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Foreword

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International Standard ISO 9705 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 92, *Fire safety*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Reaction to fire*.

Annex A forms an integral part of this International Standard. Annexes B, C, D, E, F, G and H are for information only.

Introduction

This method is intended to describe the fire behaviour of a product under controlled laboratory conditions.

The test method may be used as part of a fire hazard assessment which takes into account all of the factors which are pertinent to an assessment of the fire hazard of a particular end use.

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WARNING — So that suitable precautions can be taken to safeguard health, the attention of all concerned in fire tests is drawn to the possibility that toxic or harmful gases can be evolved during combustion of test specimens.

The test procedures involve high temperatures and combustion processes from ignition to a fully developed room fire. Therefore, hazards can exist for burns, ignition of extraneous objects or clothing. The operators should use protective clothing, helmet, face-shield and equipment for avoiding exposure to toxic gases.

Means for extinguishing a fully developed fire should be available.

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a test method that simulates a fire that under well ventilated conditions starts in a corner of a small room with a single open doorway.

The method is intended to evaluate the contribution to fire growth provided by a surface product using a specified ignition source.

A standard ignition source is specified, but other alternatives are allowed. It should, however, be noted that the type, position and heat output of the ignition source will considerably influence the fire growth.

The method is especially suitable for products that for some reason cannot be tested in a small laboratory scale, for example thermoplastic materials, the effect of an insulating substrate, joints, surfaces with great irregularity.

The method is not intended to evaluate the fire resistance of a product.

A test performed in accordance with the method specified in this International Standard provides data for the early stages of a fire from ignition up to flashover.

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 3261:1975, *Fire tests — Vocabulary*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 3261 and the following definitions apply.

3.1 assembly: Fabrication of materials and/or composites, for example, sandwich panels.

NOTE 1 An assembly may include an air gap.

3.2 composite: Combination of materials which are generally recognized in building construction as discrete entities, for example, coated or laminated materials.