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**Adhesives — Test of adhesive for floor  
covering — Determination of the  
electrical resistance of adhesive films  
and composites**

*Adhésifs — Essai des adhésifs pour revêtements de sol —  
Détermination de la résistance électrique des composites et films  
d'adhésif*



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# Adhesives — Test of adhesive for floor covering — Determination of the electrical resistance of adhesive films and composites

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method to measure the electrical resistance as a material physical parameter of an adhesive film and composites of floor covering material and adhesive film. The electrical resistance is reciprocal to the electrical conductivity. This laboratory method does not take account of all influences which can occur in practice.

This method applies to the determination of the electrical resistance of adhesive films on glass and of composites of floor coverings, adhesively bonded to a fibre cement substrate  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  (see [Clause 3](#)).

## 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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 554, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications*

ISO 9142, *Adhesives — Guide to the selection of standard laboratory ageing conditions for testing bonded joints*

ISO 15605, *Adhesives — Sampling*

EN 1067, *Adhesives — Examination and preparation of samples for testing*

EN 1081:2018, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of the electrical resistance*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 vertical resistance of floor covering

$R_1$   
electrical resistance, measured at an unbounded floor covering sample between the tripod electrode on the surface of the floor covering and a second electrode on the opposite underside

### 3.2 resistance to ground

$R_2$   
electrical resistance, measured at a bonded floor covering between a tripod electrode on the surface of the floor covering and ground

### 3.3 point to point resistance

$R_3$   
electrical resistance measured on the surface of a bonded floor covering between two tripod electrodes in a distance of 100 mm

### 3.4 adhesive resistance

$R_4$   
electrical resistance of a cured adhesive film, measured between two copper strips in a distance of 500 mm to each other

### 3.5 vertical resistance of composite

$R_5$   
electrical resistance of a bonded floor covering, measured between a tripod electrode on the surface of the floor covering and a copper strip on the underside in a distance of 500 mm to each other

## 4 Apparatus and materials

4.1 **Glass plate**, dimensions: approximately 600 mm × 120 mm × 4 mm.

4.2 **Uncoated fibre cement panels**, fully compressed and autoclaved, asbestos free, with dimensions of approximately 750 mm × 300 mm × 6 mm.

4.3 **Adhesive applicator** with an opening of  $(1,0 \pm 0,1)$  mm height and a width of  $(100 \pm 1)$  mm (see [Figure 1](#)).

Dimensions in millimetres

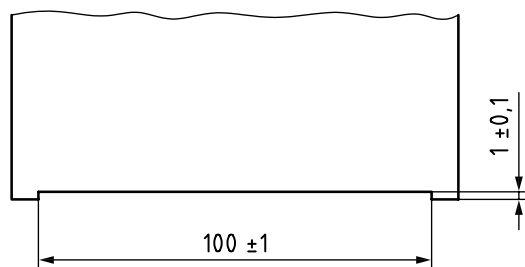


Figure 1 — Opening dimensions of the adhesive applicator

4.4 **Adhesive trowel**, serrated blade with a notch size specified by the adhesive manufacturer.

4.5 **Three copper strips**, preferably self-adhesive, dimensions: approximately 120 mm × 10 mm × 0,08 mm.

**4.6 Conductive floor covering**, dimensions: approximately 700 mm × 250 mm.

**4.7 Roller**, of width  $(60 \pm 5)$  mm, diameter  $(90 \pm 5)$  mm and total mass  $(3,50 \pm 0,05)$  kg with handle at  $90^\circ$  to the axis (as an example, see [Figure 2](#)).

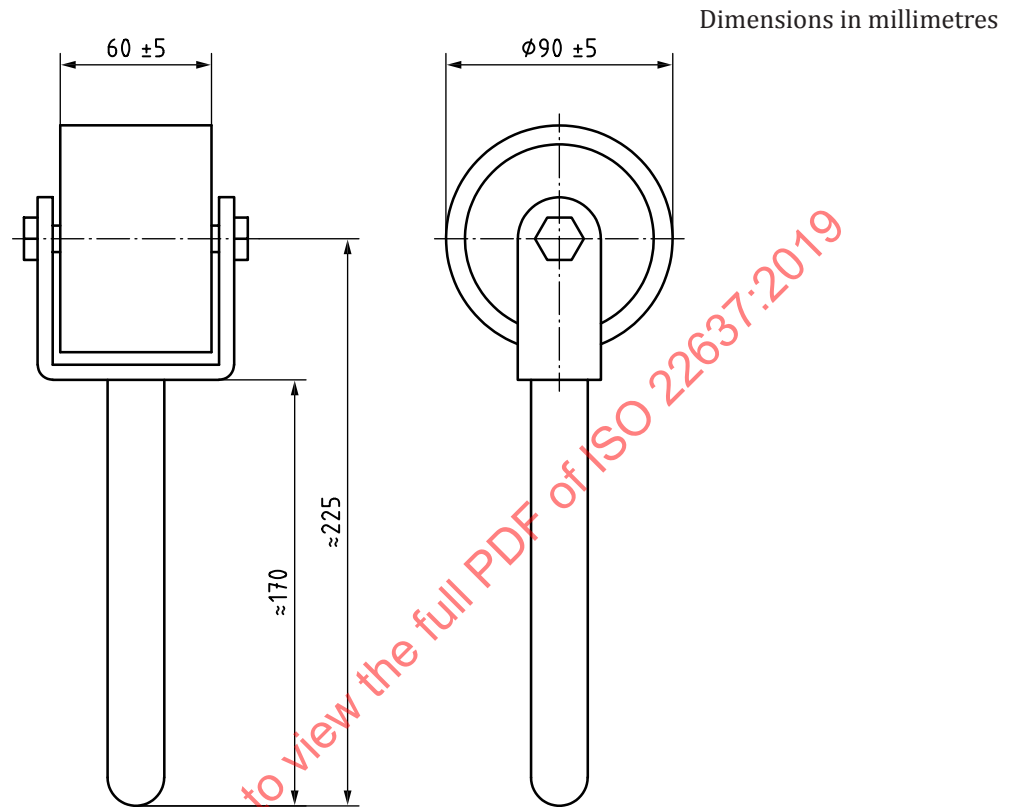


**Figure 2 — Roller**

NOTE The length of the handle is not critical and can be used for setting the total mass.

**4.8 Tripod electrode**, in accordance with EN 1081 (see EN 1081:2018, 5.1 and Figure 1).

**4.9 Load**, able to apply at least 300 N to the tripod electrode.

**4.10 Resistance meter**, calibrated, with an accuracy of  $\pm 5\%$  for R values in the range of  $10^3 \Omega$  to  $10^{10} \Omega$ , and of  $\pm 10\%$  for more than  $10^{10} \Omega$ .

For resistances less than or equal to  $10^6 \Omega$  the open circuit voltage shall be 10 V d.c., for resistances greater than  $10^6 \Omega$  but not exceeding  $10^{10} \Omega$  it shall be 100 V and for resistances greater than  $10^{10} \Omega$  it shall be 500 V.

Recommended is a resistance meter with an inside resistance of 100 k $\Omega$ .

**4.11 Heating chamber**, ventilated and adjustable to a temperature between 20 °C and 200 °C according to ISO 9142.

## 5 Preparation of test specimens

### 5.1 Preparation of test specimens for determination of adhesive resistance, $R_4$

The side of the glass plate (4.1) intended for applying the adhesive shall be free of grease, dust and other contamination.

Take a sample of the adhesive to be tested in accordance with ISO 15605, examine and prepare it for testing in accordance with EN 1067.

Two copper strips (4.5) shall be affixed ( $500 \pm 10$ ) mm away from each other in parallel to the shorter edges on the glass plate, making sure they protrude about 30 mm beyond the edge of the plate.

Apply adhesive to produce a uniform thickness of 1 mm. A sufficient quantity of adhesive shall be applied to the prepared surface on one shorter edge of the plate. The adhesive shall be spread evenly using the applicator in accordance with 4.3, in parallel to the longer edge glass plate (see Figure 3).

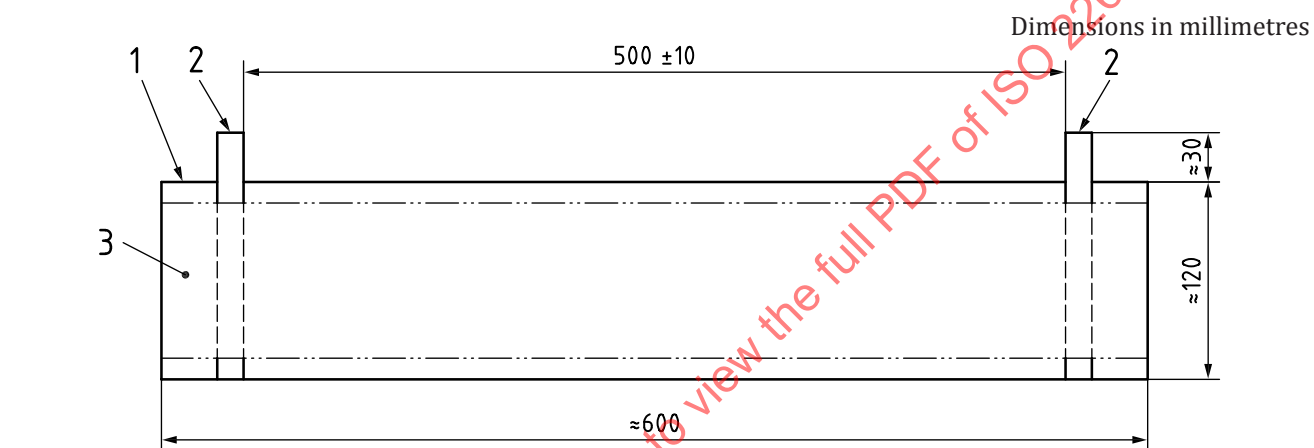


Figure 3 — Arrangements of the copper strips

### 5.2 Preparation of test specimens for determination of vertical resistance of composite, $R_5$

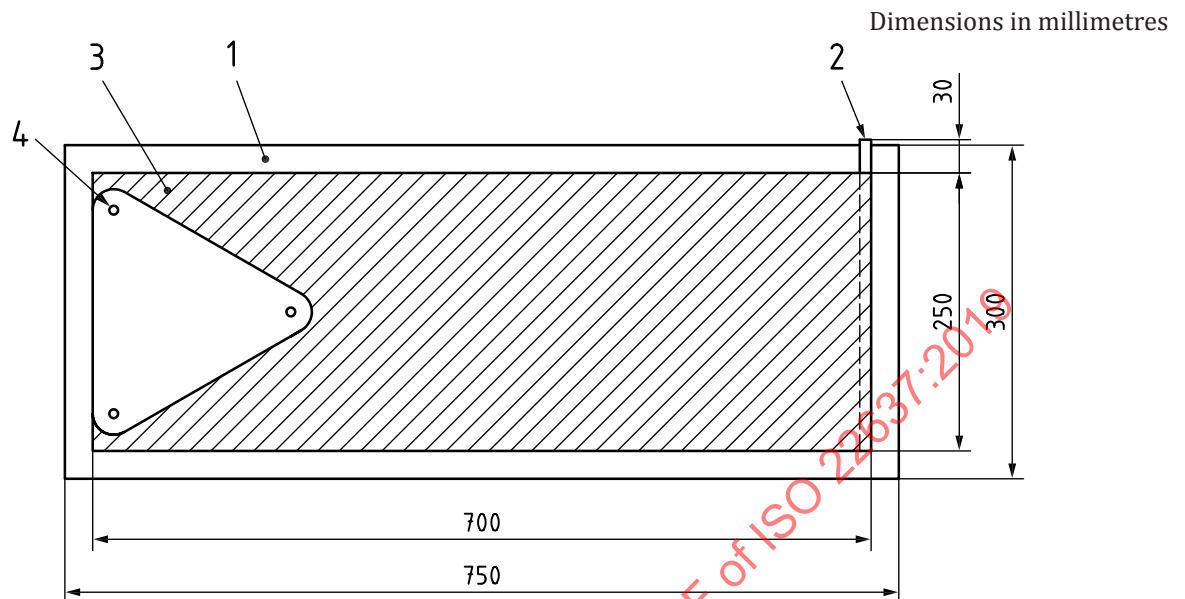
The fibre cement panel (4.2) shall be likewise free of dust and other contamination, and before the adhesive is applied be conditioned for 120 h at ( $50 \pm 3$ ) °C in a heating chamber (4.11) and reconditioned for at least 8 h at standard atmosphere 23 °C/50 % according to ISO 554.

Take a sample of the adhesive to be tested in accordance with ISO 15605, examine and prepare it for testing in accordance with EN 1067.

A copper strip (4.5) shall be affixed parallel to the shorter edge of the fibre cement panel at the end of the panel making sure it protrudes about 30 mm beyond the edge of the panel. A sufficient quantity of adhesive shall be applied to the prepared surface on one shorter edge of the plate. The adhesive shall be spread evenly using the applicator in accordance with 4.4, in a width of 200 mm in the middle and parallel to the longer edge of cement panel.

After the open time specified by the adhesive's producer, the conductive floor coverings (4.6) being tested shall be laid into the adhesive bed flush against one short side, just in the middle of the two long

sides of the carrier slab, and rolled on using the roller (4.7) by rolling it evenly back and forth three times without additional pressure (see Figure 4).



#### Key

- 1 support (fibre cement panel)
- 2 copper strip
- 3 adhesive film covered with floor covering
- 4 tripod electrode

Figure 4 — Fibre cement panel with bonded floor covering

## 6 Storing the specimens

### 6.1 Storing the specimens for determination of adhesive resistance, $R_4$

The samples are stored as follows:

- a) ~24 h at standard atmosphere 23 °C/50 % according to ISO 554;
- b) 24 h at  $(40 \pm 3)$  °C in a heating chamber (4.11);
- c) 48 h at standard atmosphere 23 °C/50 % according to ISO 554.

### 6.2 Storing the specimens for determination of vertical resistance of composite $R_5$

The samples are stored as follows:

- a) ~24 h at standard atmosphere 23 °C/50 % according to ISO 554;
- b) 96 h at  $(40 \pm 3)$  °C in a heating chamber (4.11);
- c) 48 h at standard atmosphere 23 °C/50 % according to ISO 554.