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**Tissue paper and tissue products —**  
**Part 12:**  
**Determination of tensile strength of**  
**perforated lines and calculation of**  
**perforation efficiency**

*Papier tissue et produits tissue —*

*Partie 12: Détermination de la résistance à la rupture par traction  
des lignes de prédécoupe et calcul de l'efficacité des perforations*



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## Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- the expression of the rate of elongation has been changed from a value expressed in mm/min into a value expressed in the rate of elongation of the initial test span length in %/min, independently from the test piece length (see [5.1](#));
- precisions have been added in case of decrease of the distance between the clamping lines (see [5.2](#)).

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## Introduction

Tissue papers such as toilet paper and kitchen towel are often pre-cut. They are used after separation of two consecutive sheets.

It is important to know the efficiency of the pre-cut perforations.

The perforation strength should be enough to ensure the product cohesion, but not too high, so that sheets can be easily separated.

The method described in this document uses forces applied perpendicular to the perforation lines.



# Tissue paper and tissue products —

## Part 12:

# Determination of tensile strength of perforated lines and calculation of perforation efficiency

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for the determination of the tensile strength of perforated lines of tissue paper. It uses a tensile-testing apparatus operating with a constant rate of elongation.

This method is only used for measuring machine-direction tensile strength, that is for cross-direction perforations on tissue paper.

The calculation of perforation efficiency is also specified in this document.

## 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 1924-2, *Paper and board — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Constant rate of elongation method (20 mm/min)*

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

ISO 12625-1, *Tissue paper and tissue products — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 12625-4, *Tissue paper and tissue products — Part 4: Determination of tensile strength, stretch at maximum force and tensile energy absorption*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12625-1 and the following apply.

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

### 3.1

#### tensile strength

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maximum tensile force per unit width that a test piece will withstand before breaking