and analysis of the properties shall be carried out in accordance with the methods mentioned in the normative references.

Property class A1 and A2 represents virgin woods and chemically untreated wood residues. A1 represents fuels which are low in ash and nitrogen content, while class A2 has slightly higher ash and nitrogen content. Property class B allows chemically treated industrial wood by-products and residues and chemically untreated used wood.

Chemically treated wood by-products and residues from wood processing industry (1.2.2) and chemically untreated used wood (1.3.1) are included in class B as long as they do not contain heavy metals or halogenated organic compounds as a result of treatment with wood preservatives or coating. In case of raw materials belonging to 1.2.2 (chemically treated wood according to ISO 17225-1, Table 1) the actual origin of the raw material shall be clearly described, e.g. 1.2.2, Residues from laminated wood production.

EXAMPLE Briquettes of class B produced from 99 w-% sawdust from spruce 1.2.1.2, 1 w-% may contain glued wood from wood beam production (amount of glue < 0,1 %).



Key

- D diameter
- L_1 length
- L_2 width
- L_3 height or diameter for cylinder briquettes

Figure 1 — Dimension of briquettes

If data for chemical or physical properties are available, further analysis may not be required.

To ensure resources are used appropriately and the declaration is accurate, use the most appropriate measure below:

- 1) using previous measured values or obtained by experience of same raw material;
- 2) calculation of properties, e.g. by using typical values and considering generally accepted and documented specific values;
- 3) carrying out of analysis:
 - a) with simplified methods if available;
 - b) with reference methods.

The responsibility of the producer or supplier to provide correct and accurate information is exactly the same whether laboratory analysis is performed or not. Typical values do not release the producer or supplier from providing accurate and reliable information.

NOTE 1 It is important to carry out laboratory analysis, if the raw material basis is changed.

The quality shall be given either in the product declaration or by a corresponding label on the package.

NOTE 2 The combustion time may also be an important parameter for further characterization of the combustion behaviour. The combustion time indicates in which time the energy of the briquettes is released. The combustion time depends on both the shape and density of the briquettes as well as the air ratio.

Table 1 — Specification of graded wood briquettes

	Property class, Analysis method	Units	A		B ^a
			1	2	
Normative	Origin and source, ISO 17225-1		1.1.3 Stemwood 1.2.1 Chemically untreated wood residues ^b	1.1.1 Whole trees without roots 1.1.3 Stemwood 1.1.4 Logging residues 1.2.1 Chemically untreated wood residues ^b	1.1 Forest, plantation and other virgin wood 1.2 By-products and resi- dues from wood process- ing industry 1.3.1 Chemically untreated used wood
	Diameter (<i>D</i>) or length (<i>L</i> ₁), width (<i>L</i> ₂) and height (<i>L</i> ₃) According to Figure 1	mm	Diameter, width, height and length to be stated	Diameter, width, height and length to be stated	Diameter, width, height and length to be stated
		Shape	Specify according to Figure 1 e.g. 1 or 2, etc.	Specify according to Figure 1 e.g. 1 or 2, etc.	Specify according to Figure 1 e.g. 1 or 2, etc.
	Moisture, <i>M</i> , ISO 18134-1, ISO 18134-2	w-% as received	$M12 \leq 12$	$M15 \leq 15$	$M15 \leq 15$
	Ash, <i>A</i> , ISO 18122	w-% dry	$A1.0 \leq 1,0$	$A1.5 \leq 1,5$	$A3.0 \leq 3,0$
	Particle density, <i>DE</i> , ISO 18847	g/cm ³ as received	$DE1.0 \geq 1,0$	$DE0.9 \geq 0,9$	$DE0.9 \geq 0,9$
	Additives ^c	w-% as received	≤ 2 Type and amount to be stated	≤ 2 Type and amount to be stated	≤ 2 Type and amount to be stated
	Net calorific value, <i>Q</i> , ^d ISO 18125	MJ/kg or kWh/kg as received	$Q15.5 \geq 15,5$ or $Q4.3 \geq 4,3$	$Q15.3 \geq 15,3$ or $Q4.25 \geq 4,25$	$Q14.9 \geq 14,9$ or $Q4.15 \geq 4,15$
	Nitrogen, <i>N</i> , ISO 16948	w-% dry	$N0.3 \leq 0,3$	$N0.5 \leq 0,5$	$N1.0 \leq 1,0$
	Sulfur, <i>S</i> , ISO 16994	w-% dry	$S0.04 \leq 0,04$	$S0.04 \leq 0,04$	$S0.05 \leq 0,05$
	Chlorine, <i>Cl</i> , ISO 16994	w-% dry	$Cl0.02 \leq 0,02$	$Cl0.02 \leq 0,02$	$Cl0.03 \leq 0,03$
	Arsenic, <i>As</i> , ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 1	≤ 1	≤ 1
	Cadmium, <i>Cd</i> , ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	$\leq 0,5$	$\leq 0,5$	$\leq 0,5$
	Chromium, <i>Cr</i> , ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 10	≤ 10	≤ 10
	Copper, <i>Cu</i> , ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 10	≤ 10	≤ 10
	Lead, <i>Pb</i> , ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 10	≤ 10	≤ 10
	Mercury, <i>Hg</i> , ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	$\leq 0,1$	$\leq 0,1$	$\leq 0,1$
	Nickel, <i>Ni</i> , ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 10	≤ 10	≤ 10
	Zinc, <i>Zn</i> , ISO 16968	mg/kg dry	≤ 100	≤ 100	≤ 100
Informa- tive	Surface area of bri- quettes, including the hole surface if any	cm ² /kg	Should be stated	Should be stated	Should be stated

^a Class B is not recommended for baking ovens.

^b Negligible levels of glue, grease and other timber production additives used in sawmills during production of timber and timber product from virgin wood are acceptable if all chemical parameters of the briquettes are clearly within the limits and concentrations are too small to be concerned with.

^c Type of additives to aid production, delivery or combustion (e.g. pressing aids, slagging inhibitors or any other additives like starch, corn flour, potato flour, vegetable oil, lignin).

^d See Annex D from ISO 17225-1 for calculation of net calorific value as received.