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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies methods for the determination of the coefficient of thermal expansion of hardened structural bonding agents. The first method provides a continuous measurement of linear thermal expansion using thermomechanical analysis techniques. This method may also be used for surface protection systems. The alternative method uses prisms of 40 mm × 40 mm × 160 mm. This method may also be used for repair mortar. Both methods are suitable for bonding agents formulated with fillers of up to 4 mm.

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3 Thermomechanical analysis

3.1 Principle

The coefficient of thermal expansion of resinous materials is to be measured at an age of 7 days (storage at $(21 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$ and $(60 \pm 10)\%$ relative humidity).

Once hardened the bonding agent is subjected to a constant heating rate. This method uses a thermomechanical analyser to determine the changes in length, which is electronically recorded as a function of temperature. The coefficient of linear thermal expansion can be calculated from the recorded data.

3.2 Apparatus

3.2.1 Thermomechanical analyser, or similar device, consisting of:

- specimen holder and probe, (constructed from low-expansion materials such as fused quartz) that transmits changes in the length of the specimen to the transducer. The shape and size of the probe shall be such that the load applied shall not cause indentation of the specimen, during testing;
- transducer, for sensing movement of the probe resulting from changes in length of the specimen and for translating these movements into an electrical signal suitable for input to a recording system;
- temperature sensing element, for measuring the temperature of the test specimen;

d) a recording system to record the changes in specimen length as a function of specimen temperature. The combination of transducer and recorder shall have sufficient sensitivity to produce a minimum of 1 mm of chart deflection per 100 nm of probe movement with provision for less sensitive ranges, where needed.

3.2.2 Furnace, for uniformly heating the specimen (preferably at $2^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$), at a predetermined rate over the testing temperature range with provision for cooling the specimen when sub-ambient temperature measurements are to be made.

3.2.3 Means of purging the specimen environment with a dry inert gas such as nitrogen or helium (for temperatures $> 100^\circ\text{C}$).

3.2.4 Callipers, capable of measuring linear dimensions to an accuracy of not less than $25\text{ }\mu\text{m}$.

3.3 Test procedure

3.3.1 Sampling material

The bonding agent to be tested shall be taken from one production batch. The specimen may be cut from a prism 40 mm × 40 mm × 160 mm, as used for other tests.

3.3.2 Test specimens

Cylindrical or square shaped specimens shall be between 25 mm and 50 mm in length and have ends flat and parallel to within $\pm 25\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Lateral dimensions shall not exceed 10 mm. Other lengths may be used provided that they are noted in the report.

The specimens shall be measured in the received condition. If some heat or mechanical treatment is applied to the specimen prior to test, this treatment should be noted in the report.

A minimum of three specimens shall be tested.

3.3.3 Storage of samples

Before starting the test procedure the materials shall be stored for 7 days at $(21 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$ and $(60 \pm 10)\%$ relative humidity.

3.3.4 Procedure

a) Calibration

Temperature calibration can be achieved by observing the penetration by a $(5 \pm 0,5)\text{ g}$ loaded probe when a crystalline material is heated through its melting point at the same rate as the expansion specimen. The following high purity ($> 99\%$) materials may be used.

Table 1

Reference material	Melting point $^\circ\text{C}$
Indium	156,6
Tin	232,0
Lead	327,5
Zinc	419,6
Aluminium	660,3