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structures portantes en bois - Classification et
exigences de performance

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Holzbauteile - Klassifizierung und
Leistungsanforderungen

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European foreword

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- a) Table 2 — 2 mm glue line – EN 302-3 Mandatory despite pH-value – beech used in the test;
- b) Table 2 — Gap filling adhesives – EN 302-8 – tested with 1 mm glue line;
- c) 5.1 b) test with representative samples of preservative treated Scots pine or Silver fir, which also covers preservative treated Norway spruce, has been added.

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Introduction

This document is one of a series of standards dealing with phenolic and aminoplastic adhesives for use with timber structures, and is published in support of product standards for load-bearing timber structures in connection with EN 1995-1-1, *Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures — Part 1-1: General — Common rules and rules for buildings*.

The series consists of:

- one standard for classification and performance requirements (EN 301);
- six test methods (EN 302-1, EN 302-2, EN 302-3, EN 302-4, EN 302-8 and Annex A of this document) used to assess the performance of adhesives after specified heat and humidity treatments; and
- three test methods (EN 302-5, EN 302-6 and EN 302-7) to characterize the working properties of the adhesive.

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1 Scope

This document establishes a classification for phenolic and aminoplastic polycondensation adhesives according to their suitability for use for load-bearing timber products in defined climatic exposure conditions, and specifies performance requirements for such adhesives for the factory manufacture or factory-like manufacturing conditions of load-bearing timber products only.

This document only specifies the performance of an adhesive for use in an environment corresponding to the defined conditions.

The performance requirements of this document are applicable to the adhesive only, not to the manufacturing timber products. This document does not cover the performance of adhesives for on-site gluing (except for factory-like conditions) or the production of wood-based panels, except solid wood panels, or modified and stabilized wood with considerably reduced swelling and shrinkage properties, e.g. acetylated wood, heat treated wood and polymer impregnated wood.

This document is primarily intended for use by adhesive manufacturers and for use in timber products bonded with adhesives, to assess or control the quality of adhesives. The requirements are applicable to the type testing of the adhesives. Production control activities are outside the scope of this document.

Adhesives meeting the requirements of this document are adequate for use in load-bearing timber products, provided that the bonding process has been carried out according to an appropriate product standard.

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 302-1, *Adhesives for load-bearing timber structures — Test methods — Part 1: Determination of longitudinal tensile shear strength*

EN 302-2, *Adhesives for load-bearing timber structures — Test methods — Part 2: Determination of resistance to delamination*

EN 302-3, *Adhesives for load-bearing timber structures — Test methods — Part 3: Determination of the effect of acid damage to wood fibres by temperature and humidity cycling on the transverse tensile strength*

EN 302-4, *Adhesives for load-bearing timber structures — Test methods — Part 4: Determination of the effects of wood shrinkage on the shear strength*

EN 302-8, *Adhesives for load-bearing timber structures — Test methods — Part 8: Static load test of multiple bond line specimens in compression shear*

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

EN 923, *Adhesives — Terms and definitions*

EN 1245, *Adhesives — Determination of pH*

EN 12092, *Adhesives — Determination of viscosity*

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*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 923 and the following 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

aminoplastic resin

thermosetting synthetic resin derived from a condensation reaction of the $-NH$ groups or $-NH_2$ groups of amines or amides with aldehydes

3.2

phenolic resin

thermosetting synthetic resin derived from a condensation reaction of a phenol with an aldehyde

3.3

polycondensation adhesive

adhesive mixture made from a resin formed by a polymerization reaction involving the elimination of water, usually with a hardener

Note 1 to entry: Such adhesives usually also contain extenders and/or fillers.

3.4

service class 1

climatic conditions characterized by a moisture content in the materials corresponding to a temperature of 20 °C and the relative humidity of the surrounding air only exceeding 65 % for a few weeks per year

Note 1 to entry: In service class 1, which comprises typical indoor conditions, the average moisture content in most softwoods will not exceed 12 %.

[SOURCE: EN 1995-1-1:2004, 2.3.1.3, modified – Indoor conditions have been added in Note 1 to entry.]

3.5

service class 2

climatic conditions characterized by a moisture content in the materials corresponding to a temperature of 20 °C and the relative humidity of the surrounding air only exceeding 85 % for a few weeks per year

Note 1 to entry: In service class 2, to which most covered exterior conditions belong, the average moisture content in most softwoods will not exceed 20 %.

[SOURCE: EN 1995-1-1:2004, 2.3.1.3 modified – Covered exterior conditions have been added in Note 1 to entry.]