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## **European foreword**

This document (EN 302-2:2017) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 193 “Adhesives”, the secretariat of which is held by UNE.

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Compared to EN 302-2:2013 the following modifications have been made:

- a) EN 15416-2 is replaced by EN 302-8, Adhesives for load-bearing timber structures — Test methods — Part 8: Static load test of multiple bond line specimens in compression shear;
- b) preparation of bonded members with 2 mm glue line thickness added as 5.2.2;
- c) preparation of test pieces with 2 mm glue line thickness added as 5.3.2;
- d) drying conditions for hardwood species included in 5.4.3.

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**EN 302-2:2017 (E)****Introduction**

This document is one of a series dealing with adhesives for use with timber structures, and is published in support of EN, 1995 *Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures*. The series consists of three classification and performance requirements for adhesives for load-bearing timber structures, phenolic and aminoplastic adhesives (EN 301), one component polyurethane adhesives (EN 15425) and emulsion polymerised isocyanate adhesives (EN 16254), and all together twelve test methods (EN 302-1, EN 302-2, EN 302-3, EN 302-4, EN 302-5, EN 302-6, EN 302-7 and EN 302-8 and EN 15416-1, EN 15416-3, EN 15416-4 and EN 15416-5).

These European Standards have the following titles:

EN 301, *Adhesives, phenolic and aminoplastic, for load-bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

EN 15425, *Adhesives — One component polyurethane (PUR) for load bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

EN 16254, *Adhesives — Emulsion polymerized isocyanate (EPI), for load-bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

EN 302, *Adhesives for load-bearing timber structures — Test methods*

- *Part 1: Determination of longitudinal tensile shear strength*
- *Part 2: Determination of resistance to delamination*
- *Part 3: Determination of the effect of acid damage to wood fibres by temperature and humidity cycling on the transverse tensile strength*
- *Part 4: Determination of the effects of wood shrinkage on the shear strength*
- *Part 5: Determination of maximum assembly time under referenced conditions*
- *Part 6: Determination of the minimum pressing time under referenced conditions*
- *Part 7: Determination of the working life under referenced conditions*
- *Part 8: Static load test of multiple bond line specimens in compression shear*

EN 15416, *Adhesives for load bearing timber structures other than phenolic and aminoplastic — Test methods*

- *Part 1: Long-term tension load test perpendicular to the bond line at varying climate conditions with specimens loaded perpendicular to the glue line (Glasshouse test)*
- *Part 3: Creep deformation test at cyclic climate conditions with specimens loaded in bending shear*
- *Part 4: Determination of open assembly time under referenced conditions*
- *Part 5: Determination of minimum pressing time under referenced conditions.*



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It is understood that some of the material permitted in this standard can have a negative environmental impact. As technological advantages lead to better alternatives for these materials, they will be eliminated from this standard to the greatest extent possible.

At the end of the test, it is recommended that the user of the standard take care to carry out an appropriate disposal of the wastes, according to local regulations.

## EN 302-2:2017 (E)

### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the resistance to delamination in glue lines. It is suitable for the following applications:

- a) for assessing the compliance of adhesives with EN 301, EN 15425 and EN 16254;
- b) for assessing the suitability and quality of adhesives for load-bearing timber structures;
- c) for comparing the effects on the bond strength resulting from the choice of bonding conditions, from different climatic conditioning and from the treatment of the test pieces before and after bonding.

This test is not applicable for modified and stabilized wood with strongly reduced swelling and shrinkage properties, such as acetylated wood, heat-treated wood and polymer impregnated wood.

This test is intended primarily to obtain performance data for the classification of adhesives for load-bearing timber structures according to their suitability for use in defined climatic environments.

This method is not intended to provide data for structural design, and does not necessarily represent the performance of the bonded member in service.

### 2 Normative references

Not applicable.

### 3 Principle

Bonded, laminated specimens are subjected to an impregnation-drying procedure. The specimens are impregnated with water by immersing them and applying alternating high and low (vacuum) pressure. They are then dried rapidly in a specified air stream at low humidity (see 4.4). The extent of open glue lines, delamination, as a result of these treatments is measured and compared with the total length of glue lines on both end-grain faces of the specimen.

### 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Autoclave or similar pressure vessel**, designed to safely withstand a pressure of at least 625 kPa absolute (525 kPa above nominal atmospheric pressure).

**4.2 Vacuum pump or similar device**, capable of reducing the pressure in the vessel (4.1) to below 20 kPa absolute (80 kPa below nominal atmospheric pressure).

**4.3 Pump or similar device**, for obtaining a pressure of at least 600 kPa absolute (500 kPa above nominal atmospheric pressure).

**4.4 Air-circulating oven(s) or chamber(s)**, capable of drying the test pieces (see 5.4) in the following climate condition:

- a) for low temperature procedure (type II adhesive) a temperature of  $(27,5 \pm 2,5)$  °C, circulating the air within the chamber, maintaining a constant relative humidity of  $(30 \pm 5)$  % and
- b) for high temperature procedure (type I adhesive) a temperature of  $(65 \pm 3)$  °C, circulating the air within the chamber, maintaining a relative humidity of  $(12,5 \pm 2,5)$  %.

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