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materials —**

**Part 3:
Determination of properties — Solid
surface shapes**

*Plastiques — Matériaux décoratifs massifs de revêtement de
surface —*

Partie 3: Détermination des propriétés — Produits mis en forme



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The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the normative references clause has been updated;
- the rate of flow of water has been updated in [Table 6](#) and subclause [12.2.4](#).

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Part 3:

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1 Scope

This document specifies the methods of test for determination of the properties of solid surfacing materials, as defined in [Clause 3](#), in the form of shaped products. These methods are primarily intended for testing the materials specified in ISO 19712-1.

The tests can be carried out on finished products, but are generally carried out on test panels of a size sufficient to meet the requirements of the test, and of the same material and finish as the finished product.

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 105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour*

ISO 105-B02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B02: Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp test*

ISO 209, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Chemical composition*

ISO 1770, *Solid-stem general purpose thermometers*

ISO 2039-1, *Plastics — Determination of hardness — Part 1: Ball indentation method*

ISO 2039-2, *Plastics — Determination of hardness — Part 2: Rockwell hardness*

ISO 3668, *Paints and varnishes — Visual comparison of colour of paints*

ISO 4211:1979, *Furniture — Assessment of surface resistance to cold liquids*

ISO 4892 (all parts), *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources*

ISO 4892-1, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 1: General guidance*

ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc sources*

ISO 9370, *Plastics — Instrumental determination of radiant exposure in weathering tests — General guidance and basic test method*

ASTM D 2244, *Standard Practice for Calculation of Color Tolerances and Color Differences from Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates*

ASTM D 2583, *Standard Test Method for Indentation Hardness of Rigid Plastics by Means of a Barcol Impressor*

CIE PUBLICATION No 85:1989, *Solar spectral irradiance*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1

solid surfacing material

SSM

material, composed of polymeric materials together with pigments and fillers, intended to be cast into sheets or shaped products

Note 1 to entry: The material is of the same composition throughout the whole thickness of the sheet or product.

Note 2 to entry: Sheets and products made from SSMs are repairable and renewable to the original finish.

Note 3 to entry: SSMs can also be fabricated into continuous sheets with inconspicuous seams.

4 Cleaning the test specimen surface

4.1 General

The surface to be tested shall be prepared prior to testing using the procedure specified in 4.3.

4.2 Materials

4.2.1 Cellulose sponge.

4.2.2 Non-abrasive cleanser, containing a bleaching agent.

4.2.3 Water.

4.2.4 Clean, absorbent, lint-free material.

4.3 Procedure

Clean the surface using a damp sponge and non-abrasive cleanser containing a bleaching agent, scrubbing the surface with light hand pressure for up to 1,0 min/m². Rinse the prepared surface with water and dry with clean, absorbent, lint-free material.

5 Surface defects

5.1 Procedure

The entire finished surface of the shaped product under test shall be rubbed with a sponge and a 50 % solution of tap water and water-soluble black or blue-black ink after the surface has been washed and