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**Timber structures — Glued laminated  
timber — Method of test for shear  
strength of glue lines**

*Structures en bois — Bois lamellé-collé — Méthode d'essai de  
cisaillement des plans de collage*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This International Standard was developed by TC 165 as a production quality-control test to be used for structural glulam. It is meant to be used in conjunction with ISO 12578 and to be applied to each production batch. The frequency of testing and the pass/fail criteria are detailed in ISO 12578. There is nothing, in principle, that would prevent the test method from being applied to non-structural glulam.

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# Timber structures — Glued laminated timber — Method of test for shear strength of glue lines

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a production quality-control test method for measuring the shear strength of the glue line of glued laminated timber.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 12578, *Timber structures — Glued laminated timber — Component performance and production requirements*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

**glued laminated timber**

**glulam**

structural member formed by bonding together timber laminations with the grain running essentially parallel

### 3.2

**test sample**

one or more test specimens taken from a press load or production lot detailed in ISO 12578

### 3.3

**test specimen**

test piece of rectangular prismatic or cylindrical form

See Figures 2 to 5.

### 3.4

**wood failure**

rupture in or between wood fibres

### 3.5

**wood-failure percentage**

percentage of the wood-failure area in relation to the total sheared area