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and creep factors**

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Foreword

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1 Scope

This European Prestandard specifies a method of determining in a constant climate both a duration of load factor and a creep factor for wood-based panels stressed in flatwise bending with and without a shear component. Details of an alternative but provisional method employing medium sized test pieces are given in Annex B; this method can also be used for test pieces loaded under varying climates.

NOTE: The duration of load factor is necessary to modify the characteristic strength values obtained in short-term structural tests in order to derive long-term values. The creep factor obtained in the test is used to predict a long-term deflection from the initial elastic deflection.

2 Normative references

This European Prestandard 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.

EN 310

Wood-based panels

Determination of modulus of elasticity in bending and of bending strength

EN 325

Wood-based panels

Determination of dimensions of test pieces

EN 326-1

Wood-based panels

Sampling, cutting and inspection

Part 1: Sampling and cutting of test pieces and expression of test results

EN 1058

Wood-based panels

Determination of characteristic values of mechanical properties and density

ENV 1995-1-1

Eurocode 5 – Design of timber structures – Part 1-1: General rules and rules for buildings

3 Principle

Determination in a constant climate of the load duration factor (loss in strength with time under load) and the creep factor (ratio of increase in deflection with time to the initial elastic deflection) in bending by applying and sustaining a constant moment over the central region of a test piece; both the time to failure, and the increase in deflection with time are measured.

4 Apparatus

4.1 Measuring instruments as specified in EN 325.

4.2 A number of test rigs (see figure 1), having essentially the following components:

4.2.1 Two parallel cylindrical supports of length exceeding the width of the test piece and of diameter $d = (15 \pm 0,5)$ mm. The distance between the supports shall be adjustable, and each support shall be capable of rotating in its frame.

Two cylindrical loading rollers of the same length and diameter as the supports. These shall lie parallel to the supports, be capable of rotating, and be linked together with cross-arms of fixed length.

The distance l_1 between the loading rollers shall be 150 mm, the distance between one support and the nearer loading roller shall be five times the nominal thickness t of the test piece. The horizontal and vertical components of the loading cradle shall be rigidly connected.