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Foreword

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Introduction

This part of EN 12227 has been prepared in order to provide assurance that playpens and folding playpens conforming with the requirements in EN 12227-1 are safe.

1 Scope

This part of EN 12227 describes a number of tests consisting of the application, to various parts of the item, of loads and forces simulating normal functional use, as well as misuse that can reasonably be expected to occur.

The tests are designed to evaluate properties without regard to materials, design/construction or manufacturing processes.

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EN 12227-1 1999 Playpens for domestic use - Part 1 : Safety requirements

ISO 48 Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastics - Determination of hardness

(Hardness between 10 and 100 IRHD)

3 General

If not otherwise stated, all forces shall have an accuracy of \pm 5 %, all masses an accuracy of \pm 0,5 % and all dimensions an accuracy of \pm 0,5 mm. The tests are designed to be applied to playpens that are fully assembled and ready for use.

Before any of the tests described in this part of EN 12227 are commenced, the item shall be old enough to ensure that it has developed its full strength. At least four weeks in normal indoor conditions shall have elapsed between manufacture and testing in the case of glued joints.

The sample for testing shall be stored in indoor ambient conditions for at least one week immediately prior to testing - any variation from this procedure shall be stated in the report.

Before testing, any fabrics used shall be cleaned or washed and dried twice following the manufacturer's instructions.

The tests shall be carried out in indoor ambient conditions, but if during a test the atmospheric temperature is outside the range 15 °C to 25 °C, the maximum and/or minimum temperature shall be recorded in the test report.

The playpen shall be tested as delivered. If of knock-down type, it shall be assembled according to instructions supplied with the playpen. If the playpen can be assembled or combined in different



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