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(working life) of multi-component
adhesives**

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d'utilisation) des adhésifs multi-composants*

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- [subclause 6.6](#), Method 5: Determination by control of “snap time”, has been added.

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1 Scope

This document specifies methods for determining the pot life of multi-part adhesives, in order to be able to determine whether the pot life conforms to the minimum specified working life required of an adhesive.

The different methods described in this document to measure the property do not necessarily provide identical results.

The test methods described are suitable for assessing all multi-part adhesives, and especially epoxy based and polyurethane based adhesives, but they are not suitable for some acrylic-based adhesives.

NOTE 1 Some of the methods described in this document can also be suitable for determination of working life of one-part adhesives that react to humidity (e.g. PUR prepolymers).

NOTE 2 This document can also be used for assessing non-structural adhesives.

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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 2555, *Plastics — Resins in the liquid state or as emulsions or dispersions — Determination of apparent viscosity using a single cylinder type rotational viscometer method*

ISO 3219-2, *Rheology — Part 2: General principles of rotational and oscillatory rheometry*

ISO 15605, *Adhesives — Sampling*

3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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3.1

pot life

working life

maximum period of time during which a multi-part adhesive can be used after mixing the components