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# Introduction

Air permeability is an important performance characteristic for many types of building envelopes. The general test method given in this standard sets out the main features (definitions, apparatus, test procedure, expression of results) for the laboratory testing of air permeability of building components and parts of building envelopes. Annex A (normative) gives test conditions (which may depend on the type and use of the tested products), to be followed unless product specifications specify otherwise.

Except where specific products have properties which make application of this standard difficult, this standard should be used as the reference by all harmonised product specifications.

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# 2 Normative references

No other European or International Standards are referred to.

# 3 Definitions, symbols and units

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

**3.1.1 pressure difference:** Difference in static pressure across a specimen.