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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 13061-10 cancels and replaces ISO 3348:1975, which has been technically revised with regards to the sizes, moisture content of test pieces, and adjustment for moisture content.

A list of all parts in the ISO 13061 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

The main purpose of this document is to establish the common international point of member countries of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), concerning testing methods for small clear wood specimens and general requirements for determining physical and mechanical properties of wood.

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Physical and mechanical properties of wood — Test methods for small clear wood specimens —

Part 10: Determination of impact bending strength

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the impact bending strength of wood.

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.

ISO 3129, *Wood — Sampling methods and general requirements for physical and mechanical testing of small clear wood*

ISO 13061-1, *Physical and mechanical properties of wood — Test methods for small clear wood specimens — Part 1: Determination of moisture content for physical and mechanical tests*

ISO 13061-2, *Physical and mechanical properties of wood — Test methods for small clear wood specimens — Part 2: Determination of density for physical and mechanical tests*

ISO 24294, *Timber — Round and sawn timber — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in ISO 24294 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Principle

The impact bending strength is determined by testing a piece for cross-sectional bending under dynamic load application.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Pendulum impact machine with a range of energy three to five times more than the work used for the impact break of a test piece which allows for the measurement of the energy to a precision of 1 J. The pendulum tup and test piece supports shall have a radius of curvature of 15 mm. The height of the supports shall be greater than 20 mm. The distance between the centers of the supports shall be (240 ± 1) mm.

5.2 Measuring instrument capable of determining the cross-sectional dimensions of the test piece to a precision of 0,1 mm.

5.3 Equipment for the determination of moisture content and density in accordance with ISO 13061-1 and ISO 13061-2, respectively.

6 Preparation of test pieces

6.1 The sampling and preparation of test pieces shall be in accordance with ISO 3129.

6.2 Test pieces shall be made in the form of right prisms having a square cross-section 20 mm × 20 mm and length along the grain 300 mm. One face of the test piece shall be in a radial plane and the other in a tangential plane.

6.3 Moisture content of test pieces

6.3.1 Test pieces can be tested in green or air-dry condition.

6.3.2 The moisture content of test pieces tested in green condition shall be equal or exceed fibre saturation point (FSP).

6.3.3 Test pieces tested in air-dry condition shall be conditioned to a constant mass in an atmosphere with a relative humidity of $(65 \pm 5) \%$ and a temperature of $(20 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$.

NOTE Constant mass is considered to be reached when the results of two successive weighing operations, carried out at an interval of 8 h, do not differ by more than 0,2 % of the mass of the test piece.

6.3.4 After preparation, the test pieces shall be stored under conditions, which ensure that their moisture content remains unchanged before testing.

7 Procedure

7.1 Measure the cross-sectional dimensions at the midpoint of the long axis of the test piece, to a precision of 0,1 mm.

7.2 Place the test piece symmetrically on the supports and carry out the test by an impact, usually, on a radial surface (a tangential bending). It shall be permitted to carry out the test by an impact on a tangential surface (a radial bending).

7.3 The test piece shall be broken by one impact. Measure the work absorbed by the test piece to a precision specified in [5.2](#). The form of any fracture (e.g. conchoidal or chipped) shall be recorded in the test report. A conchoidal fracture shall be considered as one with projecting fibers of not more than 3 mm long.

7.4 As soon as the test has been completed, cut a portion 20 mm to 30 mm long from near the fracture zone of the tested piece for the determination of moisture content and density in accordance with ISO 13061-1 and ISO 13061-2, respectively.