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Foreword

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This standard is one of a series of standards concerning wood and parquet flooring and wood panelling and cladding.

1. Scope

This European Standard specifies two methods of determining the bending properties of wood and parquet flooring: a method with a static line load and a method with a static point load.

The methods apply to wood and parquet flooring installed on a non-continuous support and thus assuming static load-bearing conditions.

In this standard, the following properties are dealt with:

- bending stiffness,
- bending capacity,
- maximum load.

2. Normative references

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3. Definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the definitions given in prEN 13756 apply together with the following:

3.1

bending properties of a test assembly

Various characteristics of a test assembly borne by discontinuous supports under loads applied between the supports.

3.2

test assembly

Set of wood flooring elements (including parquet) assembled according to the instructions of the manufacturer for the purpose of being tested.

3.3

element

The smallest individual part (e.g. a finger, a strip) of wood flooring (including parquet).

3.4

bending stiffness

Per unit of its width, the ratio of the variation of load upon the corresponding variation of deflection of the test assembly.

3.5

bending capacity

Per unit of its width, the maximum moment leading to the failure of the test assembly.

3.6

maximum load

Maximum force leading to the failure of the test assembly.

3.7

static line load

Bending force applied to the test assembly by means of a bar whose axis is parallel to the axis of the supports.

3.8

static point load

Bending force applied to the test assembly by means of a bar whose axis is perpendicular to the plane of the test assembly.

3.9

span

Distance between the axes of supporting battens or joists.

4. Principle

4.1 General

The tests are carried out on a test assembly made up with several elements jointed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

4.2 Static line load

The bending stiffness and bending capacity are determined by applying a static line load across the mid span of a test assembly. The bending stiffness is calculated from the slope of the load-deflection curve.

4.3 Static point load

The bending stiffness and maximum load of a test assembly are determined by the application of a static point load at the most vulnerable point of the test assembly.

NOTE: The present test method on static point loading is based on EN 1195.

5. Apparatus

5.1 Measuring instruments for dimensions and deflection

For length, width and span, use a measuring instrument accurate to $\pm 0,5$ mm.

For thickness, use a measuring instrument accurate to $\pm 0,1$ mm.

For measuring deflections, use a gauge accurate to $\pm 0,1$ mm either independent or, if consistent with the above accuracy and the hardness of the materials of the test assembly, built into the loading head.

5.2 Loading equipment

5.2.1 Accuracy

It shall be able to measure the load to an accuracy of ± 1 %.

5.2.2 Static line load

The load shall be applied by a steel loading head, with a contact face rounded to a radius of $(15 \pm 0,05)$ mm, whose length l exceeds the width b of the test assembly (see figure 1a). Its axis shall be parallel to the face of the test assembly and perpendicular to the length of the elements making it up.

5.2.3 Static point load

The load shall be applied by a steel cylindrical loading head with a diameter of $(25 \pm 0,1)$ mm; the edge of the contact surface shall be rounded to a radius r of 2 mm (see figure 1b). Its axis shall be perpendicular to the face of the test assembly.