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- Cobb method (ISO 535:2014)**

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Introduction

The test described in this International Standard permits the determination of the quantity of water that can be absorbed by the surface of paper or board in a given time. Water absorptiveness is a function of various paper and board characteristics such as sizing, porosity, etc.

Paper and board — Determination of water absorptiveness — Cobb method

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method of determining the water absorptiveness of sized paper and board, including corrugated fibreboard, under standard conditions. It may not be suitable for paper of grammage less than 50 g/m² or embossed paper. It is not suitable for porous papers such as newsprint or unsized papers such as blotting paper or other papers having a relatively high water absorptiveness for which ISO 8787^[2] is more suitable.

This method is not intended to be used for precise evaluation of the writing properties of paper although it does give a general indication of suitability for use with aqueous inks.

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.

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 5269-1, *Pulps — Preparation of laboratory sheets for physical testing — Part 1: Conventional sheet-former method*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

water absorptiveness (Cobb value)

calculated mass of water absorbed in a specified time by 1 m² of paper or board under specified conditions

Note 1 to entry: The test area is normally 100 cm².

4 Principle

A test piece is weighed immediately before and immediately after exposure for a specified time of one surface to water, followed by blotting. The result of the increase in mass is expressed in grams per square metre (g/m²).

5 Reagents and materials

5.1 Water, distilled or deionized. The temperature of the water is important and should be maintained during the test at the temperature used for conditioning and testing.

5.2 Blotting paper, having a grammage of 250 g/m² ± 25 g/m². Pulp evaluation blotters are acceptable for the purposes of this International Standard (see ISO 5269-1).