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Foreword

This document EN 13446:2002 has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 112 "Wood-based panels", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a test method for determining the withdrawal capacity of nails, screws and staples inserted into wood-based panels.

This test method can be used for any combination of fastener type and wood-based panel product.

NOTE This method differs from EN 320 which characterises fibreboards in terms of their resistance to the withdrawal load of only a single type of screw.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 323, *Wood-based panels — Determination of density.*

EN 325, *Wood-based panels — Determination of dimensions of test pieces.*

EN 1381, *Timber structures — Test methods — Load bearing stapled joints.*

EN 10230-1, *Steel wire nails — Part 1: Loose nails for general applications.*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 1381 relating to staples and those given in EN 10230-1 relating to nails and the following apply.

3.1

withdrawal capacity

parameter measuring the resistance to withdrawal of fasteners from wood-based panels

4 Symbols

4.1 Fastener characteristic

d nominal diameter of fastener, in millimetres

for square nails d is the side dimension

for round nails d is the diameter

for grooved and ring shank nails d is the smallest projected diameter

for screws d is the diameter given by the manufacturer

for staples d is the smallest dimension of the cross-section

a staple width, in millimetres.

4.2 Test characteristics

l length of test piece, in millimetres

h height of test piece, in millimetres

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