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Produits isolants thermiques destinés aux applications du bâtiment - Détermination de l'épaisseur

Wärmedämmstoffe für das Bauwesen - Bestimmung der Dicke

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### **Foreword**

This document (EN 823:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 88 "Thermal insulating materials and products", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This European Standard is one of a series of standards which specify test methods for determining dimensions and properties of thermal insulating materials and products. It supports a series of product standards for insulating materials and products which derive from the Council Directive of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to construction products (89/106/EEC) through the consideration of the essential requirements.

This European Standard gives the reference method. Other methods may be used (e.g. for quality control), provided a correlation has been established with this reference method; Annex B gives some examples of such methods.

This European standard has been drafted for applications in building but it may also be used in other areas where it is relevant.

This European test standard is one of the following group of interrelated standards on test methods for determining dimensions and properties of thermal insulation materials and products, all of which fall within the scope of CEN/TC 88:

- EN 822, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of length and width
- EN 823, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of thickness
- EN 824, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of squareness
- EN 825. Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of flatness
- EN 826, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of compression behaviour
- EN 1602, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of the apparent density
- EN 1603, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of dimensional stability under constant normal laboratory conditions (23 °C/50 % relative humidity)
- EN 1604, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of dimensional stability under specified temperature and humidity conditions
- EN 1605, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of deformation under specified compressive load and temperature conditions

- EN 1606, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of compressive creep
- EN 1607, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of tensile strength perpendicular to faces
- EN 1608, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of tensile strength parallel to faces
- EN 1609, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of short-term water absorption by partial immersion
- EN 12085, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of linear dimensions of test specimens
- EN 12086, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of water vapour transmission properties
- EN 12087, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of long-term water absorption by immersion
- EN 12088, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of long-term water absorption by diffusion
- EN 12089, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of bending behaviour
- EN 12090, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of shear behaviour
- EN 12091, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of freeze-thaw resistance
- EN 12429, Thermal insulating products for building applications Conditioning to moisture equilibrium under specified temperature and humidity conditions
- EN 12430, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of behaviour under point load
- EN 12431, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of thickness for floating floor insulating products
- EN 13793, Thermal insulating products for building applications Determination of behaviour under cyclic loading
- EN 13820, Thermal insulating materials for building applications Determination of organic content

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# 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the equipment and procedures for determining the thickness of full-size products. It is applicable to thermal insulating products.

#### 2 Normative references

This European Standard contains no normative references.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following term and definition applies.

#### 3.1

#### thickness

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linear dimension measured perpendicularly to the length and width plane

### 4 Principle

The distance is measured between a hard flat reference surface on which the test specimen rests and a pressure plate resting freely on the top face of the test specimen.

## 5 Apparatus

**5.1 Measuring device**, comprising a dial gauge and a square pressure plate.

An example of a suitable apparatus is given in Figure 1.

- **5.1.1 Dial gauge**, capable of measuring to an accuracy of at least 0,5 mm<sup>1)</sup> and mounted on a rigid frame fastened to a flat rigid base plate which is at least as large as the test specimen.
- **5.1.2 Pressure plate,** 200 mm square, which exerts a total pressure on the test specimen of either  $(50 \pm 1,5)$  Pa or  $(250 \pm 5)$  Pa (including the force exerted by the dial gauge).

The pressure shall be as given in the relevant product standard.

Any test equipment which provides the same result with at least the same accuracy may be used.

<sup>1)</sup> If a higher accuracy is required, it is specified in the relevant product standard or agreed between parties.