

**Furniture - Beds and mattresses - Test methods for the  
determination of functional characteristics and  
assessment criteria**

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d'évaluation

Möbel - Betten und Matratzen - Prüfverfahren zur  
Bestimmung der funktionellen Eigenschaften und  
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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies test methods for the determination of the durability and hardness of mattresses and all types of fully erected beds with mattresses (and mattress pads when they form a unit with the mattress). It does not apply to water beds, air beds and children cots.

It includes a method for the determination of the firmness rating of a mattress or a bed correlating to the subjective assessment made by people (see Annex A). It needs to be emphasized that the firmness rating cannot be used to demonstrate comfort and/or quality of a mattress or a complete bed.

Ageing and degradation caused by air, light, humidity and temperature is not included. The test results are only valid for the article tested. When test results are intended to be applied to other similar articles, the test specimen shall be representative of them.

## 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 1334, *Domestic furniture — Beds and mattresses — Methods of measurement and recommended tolerances*

EN 1725:1998, *Domestic furniture — Beds and mattresses — Safety requirements and test methods*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **test unit**

mattress or mattress/bed combination

### 3.2

#### **durability test**

test simulating the repeated application of loads and/or movement of components occurring during long-term use and assessing the strength of the article under such conditions and is a test is a procedure mainly intended to evaluate the change of the properties of the test unit caused by repeated loadings

### 3.3

#### **load/deflection curve**

curves that are obtained by pressing a load pad into the test unit and measuring the associated value of indentation and force simultaneously

### 3.4

#### **hardness value ( $H$ )**

determined from load/deflection measurement, in N/mm

### 3.5

#### **firmness rating ( $H_s$ )**

expression of the subjective assessment by persons determined from the hardness value upon results from empiric studies