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The main changes that have been made in this new edition of EN 13915 are the following:

- a) deletion of the Introduction;
- b) normative references have been updated;
- c) Clause 6 and Annex ZA have been revised to be in line with the Construction Products Regulation (CPR);
- d) document has been editorially revised.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011.

For relationship with Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

This European standard includes:

- informative Annex A concerning sampling procedure for testing;
- normative Annex B concerning SBI mounting and fixing for prefabricated panels made of plasterboard facings and a cellular paperboard core.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the characteristics and performance of prefabricated panels made of gypsum plasterboard facings complying with EN 520 and a cellular paperboard core intended to be used as a lightweight partition, lining and encasement for general use in buildings.

This standard covers the following characteristics: reaction to fire, water vapour permeability, flexural strength (breaking load) and thermal resistance to be measured according to the corresponding European test methods.

This Standard covers only prefabricated panels installed so that the core is not exposed.

The following performance characteristics are linked to systems assembled with prefabricated panels made of gypsum plasterboard facings and a cellular paperboard core: shear strength, fire resistance, direct airborne sound insulation, acoustic absorption and air permeability to be measured according to the corresponding European test methods. If required, tests should be done on assembled systems simulating the end use conditions.

This document covers also additional technical characteristics that are of importance for the use and acceptance of the product by the Building Industry.

It provides the assessment and verification of constancy of performance of the products.

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 520:2004+A1:2009, *Gypsum plasterboards — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

EN 12664:2001, *Thermal performance of building materials and products — Determination of thermal resistance by means of guarded hot plate and heat flow meter methods — Dry and moist products of medium and low thermal resistance*

EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2009, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

EN 13501-2:2016, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Part 2: Classification using data from fire resistance tests, excluding ventilation services*

EN 13823:2010+A1:2014, *Reaction to fire tests for building products — Building products excluding floorings exposed to the thermal attack by a single burning item*

EN 13963:2014, *Jointing materials for gypsum boards — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

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

EN ISO 717-1:2013, *Acoustics — Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements — Part 1: Airborne sound insulation (ISO 717-1:2013)*

EN ISO 10140-2:2010, *Acoustics — Laboratory measurement of sound insulation of building elements — Part 2: Measurement of airborne sound insulation (ISO 10140-2:2010)*

EN ISO 10456:2007, *Building materials and products — Hygrothermal properties — Tabulated design values and procedures for determining declared and design thermal values (ISO 10456:2007)*

EN ISO 11925-2:2010, *Reaction to fire tests — Ignitability of products subjected to direct impingement of flame — Part 2: Single-flame source test (ISO 11925-2:2010)*

EN ISO 12572:2016, *Hygrothermal performance of building materials and products — Determination of water vapour transmission properties — Cup method (ISO 12572:2016)*

ISO 7892:1986, *Vertical building elements — Impact resistance tests — Impact bodies and general test procedures*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1
prefabricated gypsum plasterboard panel
panel that is made up of two gypsum plasterboards according to EN 520, possibly up to 15 mm thick, bonded to both sides of a cellular paperboard core

Note 1 to entry: It is commonly named “panel” in this standard.

3.2
panel facing
exposed surface of plasterboard to receive either coating or finishing

3.3
length
dimension of the panel parallel to the paper covered edges, measured on the panel facing

3.4
width
dimension of the panel perpendicular to the paper covered edges, measured on the panel facing

3.5
thickness
distance between the panel facings

4 Requirements

4.1 Fire behaviour

4.1.1 Reaction to fire

When subject to regulatory requirements, prefabricated gypsum plasterboard panels shall be tested and classified in accordance with EN 13501-1.

Prefabricated gypsum plasterboard panels tested according to EN 13823 (SBI test) shall be mounted and fixed in accordance with Annex B or when the producer wishes to claim performance for a specific intended use, the mounting and fixing shall be representative of that intended use.

Prefabricated gypsum plasterboard panels tested according to EN ISO 11925-2 (Ignitability) shall be tested with surface attack only due to the fact that edge attack cannot occur in end use conditions.

4.1.2 Fire resistance

NOTE Resistance to fire is a characteristic dependent on an assembled system and not of the product in isolation.