
**Flexible cellular polymeric materials —
Polyurethane foam for load-bearing
applications excluding carpet underlay —
Specification**

*Matériaux polymères alvéolaires souples — Mousse de polyuréthane
pour utilisations soumises à des charges, à l'exclusion des revers de
tapis — Spécifications*



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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for flexible load-bearing polyurethane foam of the polyether type.

It is applicable to flexible polyurethane cellular materials manufactured in block, sheet and strip form, in moulded and fabricated shapes, and as reconstituted material, used for load-bearing applications in general, but excluding carpet backing and underlay. It thus primarily relates to the quality of polyurethane foam used for comfort cushioning purposes.

The foam is classified according to performance during a fatigue test, indentation hardness index being used as a secondary means of grading the material.

This International Standard is not applicable to polyurethane foams foamed in place or to foams for use in heat-welded systems unless for load-bearing purposes.

Recommended applications for the range of flexible polyurethane foams covered by this International Standard are listed in Annex A.

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 845, *Cellular plastics and rubbers — Determination of apparent density*

ISO 1798, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of tensile strength and elongation at break*

ISO 1856, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of compression set*

ISO 2439:1997, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of hardness (indentation technique)*

ISO 2440, *Flexible and rigid cellular polymeric materials — Accelerated ageing tests*

ISO 3385, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of fatigue by constant-load pounding*

ISO 3582, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Laboratory assessment of horizontal burning characteristics of small specimens subjected to a small flame*

ISO 3795, *Road vehicles, and tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Determination of burning behaviour of interior materials*

ISO 8307, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of resilience by ball rebound*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*