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FOREWORD

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the ultimate shearing stress of wood by compressive loading parallel to grain either along the radial or along the tangential surface.

2 REFERENCES

ISO 3129, *Wood – Sampling methods and general requirements for physical and mechanical tests.*

ISO 3130, *Wood – Determination of moisture content in physical and mechanical tests.*

3 PRINCIPLE

Determination of the ultimate shearing stress parallel to grain by application of a gradually increasing compressive load to a test piece.

4 APPARATUS

4.1 Testing machine ensuring the rate of loading of the test piece or of movement of the loading head according to 6.2 and allowing measurement of the load to an accuracy of 1 %.

4.2 Device ensuring the maximum shearing stresses in the shearing plane of the test piece.

4.3 Measuring instrument for determining the dimensions of the gauge portion of test pieces to an accuracy of 0,1 mm.

4.4 Equipment for the determination of moisture content in accordance with ISO 3130.

5 PREPARATION OF TEST PIECES

5.1 The shape of the test piece shall be such as to minimize the stresses normal to the shearing surface. The thickness of the test piece shall be either 20 or 50 mm and the length of the shearing surface shall be from 20 to 50 mm. Shearing tests shall be made in a radial or tangential plane.

5.2 The preparation, moisture content and number of test pieces shall be in accordance with ISO 3129.

6 PROCEDURE

6.1 Measure the thickness of the test piece and the length of the expected shearing surface in the plane of expected shear to an accuracy of 0,1 mm.

6.2 Ensure that bearing surfaces of the test piece are in contact with the appropriate surfaces of the device (4.2). The effort to press the movable support, if any, against the test piece shall be from 5 to 9 N. Load the test piece at a constant rate. The rate of testing (with a constant rate of loading or a constant rate of movement of the loading head) shall be such that the test piece is broken in 1,5 to 2 min from the moment of loading. Read the maximum load to accuracy specified in 4.1.

6.3 After the test has been completed, determine the moisture content of the test pieces according to ISO 3130.

Take the larger portion of the test piece as the sample for determination of moisture content. To determine the mean moisture content, it is permissible to use only some of the test pieces. The minimum number of test pieces for moisture content determination shall be in accordance with ISO 3129.

7 CALCULATION AND EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

7.1 The ultimate shearing stress parallel to grain in the radial or tangential direction, τ_W , for each test piece at a moisture content W at the time of test is given, in megapascals, by the formula :

$$\tau_W = \frac{P_{\max}}{bl}$$

where

P_{\max} is the breaking load, in newtons;

b is the thickness of the test piece, in millimetres;

l is the length of the shearing surface, in millimetres.

Express the result to an accuracy of 0,1 MPa.