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Foreword

This document (EN 16487:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 126 "Acoustic properties of building elements and of buildings", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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This standard is a complement to the European Standard EN ISO 354 and is not intended to replace it. The complement includes more stringent rules, narrower tolerances and new, additional requirements to be used for compilation of data for the CE marking of suspended ceilings.

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Introduction

Product standard EN 13964 “Suspended ceilings — Requirements and test methods” provides information on how to mark or label products for the CE marking. When the suspended ceiling has a sound absorption property, its sound absorption coefficients should be established by testing according to EN ISO 354. The measured sound absorption coefficients are calculated into the practical sound absorption coefficient α_p , in octave bands and into a single number value α_w with shape indicator, in accordance with EN ISO 11654. The single number value α_w is used for the CE marking.

Measurement of sound absorption coefficients according to EN ISO 354 is through earlier RRTs (Round Robin Tests) known to generate large spread in results from different laboratories. This is not acceptable, either from a competition point of view or from an end-user perspective. Therefore, CEN/TC 126 “Acoustic properties of building elements and of buildings” decided to set up a working group, WG 11 “Test Code for suspended ceilings”, with the scope to improve reproducibility by developing a Test Code. One part of this work was to organize a Round Robin Test (RRT) for sound absorption measurements.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies additional necessary information on how to carry out efficiently and under standardized conditions the determination of the sound absorption coefficients according to EN ISO 354 "Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room". It specifies the additional requirements of the sound absorption measurements and the operating and mounting conditions that should be used for the test. Observe that all demands in EN ISO 354 still should be fulfilled. The results obtained are used for design calculations with respect to room acoustics and to convert frequency-dependent sound absorption coefficients into a weighted sound absorption coefficient α_w , according to EN ISO 11654.

This European Standard is applicable for the compile of the single number rating α_w , to express the sound absorption performance of suspended ceiling membranes in CE marking and labelling according to EN 13964. This European Standard is not applicable for suspended ceiling kits according to EN 13964.

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 13964:2014, *Suspended ceilings - Requirements and test methods*

EN ISO 354:2003, *Acoustics - Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room (ISO 354:2003)*

EN ISO 11654, *Acoustics - Sound absorbers for use in buildings - Rating of sound absorption (ISO 11654)*

NOTE Due to the strong links between this standard and EN ISO 354:2003 and EN 13964:2014, references to relevant paragraphs are given where applicable

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

test object

designation of a sound absorbing product being a part of a test specimen

3.2

test specimen

designation of all the test objects included in a measurement

3.3

area of the test specimen

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area of the test objects creating the test specimen

Note 1 to entry The area is expressed in square metres with two decimals.

[SOURCE: EN ISO 354:2003, 3.8 modified – by replacing "floor or wall" with "test objects" and by deleting the second note related to test specimen surrounded by a structure]

3.4

suspended ceiling

ceiling hung by a suspension from or by a directly fixed substructure or perimeter trim to the load bearing structure (floor, roof, beam and walls) at a distance from the floor or roof above

[SOURCE: EN 13964:2014, 3.1.2]