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Foreword

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Introduction

Some floor coverings are installed on a sub floor with an adhesive. Producers of both floor coverings and adhesives need to evaluate specific combinations to ensure that they are mutually compatible. It is also important when developing adhesives to ensure that they are suitable for use with one, or a group of floor coverings. Those involved with these products and their installation also need to agree whether a particular combination of an adhesive with a group of floor coverings is capable of giving satisfactory performance during application and in use. Therefore they need a common and accepted guideline of performance for the products when tested together.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies performance requirements of an adhesive when tested to a standard method with a characteristic type of floor covering. The values defined in this standard are considered to indicate a general suitability for use of an adhesive with the corresponding group of floor coverings. This standard can also be used for the evaluation of a particular floor covering with the corresponding type of adhesive. This standard does not contain criteria or recommendations for the practical installation of floor coverings. The values given in this standard also do not guarantee the complete functionality of combinations of adhesives and floor coverings in practical application.

2 Normative references

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EN 548, *Resilient floor coverings — Specification for plain and decorative linoleum.*

EN 649, *Resilient floor coverings — Homogeneous and heterogeneous polyvinyl chloride floor coverings — Specification.*

EN 923, *Adhesives — Terms and definitions.*

EN 1307, *Textile floor coverings - Classification of pile carpets.*

EN 1372, *Adhesives — Test method for adhesives for floor and wall coverings — Peel test.*

EN 1373, *Adhesives - Test method for adhesives for floor and wall coverings - Shear test.*

EN 1470, *Textile floor coverings — Classification of needled floor coverings except for needled pile floor coverings.*

EN 1817, *Resilient floor coverings — Specification for homogeneous and heterogeneous smooth rubber floor coverings.*

EN 1841, *Adhesives — Test methods for adhesives for floor coverings and wall coverings — Determination of dimensional changes of a linoleum floor covering in contact with an adhesive.*

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