

## **Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber - Part 1: Determination by oven dry method**

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## Foreword

This document EN 13183-1:2002 has been prepared by CEN/TC175 "Round and sawn timber", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2002, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2002.

This standard is one of a series, dealing with methods of measurement for round timber and sawn timber.

Other standards in this series are:

EN 13183-2	: Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber - Part 2: Estimation by electrical resistance method.
EN 1309-1	: Round and sawn timber - Method of measurement of dimensions - Part 1: Sawn timber.
EN 1310	: Round and sawn timber - Method of measurement of features.
EN 1311	: Round and sawn timber - Method of measurement of biological degrade.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard defines the method for determining the moisture content of a piece of sawn timber.

This method is considered as the reference method.

This standard applies to sawn timber, and timber which has been planed or mechanically surfaced by other means.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 844-1, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 1: General terms common to round timber and sawn timber.*

EN 844-3, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 3: General terms relating to sawn timber.*

EN 844-4, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 4: Terms relating to moisture content.*

EN 844-6, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 6: Terms relating to dimensions of sawn timber.*

EN 844-7, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 7: Terms relating to anatomical structure of timber.*

EN 844-9, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 9: Terms relating to features of sawn timber.*

EN 844-12, *Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 12: Additional terms and general index.*

### **3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions of EN 844-1, EN 844-3, EN 844-4, EN 844-6, EN 844-7, EN 844-9 and EN 844-12 apply.

### **4 Apparatus**

Balance accurate to 0,1 g, if the mass of the test slice is likely to be more than 100 g in an oven dry state.

Balance accurate to 0,01 g, if the mass of the test slice is likely to be less than 100 g in an oven dry state.

Equipment for drying wood, ensuring free internal circulation of air and capable of maintaining a temperature of  $(103 \pm 2)$  °C.

### **5 Procedure**

Cut a test slice of full cross section and minimum 20 mm dimension in the direction of the grain, at a point by at 300 mm from either end of the test piece, or at the mid point if the piece is less than 600 mm long. The test slice shall be free from resin wood and features such as bark, knots and resin pockets. If such features exist, cut the test slice from the nearest clear area towards the centre of the test piece (see Figure 1).