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## Introduction

The test described in this International Standard permits the determination of the quantity of water that can be absorbed by the surface of paper or board in a given time. Water absorptiveness is a function of various paper and board characteristics such as sizing, porosity, etc.