

Structural timber - Determination of characteristic values of mechanical properties and density

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Introduction

Structural design codes can only function effectively if standard methods of determining the mechanical and physical properties exist. The aim of the procedures given in this standard is to derive characteristic values that are comparable in terms of the populations they represent. The standard permits the use of as much existing test data as possible from various sampling and testing techniques.

Where methods are given to permit characteristic values to be determined from a less than ideal amount of structural size test data, reduction factors to reflect a lower degree of confidence are employed.

1 Scope

This European Standard gives a method for determining characteristic values of mechanical properties and density, for defined populations of visual grades and/or strength classes of machine graded structural timber. Additionally, it covers the stages of sampling, testing, analysis and presentation of the data.

The standard provides methods to derive strength, stiffness and density properties for structural timber from tests with defect-free specimen.

The values determined in accordance with this standard for mechanical properties and density are suitable for assigning grades and species to the strength classes of EN 338.

NOTE 1 For assigning grades and species to the strength classes in EN 338 only three properties, i.e. bending or tension strength, modulus of elasticity parallel to grain in bending or tension and density need to be determined from test data, other properties can be calculated according to Table 2.

NOTE 2 EN 1912 gives examples of established visual grades assigned to strength classes.

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.

EN 338, *Structural timber — Strength classes*

EN 408, *Timber structures — Structural timber and glued laminated timber — Determination of some physical and mechanical properties*

EN 13183-2, *Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber — Part 2: Estimation by electrical resistance method*

EN 13183-3, *Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber — Part 3: Estimation by capacitance method*

EN 14081-1:2016, *Timber structures — Strength graded structural timber with rectangular cross section — Part 1: General requirements*

EN 14081-2, *Timber structures — Strength graded structural timber with rectangular cross section — Part 2: Machine grading; additional requirements for initial type testing*

EN 14081-3, *Timber structures — Strength graded structural timber with rectangular cross section — Part 3: Machine grading; additional requirements for factory production control*

EN 14358:2016, *Timber structures — Calculation and verification of characteristic values*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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