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This Standard consists of seven parts:

Part 1: *Introduction and general information*

Part 2: *Determination of properties*

Part 3: *Classification and specifications for laminates less than 2 mm thick intended for bonding to supporting substrates*

Part 4: *Classification and specifications for Compact laminates of thickness 2 mm and greater*

Part 5: *Classification and specifications for flooring grade laminates less than 2 mm thick intended for bonding to supporting substrates*

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Part 7: *Compact laminate and HPL composite panels for internal and external wall and ceiling finishes*

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2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 438-2, *High-pressure decorative laminates (HPL) — Sheets based on thermosetting resins (Usually called Laminates) — Part 2: Determination of properties*

EN ISO 178, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties (ISO 178:2001)*

EN ISO 527-2:1996, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics (ISO 527-2:1993 including Corr 1:1994)*

EN ISO 1183-1:2004, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics - Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pyknometer method and titration method (ISO 1183:2004)*

3 Term and definition

For the purposes of this document, the following term and definition applies:

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high-pressure decorative exterior-grade compact laminate(s) (HPL)
sheet(s) consisting of layers of cellulosic fibrous material (e.g. paper) impregnated with thermosetting resins and bonded together by the high pressure process described below. The surface layer(s) on one or both sides, having decorative colours or designs, are impregnated with suitable thermosetting resins (aminoplastic based resins or others). A suitable outer layer or coating may be added to enhance weather and light protecting properties. The core layers are impregnated with phenolic based resins, and may be combined with other fibres and/or fillers during the manufacturing process

The high pressure process is defined as the simultaneous application of heat (temperature ≥ 120 °C) and high specific pressure (≥ 5 MPa), to provide flowing and subsequent curing of the thermosetting resins to obtain a homogeneous non-porous material with increased density (≥ 1,35 g/cm³), and with the required surface finish.