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1 Scope

This technical report details a test procedure and test equipment that may be used to assist the assessment of the risk of hazardous sharp edges that may be exposed to the user or installer of lighting equipment.

2 Test equipment

Sharp-edge tester – The instrument consists essentially of a handle with a pivoted arm attached. A constant-tension spring secured to the handle is used to apply a steady force to the arm. The arm head is a piece of cylindrical steel, with an outside diameter of 12,7 mm and a length of 19 mm, located at the end of the adjustable arm. The arm head is to be wrapped with three layers of tape, the two outer layers act as sensing tapes; the inner layer acts as an indicating tape. Alternatively, the tapes are to be applied to a maximum 15,9 mm diameter removable sleeve (cap) that is placed onto the 12,7 mm steel head. See Figure 1 or 2.

Indicating tape (inner layer) – 19,1 mm wide, adhesive backed, single-adhesive coated, vinyl foam tape, black in colour, having the tape properties given in Table 1.

Sensing tape no. 2 (middle layer) – 19,1 mm wide, double-adhesive coated, vinyl foam tape, white in colour, having the tape properties given in Table 1.

Sensing tape no. 1 (outer layer) – 19,1 mm wide, single-adhesive coated skived tetra-fluorethylene tape – natural colour, having the tape properties given in Table 1. The skived tetrafluorethylene backing (film) is shaved in a thin layer from a cylindrical block of material.

Calibration equipment – A weight (mass) that can exert 6,672 ± 0,133 N and a length of string.

3 Calibration

The sharp edge tester shall be calibrated so that 6,7 ± 0,133 N force is present at the centre of the head when the arm is between stops. The length of the arm is to be adjustable for calibration purposes. For special evaluations, the force may be adjusted to a different value.

See Figure 3 for a typical calibration procedure were, the length of the arm is to be adjustable for calibration purposes:

The adjustment set screws that hold the pivoted arm in place in the main drum are to be loosened.

With the handle securely held in a horizontal position, the calibration weight is to be attached to the centre of the head.

The length of the arm within the main drum is to be adjusted so that the weighted arm remains in a horizontal position with the calibration weight attached.

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The adjustment setscrew(s) are to be tightened to securely lock the pivot arm in place within the main drum.

The calibration is to be rechecked and the weight removed.

4 The preparation of the test head

The curved face of the tester head shall be covered with three layers of tape in the following order:

a) First layer (inner layer) – Indicating type, black vinyl foam tape as described in Table 1.

b) Second layer (middle layer) – Sensing tape no. 2, white vinyl foam tape as described in Table 1.

c) Third layer (outer layer) – Sensing tape no. 1, tetrafluorethylene tape as described in Table 1.

Each tape is to be applied over approximately 180° of the circumference of the test head to prevent stretching of the tape. The tapes are not to be stretched when positioned on the head. See Figure 4.

5 The test procedure

The centre of the tape-covered head of the sharp-edge tester shall be positioned on the edge to be tested in the manner illustrated in Figures 5 and 6. The arm of the tester shall be between stops so that the tape-covered head exerts a 6,7 N force on the edge. The tester shall be immediately moved along the edge a distance of 50 mm and then back to its starting position without removal of the tester from the edge. It shall then be withdrawn from the edge. The total distance of engagement between the edge and the tape-covered head is not to exceed 100 mm. The time of travel is not to take longer than 5 s nor less than 2 s. For an edge less than 50 mm long shall be tested for a distance of twice its length. (Example: For an edge 40 mm long, the tester is to be moved along its length and back to the starting position so that the total distance of engagement between the edge and tester is 80 mm.)

6 Criteria

The application of the sharp-edge tester to an accessible edge as described above shall not result in the cutting through of the two outer layers of the sensing tapes.

The tape-covered head shall be examined to determine whether or not penetration has occurred through the two sensing layers. If penetration has occurred through the two sensing layers, the black indicating tape will be visible through the resulting cut.

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