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Information et documentation — Prescriptions relatives à la reliure des livres, des périodiques, des publications en série et des autres documents en papier à l'usage des archives et des bibliothèques — Méthodes et matériaux



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# **Foreword**

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# Introduction

Libraries and archives receive books, periodicals, serials and other paper documents which should remain in good physical condition for as long as their content is worth preserving.

Based on their judgement of the wear and tear of an item and its expected lifetime, the libraries and archives decide how each book, periodical, etc. shall be protected. It is the responsibility of an archive to preserve original documents, which may also involve the task of specifying paper quality for the future archive records.

The binding of library books and archive documents has traditionally been made in a manner complying with each binder's tradition and varying requirements from the customer. This International Standard serves as a tool for libraries and archives in comparing and evaluating quality in relation to price in a world of rapidly changing methods of book production and library use.

This International Standard for binding materials and methods is intended to promote

- appropriate binding qualities,
- to help binderies to rationalize their production including the application of automated systems, and
- to ensure continuity of supply of binding materials.

In order to reduce unit costs, libraries, archives and binderies have a common interest in complying to this International Standard. Binderies will be able to offer lower prices if they receive larger quantities of similar work, and libraries and archives will therefore be able to use binding more extensively as a protection for their books.

Annex A, normative, provides a description of a number of optional procedures that may be chosen as supplements to the fundamental binding procedures.

Three informative Annexes B, C and D, are included. Annex B provides guidance in choosing a binding method. Annex C gives information on performance tests for double-fan adhesive bound books. Annex D contains illustrations that show some of the requirements of this International Standard.