

# **Furniture - Ranked seating - Test methods and requirements for strength and durability**

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<p><b>Käsitlusala:</b> The standard specifies test methods and requirements for determining the structural strength and durability of all types of ranked seating, (e.g. stadium and auditorium seating) which are permanently fastened to the floor and/or walls, whether in bench or individual seat form. A table of tests values with four choices of loads is included. The standard applies to seating permanently fixed in ranks but does not apply to linked upright chairs not fastened to the floor and/or wall such as may be used in church halls, schools etc.</p>	<p><b>Scope:</b> The standard specifies test methods and requirements for determining the structural strength and durability of all types of ranked seating, (e.g. stadium and auditorium seating) which are permanently fastened to the floor and/or walls, whether in bench or individual seat form. A table of tests values with four choices of loads is included. The standard applies to seating permanently fixed in ranks but does not apply to linked upright chairs not fastened to the floor and/or wall such as may be used in church halls, schools etc.</p>
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Méthodes d'essai et exigences pour  
la résistance et la durabilité

Möbel – Festmontiertes Reihen-  
gestühl – Prüfverfahren und Anforder-  
ungen an die Festigkeit und Dauer-  
haltbarkeit

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## Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 207 "Furniture", the secretariat of which is held by IBN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 2001, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2001.

Annex A is normative.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies test methods and requirements determining the structural strength and durability of all types of ranked seating, (e.g. stadium and auditorium seating) which are permanently fastened to the floor and/or walls, whether in bench or individual seat form. A table of tests values with four choices of loads and cycles is included.

This standard applies to seating permanently fixed in ranks but does not apply to linked upright chairs not fastened to the floor and/or walls.

Assessment of ageing, degradation and the effect of ambient temperature are not included. For these, reference should be made to the appropriate standard (e.g. a standard is in preparation under the title "Spectator Facilities, product characteristics of seats").

The tests are not intended to assess the durability of upholstery materials, such as upholstery filling materials and upholstery covers.

The tests are designed to evaluate structural strength and durability of ranked seating without regard to materials, design/construction or manufacturing processes.

## 2 Normative reference

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

ISO 2439:1997 Flexible cellular polymeric materials – Determination of hardness (indentation technique)