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- a) The standard has been fully technically and editorially revised;
- b) The scope has been changed;
- c) Terms and definitions have been transferred to EN 1279-1:2018;
- d) For sealants physicochemical characterization have been added and requirements were changed;
- e) For desiccants in bulk physicochemical characterization, test methods and requirements have been added;
- f) For polymeric matrices incorporating desiccant and inserts requirements have been added;
- g) Annexes have been renumbered;
- h) Annex A has been technically revised
- i) Annex C: Fogging test was transferred from EN 1279-6, Annex C and test temperature was modified;
- j) Annex D: description of the method to determine GPR has been revised;
- k) Annexes E, G, J are new;
- l) Annex F: Karl-Fischer-Determination was transferred from EN 1279-2, Annex C;
- m) Annex H: Volatile test was transferred from EN 1279-6, Annex G;
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EN 1279, *Glass in Building - Insulating glass units* consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Generalities, system description, rules for substitution, tolerances and visual quality;*
- *Part 2: Long term test method and requirements for moisture penetration;*
- *Part 3: Long term test method and requirements for gas leakage rate and for gas concentration tolerances;*
- *Part 4: Methods of test for the physical attributes of edge seal components and inserts;*
- *Part 5: Product standard;*
- *Part 6: Factory production control and periodic tests.*

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1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements and describes the test methods for edge seal components and inserts. This includes the identification, the determination of physical attributes and the evaluation of characteristics for use in substitution rules in accordance with EN 1279-1:2018.

For the purpose to demonstrate that edge seal components will allow the insulating glass unit to conform to the requirements given in EN 1279-1:2018, Clause 6, EN 1279-2:2018 and EN 1279-3:2018 also apply.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 410, *Glass in building — Determination of luminous and solar characteristics of glazing*

EN 1279-1:2018, *Glass in building — Insulating glass units — Part 1: Generalities, system description, rules for substitution, tolerances and visual quality*

EN 1279-2:2018, *Glass in building — Insulating glass units — Part 2: Long term test method and requirements for moisture penetration*

EN 1279-3:2018, *Glass in building — Insulating glass units — Part 3: Long term test method and requirements for gas leakage rate and for gas concentration tolerances*

EN 1279-6:2018, *Glass in building — Insulating glass units — Part 6: Factory production control and periodic tests*

EN 13022-1, *Glass in building - Structural sealant glazing - Part 1: Glass products for structural sealant glazing systems for supported and unsupported monolithic and multiple glazing*

EN ISO 1183-1, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method (ISO 1183-1)*

EN ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Calibration and verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines - Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system (ISO 7500-1)*

EN ISO 10563, *Buildings and civil engineering works — Sealants — Determination of change in mass and volume (ISO 10563)*

EN ISO 11358-1:2014, *Plastics — Thermogravimetry (TG) of polymers — Part 1: General principles (ISO 11358-1:2014)*

ISO 5893, *Rubber and plastics test equipment — Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse) — Specification*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1279-1:2018 apply.

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