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European foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition EN 1279-2:2002 are:

- a) Measurement of the dew point of the 15 specimens was removed, the specimens are randomly selected;
- b) The tolerance of some temperature was increased:
 - During cycling, $\theta_l = (-18,0 \pm 2,0)$ °C;
 - During the slopes: $\theta = (\theta_s \pm 4,0)$ °C/h (for other specimens than the centred one);
 - During constant temperature: $\theta_c = (58 \pm 1)$ °C;
- c) The time to move the specimens from one cabinet to another was increased;
- d) The minimum storage duration before testing was reduced to 3 days;
- e) Test report was revised adding a full description of the test specimens;
- f) [Annex A](#): Dew point was moved to part 6;
- g) Annex B: Measurement of the moisture content was moved to main part (sampling) and part 4 Annex E (measuring with change of temperature from 950 °C to 540 °C);
- h) Annex C: Karl Fisher was moved to main part (sampling) and part 4 Annex F (measuring);
- i) Annex D: Measurement of T_c was moved to part 4 Annex E (desiccant in bulk) or F (Karl Fisher);
- j) Moisture content in insulating glass units without desiccant was moved to [Annex A](#).

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This European Standard "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.*

These parts are inextricably bound up with each other.

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1 Scope

This document describes the test method for the determination of moisture penetration index and specifies the requirements for limit values for insulating glass units made

- a) in accordance with EN 1279-1:2018 and manufactured to EN 1279-6:2018; or
- b) for the purpose to demonstrate that components (e.g. edge seals or spacers) will allow the insulating glass unit to conform to the requirements given in EN 1279-1:2018, Clause 6.

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

EN 1279-4:2018, *Glass in Building — Insulating glass units — Part 4: Methods of test for the physical attributes of edge seal components and inserts*

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

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Symbols and abbreviations

Symbol	Characteristic	Unit
AWAC	Available water adsorption capacity	% by weight
I	Moisture penetration index of the IGU	fraction or percentage
I_{av}	Average value of the moisture penetration indices I within tested set of IGUs	fraction or percentage
T_c	Standard moisture adsorption capacity of desiccant	% by weight
$T_{c,av}$	Average standard moisture adsorption capacity of desiccant T_c	% by weight
T_f	Final moisture content of desiccant after ageing according to standardized ageing conditions	% by weight
T_i	Initial moisture content of desiccant before ageing	% by weight
$T_{i,av}$	Average initial moisture content of desiccant T_i obtained over four measurements	% by weight
θ	Temperature of the external face of test specimens in test cabinet	°C
θ_c	Temperature of the external face of the central test specimen in test cabinet during constant temperature phase	°C
θ_h	High temperature of the external face of the central test specimen in the test cabinet during the high humidity/temperature cycling phase	°C
θ_l	Low temperature of the external face of the central test specimen in the test cabinet during the low humidity/temperature cycling phase	°C