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The main changes are as follows:

— the previous Annex A has been moved to Clause 6 as method B2;

— the previous 6.5 (the precision of method B1) has been moved to a new Annex A.

— the previous precision of method B2 has been added to a new Annex A.

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1 Scope

This document specifies two methods for determining the air flow value of flexible cellular polymeric materials:

— method A, for conventional types of flexible cellular polymeric material;

— method B, for all types of flexible cellular polymeric material, but especially for materials with a low permeability to air.

For method B, two methods are specified in this document:

— method B1: with manual measurement;

— method B2: with automatic measurement.

NOTE 1 Air flow values can be used to give an indication of the effects of formulation and production variables on the cellular structure.

NOTE 2 In this document, the expression "conventional type of flexible cellular polymeric material" means types which are unsuitable for sealing purposes.

2 Normative references

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3 Terms and definitions

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3.1
air flow value
volume flow rate required to maintain a constant pressure differential across a flexible foam test piece

4 Principle

A specified constant air pressure differential is created across a standard flexible foam specimen. The rate of flow of air required to maintain this pressure differential is measured as the air flow value.

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