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# Methods of test for pallet joints — Part 3:

Determination of strength of pallet joints

Méthodes d'essai des assemblages de palettes —

Partie 3: Détermination de la résistance des assemblages de palettes



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International Standard ISO 12777-3 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 51, *Pallets for unit load method of materials handling.* 

ISO 12777 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Methods of test for pallet joints*:

- Part 1: Determination of bending resistance of pallet nails, other dowel-type fasteners and staples
- Part 2: Determination of withdrawal and head pull-through resistance of pallet nails and staples
- Part 3: Determination of strength of pallet joints

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## Introduction

This part of ISO 12777 was developed using methods that enable the user to select from a range of tests that best fits the particular problem or area of the pallet under analysis. Some are suitable for routine quality control and some are designed for laboratory use. Where characteristics of wood used in pallet joints are required then ISO 3133 and related standards as given in clause 2 may be used.

In general the tests if used as routine quality control tests only require the measurement of ultimate load, while if the tests are undertaken as prototype tests in a laboratory, then they also require measurement of deflection or distortion in the joint plotted during the application of the load.