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Part 1: Generalities, dimensional tolerances and rules for the system description

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Generalities, dimensional tolerances and rules for the system description.*
- *Part 2: Long term test method and requirements for moisture penetration.*
- *Part 3: Long term test method and requirements for gas leakage rate and for gas concentration tolerances.*
- *Part 4: Methods of test for the physical attributes of edge seals.*
- *Part 5: Evaluation of Conformity.*
- *Part 6: Factory production control and periodic tests.*

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1 Scope

This European Standard is the product standard for insulating glass units, which defines insulating glass units, and ensures by means of the evaluation of conformity to this standard that over time:

- energy savings are made because the U-value and solar factor do not change significantly;
- health is preserved because sound reduction and vision do not change significantly;
- safety is provided because mechanical resistance does not change significantly.

It covers characteristics that are of importance for trade. Marking conditions are included.

NOTE 1: For glass products with electrical wiring or connections for, e.g. alarm or heating purposes, other directives, e.g. Low Voltage Directive, may apply.

The main intended uses of the insulating glass units are installations in windows, doors, curtain walling, roofs and partitions where there exists protection against direct ultraviolet radiation at the edges.

NOTE 2: In cases where there is no protection against direct ultraviolet radiation at the edges, such as structural sealant glazing systems, additional European technical specifications should be followed.

Units that are intended for artistic purposes are excluded from this standard.

This Part of this European standard, which is inextricably bound up with the other Parts of the standard, covers the materials, the rules for the system description, the optical and visual quality and the dimensional tolerances for insulating glass units.

2 Normative references

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EN 1748-1-1 *Glass in Building - Special Basic products - Part 1-1: Borosilicate glasses*

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EN 1863-1 *Glass in Building - Heat strengthened soda lime silicate glass - Part 1: Definition and description*

EN 12150-1 *Glass in Building - Thermally toughened soda lime silicate safety glass - Part 1: Definition and description*

EN 12337-1 *Glass in Building - Chemically strengthened soda lime silicate glass - Part 1: Definition and description*

EN ISO 12543 *Glass in Building - Laminated glass and laminated safety glass*

Part 1: Definition and description of component parts (ISO 12543-1:1998)

Part 2: Laminated safety glass (ISO 12543-2:1998)

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EN 13024-1 *Glass in Building - Thermally toughened borosilicate safety glass - Part 1: Definition and description*

prEN 14178-1 *Glass in Building - Basic alkaline earth silicate glass products - Part 1: Float glass*

prEN 14179-1 *Glass in Building - Heat soaked thermally toughened soda lime silicate safety glass - Part 1: Definition and description*

prEN 14321-1 *Glass in Building - Thermally toughened alkaline earth silicate safety glass - Part 1: Definition and description*

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1

insulating glass unit (IGU)

an assembly consisting of at least two panes of glass, separated by one or more spacers, hermetically sealed along the periphery, mechanically stable and durable (see 5.1).

NOTE: systems are available where the spacer and hermetic seal are included within a single edge sealing system.

3.2

system

a range of insulating glass units with a common edge seal profile, edge seal materials and edge seal components as described in the system description. The range having a similar edge seal performance, e.g. moisture penetration index, gas loss rate.

3.3

system description

description of components and the edge seal of the insulating glass unit in terms relevant to identification, and in terms relevant to edge seal performance, e.g. moisture penetration index, gas loss rate.

3.4

permeation geometry

the geometry of that part of the edge seal of the insulating glass unit through which the vapour and gas transmission takes place. For an example, see figure 1.

NOTE: For TPS-type systems the permeation is through the body of the system rather than around the spacer and through the sealant.

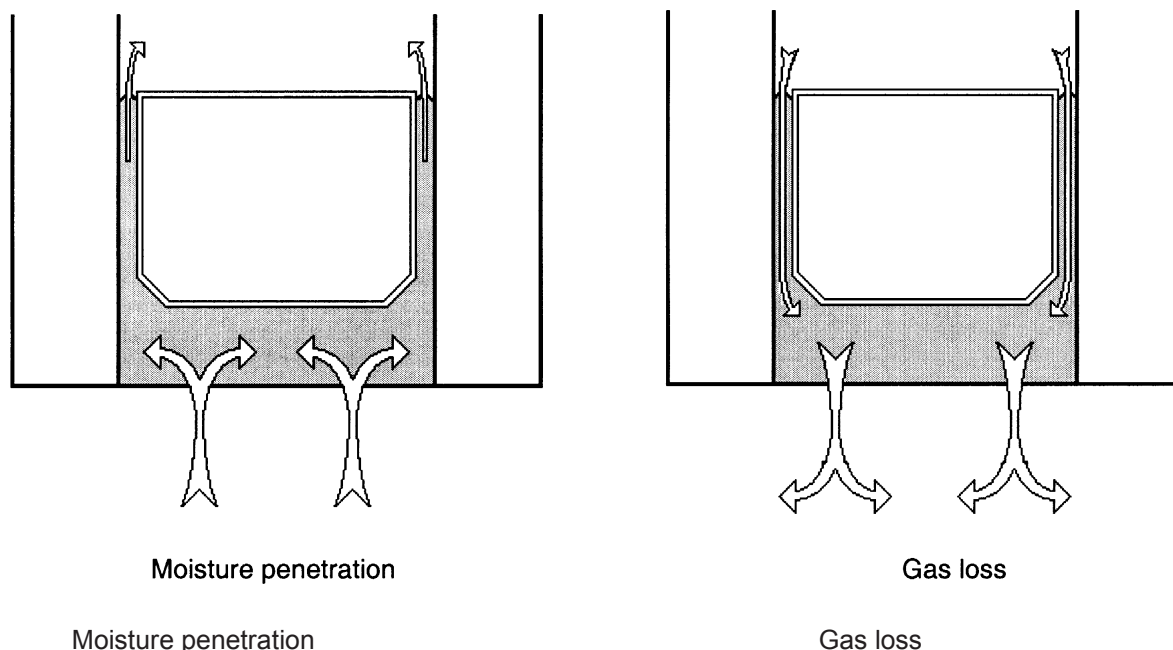


Figure 1 — Example of a permeation geometry

3.5

cavity (cavities)

the gap(s) between the panes of an insulating glass unit.

3.6

channel

a profile covering and protecting the edges and/or making it possible to install the unit in frames originally designed for single glass.

3.7

corner piece

a joint piece that acts as a corner of the spacer frame.

3.8**dehydrated air or gas**

air or other gas with a low water vapour partial pressure which, when introduced into the cavity, eliminates the risk of condensation.

3.9**desiccant**

a product designed to lower the water vapour partial pressure inside the insulating glass unit.

3.10**desiccant cartridge**

a metal or plastic section, containing a desiccant, placed somewhere in the cavity.

3.11**edge seal**

the processed edge of an insulating glass unit, designed to ensure that moisture and gas transmissions between the inside and outside of the unit are limited, designed with a certain mechanical strength, and designed with a certain physical and chemical stability.

3.12**glass pane (also referred to as glass component)**

one sheet of glass.

3.13**inner sealant**

a sealant which, when applied, is in contact with the cavity of the insulating glass units.¹

3.14**joint piece**

a piece that connects parts of a spacer.

3.15**outer sealant**

a sealant which, when applied, is in contact with the environment outside the insulating glass units².

3.16**sealant**

organic material that, after application, has sufficient mechanical properties of cohesion and of adhesion to glass and/or spacer for use in edge seals. For the purpose of this standard, silicone sealant is considered to be organic.

3.17**spacer**

a component used to separate the panes and control the width of the gap at the edge of the unit.

3.18**external condensation**

condensation appearing on the glass panes of an insulating glass unit either on the room side surface or on the external surface.

3.19**internal condensation**

condensation appearing on the glass panes within the cavity of an insulating glass unit.

¹ In the case of single seal insulating glass units, the inner sealant is the same as the outer sealant.

² In the case of single seal insulating glass units, the outer sealant is the same as the inner sealant