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## Introduction

This International Standard provides the means (in part) to assess the contribution that building products and services make to energy conservation and to the overall energy performance of buildings.

Thermal bridges in building constructions give rise to changes in heat flow rates and surface temperatures compared with those of the unbridged structure. These heat flow rates and temperatures can be precisely determined by numerical calculation in accordance with ISO 10211. However, for linear thermal bridges, it is often convenient to use simplified methods or tabulated values to obtain an estimate of their linear thermal transmittance.

The effect of repeating thermal bridges which are part of an otherwise uniform building element, such as wall ties penetrating a thermal insulation layer or mortar joints in lightweight blockwork, needs to be included in the calculation of the thermal transmittance of the building element concerned, in accordance with ISO 6946.

Although not covered by this International Standard, it is worth noting that thermal bridges can also give rise to low internal surface temperatures, with an associated risk of surface condensation or mould growth.

# Thermal bridges in building construction — Linear thermal transmittance — Simplified methods and default values

## 1 Scope

This International Standard deals with simplified methods for determining heat flows through linear thermal bridges which occur at junctions of building elements.

This International Standard specifies requirements relating to thermal bridge catalogues and manual calculation methods.

Default values of linear thermal transmittance are given in Annex A for information.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 7345, *Thermal insulation — Physical quantities and definitions*

ISO 10211, *Thermal bridges in building construction — Heat flows and surface temperatures — Detailed calculations*

## 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and units

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7345 and the following apply.

#### 3.1.1

##### **linear thermal bridge**

thermal bridge with a uniform cross section along one of the three orthogonal axes

#### 3.1.2

##### **point thermal bridge**

localized thermal bridge whose influence can be represented by a point thermal transmittance

#### 3.1.3

##### **linear thermal transmittance**

heat flow rate in the steady state divided by length and by the temperature difference between the environments on either side of a thermal bridge

**NOTE** The linear thermal transmittance is a quantity describing the influence of a linear thermal bridge on the total heat flow.