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**Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics —  
Determination of bursting strength —**

**Part 1:  
Steel-ball method**

*Supports textiles revêtus de caoutchouc ou de plastique —  
Détermination de la résistance à l'éclatement —*

*Partie 1: Méthode utilisant une bille d'acier*



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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 3303-1:2012), which has been technically revised.

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

- in [Clause 2](#), ISO 7500-1:2018 has been added for the calibration of force measurement system;
- the title of [Clause 5](#) has been changed to “Apparatus and reagents”;
- reagents have been added to [Clause 5](#);
- in [5.1](#), the testing machine has been changed to that of power driven, equipped with an electronic force measurement system and an electronic crosshead displacement monitor.
- in [5.2](#) and bibliography, EN 12332-1 has been deleted as it was replaced with this document;
- in [Figure 1](#), the round direction of clamp has been modified;
- in [5.6](#), blotting paper has been added;
- in [7.3](#), the preparation of wet test pieces has been specified.
- in [9.1](#), the recommendations on conditioning for fabrics coated on one side or on both sides have been added separately;
- in [10.6](#), procedure for wet test pieces has been specified.

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## Introduction

The bursting strength of coated fabrics is often used as a measure of the multidirectional modulus of the material, as opposed to tensile properties which only provide guidance to the coated-fabric strength in one plane. In addition, bursting strength is more appropriate for testing materials prone to necking, such as coated fabrics with knitted substrates.

The method described in this document, which employs a steel ball, is useful as it represents an impact failure typical of one which would be experienced in service.

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# Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of bursting strength —

## Part 1: Steel-ball method

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### 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the bursting strength of rubber or plastics coated fabrics, using a mechanically operated steel ball.

### 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 2231:1989, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 7500-1:2018, *Metallic materials — Calibration and verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

### 4 Principle

A test piece is securely clamped between rigid coaxial apertures. A polished steel ball traversing at a fixed speed is pressed against the test piece until failure occurs. The force required to cause failure and the displacement of the polished steel ball at failure are recorded.

### 5 Apparatus and reagents

**5.1 Testing machine**, power driven, equipped with an electronic force measurement system and an electronic crosshead displacement monitor. The drive system shall be capable of maintaining constant the speed of the moving head to  $\pm 10\%$  of the set value. The force measurement system shall be capable of measuring the relevant forces occurring during the test within class 2 of ISO 7500-1:2018. The crosshead displacement monitor shall be capable of measuring the relevant displacements under load to within  $\pm 1,0$  mm.