

**Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Bitumen sheets for
roof waterproofing - Determination of flexibility at low
temperature**

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Foreword

This document (EN 1109:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 254 “Flexible sheets for waterproofing”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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This document supersedes EN 1109:1999.

The significant change made since this previous version is:

— the change of the coolant to be used.

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Introduction

This European Standard is intended for the characterisation and/or classification of bitumen sheets as manufactured or supplied before use. The test method relates exclusively to products, or to their components where appropriate, and not to waterproofing systems of such products and installed in the works.

This test is intended to be used in conjunctions within the relevant European products specifications for bitumen flexible sheets for waterproofing.

The test for flexibility at a low temperature is intended to determine the susceptibility to cracking of the bituminous coating on a sheet when bent under specified conditions. The test result is dependent on the type of coating, on the thickness of the sheet, type and position of the reinforcement and the behaviour of the surface material. The use of the test results directly to compare the performance of coatings in sheets of different composition is strictly limited because of the influence of parameters which have not been quantified. Only the results from sheets with the same composition can be used to compare the performance directly.

The test primarily serves to characterise bitumen sheets. It can be used to evaluate the change in the cold bending behaviour during artificial ageing. It is not safe to relate the test results to the actual performance to be expected at low temperatures in service.

Compared to EN 1109:1999, in this new version of EN 1109 one type of coolant is described, which will give more reliable results.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the determination of flexibility of bitumen sheets at low temperatures. The test can be carried out on the upper or lower face of the sheet either at a predetermined temperature or successively at different temperature steps to determine the cold bending temperature which represents a limiting temperature. Therefore, the test can be used to confirm a minimum cold bending temperature for a product or to determine the specific cold bending temperature for the product e.g. to determine the change of these properties as a result of artificial ageing.

In the case of sheets with the same bituminous compound on both sides and where the reinforcement is placed in the cross section visually closer to the upper surface, the test is performed on the bottom face only.

If the upper surface is covered with a non-woven (e.g. tissue, fleece etc.) or metal facing, the test is performed on the bottom side only.

If the sheet on the upper surface is covered with permanent light surface protection and where the reinforcement is placed in the cross section visually closer to the upper surface, the test is performed on the bottom side only.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 13416, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Bitumen, plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing — Rules for sampling*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

flexibility

ability of bitumen sheet test specimens to be bent under specified conditions without cracking

3.2

cold bending temperature

lowest temperature at which bitumen sheet test specimens can be bent around specified mandrel without cracking

3.3

crack

fissure in the coating of the bitumen sheet extending to the reinforcement or completely through unreinforced sheets

4 Principle

The test specimens taken from the test sample are bent through an angle of 180° in a mechanical bending apparatus immersed in a coolant.

After bending, the test specimens are examined for the presence of cracks in the coating.