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- New definitions (3.21, 3.22 and 3.23) and relevant requirements have been added;
- Performance codes B and C related to Annex C have been updated in Table 1;
- Table 2 title has been updated;
- 5.2.2 has been added;
- Test report (7) has been increased;
- Annex M has been updated;
- New Annex N has been added.

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## Introduction

The different types of slide fasteners are defined by the material of the elements (teeth), which form their slide fastener chains. They can be of metallic, moulded plastic or monofilament plastic construction.

Metallic elements can be produced from flat or profiled wire and are usually clamped around the edge of a beaded tape. An alternative approach is to cast metallic elements directly onto such a tape. Similarly, plastic elements can be moulded onto a beaded tape. Such cast or moulded elements might have projections on which the slider operates to reduce abrasion of the tape.

Plastic coil slide fasteners have polyamide or polyester monofilaments that are wound into coils to form engaging elements. The coils can be attached to the face of flat tapes by sewing. Alternatively, the coils can be woven or knitted into the tapes as they are constructed. Monofilament plastic elements can also be of the meander type, which straddle the tape edge.

Typical slide fastener chain types are shown in Figure 3.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies performance levels and test methods for the following characteristics of slide fasteners made from interlocking components mounted on tapes: strengths of puller attachment, closed-end slide fastener bottom stop, top stop, open-end slide fastener box, reciprocating mechanism, closed slide fastener when extended laterally, open-end attachment when extended laterally, slider locking device, and open-end slide fastener single stringer slider retention and slider resistance to torque.

**NOTE** The tests specified in Annexes B to K have been specifically devised to permit their direct application to finished slide fasteners with a view to giving the user reasonable assurance that a slide fastener conforming to the requirements of this document can satisfactorily fulfil its intended purpose. Annex L gives information about sampling procedures for bulk quantities of slide fasteners.

In addition, performance levels are also specified for colour fastness to washing, dry cleaning and water, and for dimensional stability to washing and dry cleaning.

This document is applicable to all different types of slide fasteners for general use and is not applicable to slide fasteners for specialist purposes (for example: pressure sealed slide fasteners for diving suits).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN 20105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour (ISO 105-A02)*

EN ISO 105-A03, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A03: Grey scale for assessing staining (ISO 105-A03)*

EN ISO 105-C06, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part C06: Colour fastness to domestic and commercial laundering (ISO 105-C06)*

EN ISO 105-D01, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part D01: Colour fastness to dry cleaning using perchloroethylene solvent (ISO 105-D01)*

EN ISO 105-E01, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part E01: Colour fastness to water (ISO 105-E01)*

EN ISO 139, *Textiles — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing (ISO 139)*

EN ISO 3175-2, *Textiles — Professional care, drycleaning and wetcleaning of fabrics and garments — Part 2: Procedure for testing performance when cleaning and finishing using tetrachloroethene (ISO 3175-2)*

EN ISO 5077, *Textiles — Determination of dimensional change in washing and drying (ISO 5077)*

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