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- *Part 1: Introduction and general information*
- *Part 2: Determination of properties*
- *Part 3: Classification and specifications for laminates less than 2 mm thick intended for bonding to supporting substrates*
- *Part 4: Classification and specifications for Compact laminates of thickness 2 mm and greater*
- *Part 5: Classification and specifications for flooring grade laminates less than 2 mm thick intended for bonding to supporting substrates*
- *Part 6: Classification and specifications for Exterior-grade Compact laminates of thickness 2 mm and greater*
- *Part 7: Compact laminate and HPL composite panels for internal and external wall and ceiling finishes*
- *Part 8: Classification and specifications for design laminates*
- *Part 9: Classification and specifications for alternative core laminates*

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1 Scope

This European Standard applies to laminates less than 2 mm thick produced by using an high pressure process, normally intended for bonding to supporting substrates to produce HPL composite panels and establishes a classification system for high-pressure decorative laminates according to their performance and main recommended fields of application, including materials with special characteristics, for example formability or defined reaction to fire. This European Standard also specifies requirements for the properties of the various types of laminates covered by this classification system.

High-pressure decorative laminates are characterised by their qualities, durability and functional performance. HPL sheets are available in a wide variety of colours, patterns and surface finishes; they are resistant to wear, scratching, impact, moisture, heat and staining; and possess good hygienic and anti-static properties, being easy to clean and maintain.

EN 438-2 specifies the methods of test relevant to this European Standard. EN 438-4, EN 438-5, EN 438-6, EN 438-7, EN 438-8 and EN 438-9 are reserved for special types of HPL materials.

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 438-2:2016, *High-pressure decorative laminates (HPL) — Sheets based on thermosetting resins (usually called laminates) — Part 2: Determination of properties*

EN 13501-1, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

EN 13722, *Furniture — Assessment of the surface gloss*

EN 61340-4-1, *Electrostatics — Part 4-1: Standard test methods for specific applications — Electrical resistance of floor coverings and installed floors (IEC 61340-4-1)*

EN ISO 1183-1, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method (ISO 1183-1)*

EN ISO 11664-2, *Colorimetry — Part 2: CIE standard illuminants (ISO 11664-2)*

3 Terms and definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

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

3.1.1

high-pressure decorative laminate(s)

HPL

sheet(s) consisting of decorative surface layer(s) and core layers bonded together by an high pressure process

Note 1 to entry: Typical values for the high pressure process are a temperature of ≥ 120 °C and a pressure of ≥ 5 MPa.