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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 175 "Round and sawn timber", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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Introduction

Acceptable uniformity between standards on timber and wood-based materials can only be obtained if a common technical language is used. Part of such a language is a set of symbols which should be used consistently throughout all timber related standards currently being drafted.

ISO 3898 defines standard notations for structural design. It covers only general notations which are necessary for this field of application and excludes notations relevant to a particular material (for example steel, concrete, wood) or to a specific technical field (for example foundations).

Because of their anisotropic nature and other special features, timber and wood-based products have a need for a unique set of symbols. The set of symbols in this European Standard tries to fulfil this need. It follows the general principles laid down in ISO 3898, not only for use in the design of timber structures, but also for the detailed aspects necessary for timber in a wide range of standards and other documents.

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