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## EN 927-11:2020 (E)

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a laboratory test method for assessing microfoam in coating films on wood components. Samples are taken from finished wood components that are produced in a production plant, by craftsmen or a laboratory.

The test method can be used for further evaluation together with the performance specification given in EN 927-2. The amount and size of microfoam depends upon the coating material, the substrate and the application process and conditions.

### 2 Normative references

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### 3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui>

**3.1**  
**microfoam**  
spherical or ellipsoidal gas inclusions in a coating film visible with a light microscope at 80-fold magnification

Note 1 to entry: Microfoam can have an influence on durability, vapour and light transmission, colour, gloss, and tensile properties. Microfoam is held in place in the coating by e.g. high coating viscosity hindering the rising of micro-bubbles to the surface.

### 4 Principle

Microfoam in coating films is assessed by counting the quantity of air inclusions on the cross section of a coated sample along a distance of 10 mm using a microscope with minimum 80-fold magnification.

NOTE This method does not include measurement of size of air inclusions on cross sections of the coating film. This would not give evidence on the real size of air inclusions, because the measured diameter depends on the position where an air bubble is cut at random.

### 5 Procedure

Three test samples of coated wood are collected in a distance of minimum 200 mm from the corner joints or end grain. It is recommended to collect full cross sections of the wooden profiles, which enables the assessment of microfoam on all coated surfaces. Clean cross sections of the coating and wood substrate are produced using razor blades or a microtome over a length of minimum 15 mm on each position where assessment shall be carried out. Figure 1 shows a possible shape of samples for easy preparation of cross sections. Samples may be moistened with water to ease cutting of cross sections. On each sample, a distance of 10 mm is marked within the prepared cross section by razorblade or microtome cuts.



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