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## Furniture — Assessment of surface resistance to cold liquids

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## Foreword

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# Furniture — Assessment of surface resistance to cold liquids

## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method of assessment of surface resistance to cold liquids and relates to the surfaces of finished furniture. It can also be applied to test panels with a size sufficient to meet the requirements of the test and of the same material and finished in the identical manner as the finished furniture.

The type and number of test liquids and the test periods (selected from the table in clause 5) shall be stated in requirement specifications or shall be agreed upon between purchaser and supplier.

A selection of suitable test liquids is given in the annex, but others may be used, if necessary.

## 2 Principle

Application of a liquid to a surface by means of saturated paper, covered by a glass basin. After a specified period of time, removal of the paper, washing and drying of the surface and examination for damage (discoloration, change in lustre, blistering, etc.). Assessment of the test results in terms of a descriptive numerical rating code.

## 3. Equipment and products

**3.1 Discs**, diameter approximately 25 mm, of filter paper with a grammage of 400 to 500 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

**3.2 Glass basins** with ground edges and without lips, external diameter approximately 40 mm, height approximately 25 mm.

**3.3 Tweezers.**

**3.4 Filter paper.**

**3.5 Soft, absorbent cloths.**

**3.6 Diffuse light source**, providing evenly diffused light giving an illumination on the test area between 1 000 and 5 000 lx. This may either be diffused daylight or be diffused artificial light.

NOTE — The daylight should be unaffected by surrounding trees, buildings, etc. When artificial light is used, it is recommended that it should have a correlated colour temperature of 5 000 to 6 550 K and an  $R_a$  greater than 92.

**3.7 Direct light source** : 60 W frosted bulb so screened that light reaches the test area only from the bulb and that the bulb is not in direct view of the tester. The angle between the horizontal and a line between the bulb and the area under examination shall be 30 to 60°.

NOTE — One suitable way to perform this test is to use a viewing cabinet as shown in figure 1.

**3.8 Test liquid**, temperature  $23 \pm 2$  °C.

**3.9 Deionized or distilled water**, temperature  $23 \pm 2$  °C.

**3.10 Cleansing solution** containing 15 ml/l of the cleansing agent (3.11) in water (3.9). This solution shall be freshly prepared on each occasion.

**3.11 Cleansing agent**, of the following composition :

- 12,5 % (*m/m*) of a sodium primary (C<sub>10</sub> — C<sub>14</sub>) alkyl aryl sulphonate;
- 12,5 % (*m/m*) polyethoxylated derivatives of primary or secondary (C<sub>8</sub> — C<sub>16</sub>) alcohols with 5 to 15 ethoxylated groups having a cloud point of 25 to 75 °C in 1 % (*m/m*) aqueous solution (determination of cloud point is described in ISO 1065);
- 5,0 % (*m/m*) ethanol;
- 70 % (*m/m*) water (3.9).

The cleansing agent shall be stored in a glass bottle in a cool, dark place and should be used within 1 year of the day of preparation.