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# Glass in building — Glass blocks — Specification and test methods

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 21690:2006), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— Clause 5 in the previous edition on materials has been deleted;

— the external dimensions has been changed to one value ±1,5 mm in 6.3;

— the dimensional irregularities twisting $\Delta t$ or misalignment $\Delta m$ have been changed to not exceed 1,5 mm in 7.2;

— subclause 6.2.2 in the previous edition on visual irregularities has been changed to Clause 8 on the appearance for hollow glass blocks, including its test method and requirement;

— the compressive strength minimum value in the previous edition subclause 6.3.1 has been changed from 6,0 N/mm$^2$ to 4,4 N/mm$^2$ in 9.1;

— Clause 10 on thermal shock resistance for hollow glass blocks, with a 40 °C temperature falling, has been added;

— subclause 6.3.3 in the previous edition on thermal properties has been deleted;

— subclause 6.3.4 in the previous edition on radiation properties has been deleted.

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# Introduction

Light transmitting glass blocks are used for the construction of building elements both in non-load bearing walls and load bearing horizontally spanning panels.

Glass blocks for non-load bearing walls carry only their own weight and withstand horizontal forces such as those generated by the wind. Glass block walls and horizontally spanning panels do not carry any forces generated by the building.

Glass blocks used for the construction of horizontally spanning panels (e.g. floors, vaults and domes) carry their own weight and any other imposed loads (e.g. pedestrian or vehicular traffic).