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**Information and documentation —  
Papers and boards used for  
conservation — Measurement of  
impact of volatiles on cellulose in paper**

*Information et documentation — Papiers et cartons utilisés pour la  
conservation — Mesure de l'impact des substances volatiles sur la  
cellulose du papier*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

According to ISO 16245<sup>[1]</sup>, materials used for storage boxes and file covers in archives and libraries “*shall not contain or form any substances which may be harmful to the documents being stored*”. Although ISO 16245 specifies important material properties as alkalinity and resistance to oxidation, as well as absence of, for example, optical brighteners and plasticizers, it does not provide a suitable method for evaluating potential effects of volatiles formed and emitted by the specific material which are the subject of this document.

This document can serve as a suitable tool for a completion of ISO 16245.



# Information and documentation — Papers and boards used for conservation — Measurement of impact of volatiles on cellulose in paper

## 1 Scope

This document describes a test method for conservation materials which can evaluate their impact on cellulose as the main constituent of paper-based collections caused by emission of their volatile compounds.

NOTE This test can be extended to museum artefacts.

This document is applicable to papers and boards used for conservation and storage of cellulose based items.

It is not applicable to parchment-based items.

It does not evaluate the effects due to direct contact between the papers and boards used for conservation and the collections.

## 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 186, *Paper and board — Sampling to determine average quality*

ISO 187, *Paper, board and pulps — Standard atmosphere for conditioning and testing and procedure for monitoring the atmosphere and conditioning of samples*

ISO 638, *Paper, board and pulps — Determination of dry matter content — Oven-drying method*

ISO 5351, *Pulps — Determination of limiting viscosity number in cupri-ethylenediamine (CED) solution*

ISO 14487, *Pulps — Standard water for physical testing*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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### 3.1

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