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or natural fibre composites (NFC)) - Part 4: Specifications for
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Composites à base de matières cellulosiques et de
thermoplastiques (communément appelés composites bois-
polymères (WPC) ou composites fibres d'origine naturelle
(NFC)) - Partie 4: Spécifications relatives aux lames et
dalles pour platelage

Verbundwerkstoffe aus cellulosehaltigen Materialien und
Thermoplasten (üblicherweise Holz-Polymer-Werkstoffe
(WPC) oder Naturfaserverbundwerkstoffe (NFC) genannt) -
Teil 4: Anforderungen an Profile und Formteile für
Bodenbeläge

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Foreword

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- splitting into Parts 4 and 5 of CEN/TS 15534-3:2007;
- change of the status from Technical Specification to European Standard;
- complete technical review of the document;
- change of the Scope from characterization to specification of the products.

EN 15534 consists of the following parts:

- EN 15534-1, *Composites made from cellulose-based materials and thermoplastics (usually called wood-polymer composites (WPC) or natural fibre composites (NFC)) — Part 1: Test methods for characterization of compounds and products*
- prEN 15534-2, *Composites made from cellulose-based materials and thermoplastics (usually called wood-polymer composites (WPC) or natural fibre composites (NFC)) — Part 2: Characterization of compounds¹⁾*
- EN 15534-4, *Composites made from cellulose-based materials and thermoplastics (usually called wood-polymer composites (WPC) or natural fibre composites (NFC)) — Part 4: Specifications for decking profiles and tiles*
- EN 15534-5, *Composites made from cellulose-based materials and thermoplastics (usually called wood-polymer composites (WPC) or natural fibre composites (NFC)) — Part 5: Specifications for cladding profiles and tiles*
- prEN 15534-6, *Composites made from cellulose-based materials and thermoplastics (usually called wood-polymer composites (WPC) or natural fibre composites (NFC)) — Part 6: Specifications for fencing profiles and systems¹⁾*
- prEN 15534-7, *Composites made from cellulose-based materials and thermoplastics (usually called wood-polymer composites (WPC) or natural fibre composites (NFC)) — Part 7: Specifications for general purpose profiles in external applications¹⁾*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the characteristics of decking profiles and tiles made from cellulose-based materials and thermoplastics, usually called wood-polymer composites (WPC) or natural fibre composites (NFC), for external use.

This part of EN 15534 is applicable to extruded profiles but also to tiles manufactured by other plastics processing techniques, e.g. injection moulding.

It is not applicable to kits (i.e. support rail profiles, cover strip profiles and hardware) which are out of the scope of this part of EN 15534.

EN 15534-1 specifies the test methods relevant to this part of EN 15534.

NOTE For editorial reasons, in EN 15534 the abbreviation “WPC” is used for “composites made from cellulose-based materials and thermoplastics”.

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 927-6, *Paints and varnishes — Coating materials and coating systems for exterior wood — Part 6: Exposure of wood coatings to artificial weathering using fluorescent UV lamps and water*

EN 15534-1:2014, *Composites made from cellulose-based materials and thermoplastics (usually called wood-polymer composites (WPC) or natural fibre composites (NFC)) — Part 1: Test methods for characterisation of compounds and products*

EN 16472, *Plastics — Method for artificial accelerated photoageing using medium pressure mercury vapour lamps*

EN ISO 4892-2, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps (ISO 4892-2)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15534-1:2014 apply.

4 Requirements

4.1 General

Initial type testing shall be performed to demonstrate compliance with the requirements specified in Clause 4 of this part of EN 15534. The tests according to 4.5.7 shall be carried out if the performance is declared by the manufacturer. Initial type testing shall be repeated, whenever a change occurs in the composition of the product, its geometry or in the production process. In case of a minor change, only the properties which could be influenced by this change shall be tested.

NOTE Minimum frequencies of testing for factory production control purposes are given in Annex A.