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Determination of shear behaviour**

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## Foreword

This document (EN 12090:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 88 "Thermal insulating materials and products", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This European Standard is one of a series of standards which specify test methods for determining dimensions and properties of thermal insulating materials and products. It supports a series of product standards for thermal insulating materials and products which derive from the Council Directive of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to construction products (Directive 89/106/EEC) through the consideration of the essential requirements.

This European Standard has been drafted for applications in buildings but it may also be used in other areas where it is relevant.

This European test standard is one of the following group of inter-related standards on test methods for determining dimensions and properties of thermal insulation materials and products, all of which fall within the scope of CEN/TC 88:

- EN 822, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of length and width*
- EN 823, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of thickness*
- EN 824, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of squareness*
- EN 825, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of flatness*
- EN 826, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of compression behaviour*
- EN 1602, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of the apparent density*
- EN 1603, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of dimensional stability under constant normal laboratory conditions (23 °C/50 % relative humidity)*
- EN 1604, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of dimensional stability under specified temperature and humidity conditions*
- EN 1605, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of deformation under specified compressive load and temperature conditions*
- EN 1606, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of compressive creep*

- EN 1607, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of tensile strength perpendicular to faces*
- EN 1608, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of tensile strength parallel to faces*
- EN 1609, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of short-term water absorption by partial immersion*
- EN 12085, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of linear dimensions of test specimens*
- EN 12086, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of water vapour transmission properties*
- EN 12087, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of long-term water absorption by immersion*
- EN 12088, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of long-term water absorption by diffusion*
- EN 12089, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of bending behaviour*
- EN 12090, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of shear behaviour*
- EN 12091, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of freeze-thaw resistance*
- EN 12429, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Conditioning to moisture equilibrium under specified temperature and humidity conditions*
- EN 12430, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of behaviour under point load*
- EN 12431, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of thickness for floating floor insulating products*
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- EN 13820, *Thermal insulating materials for building applications — Determination of organic content*

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# 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the equipment and procedures for determining shear behaviour. It is applicable to thermal insulating products.

NOTE The tests described in this standard do not determine pure shear behaviour, but measure the effects of applying two opposite parallel forces to the major faces of the test specimen. The test is however called shear in this text by convention. The application of a force tangentially to the major surface of the test specimen is considered to represent more closely the stresses imposed upon thermal insulation products in many building applications, particularly walls, than other methods of measuring shear performance e.g. bending tests.

# 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 12085, *Thermal insulating products for building applications — Determination of linear dimensions of test specimens*

# 3 Terms and definitions

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

## 3.1

### shear strength

$\tau$

ratio of the maximum force applied to the product, which will cause rupture along a plane parallel to the direction of the applied force, to the area of the plane on which the force acts

## 3.2

### shear modulus,

$G$

shear stress divided by the corresponding relative deformation below the proportional limit, when the relationship is linear

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 3.

# 4 Principle

A test specimen is subjected to a shear stress transmitted to the test specimen through rigid supports to which it is bonded. The corresponding force-displacement curve is determined.

NOTE Tests carried out using the single test specimen method have produced results for shear strength, which indicate the result to be dependent upon test specimen thickness, with more scattered results at greater thicknesses. Tests using the double test specimen method have also shown test specimen thickness to influence results for shear strength.

# 5 Apparatus

## 5.1 Test machine

### 5.1.1 General

A test machine capable of applying a sufficient force within the maximum displacement experienced in the shear test. It shall be capable of operating at a constant rate of movement of the movable head of  $(3 \pm 0,5)$  mm/min in a direction parallel to the longitudinal axis of the test specimen assembly.