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Foreword

This document (EN 13817:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 217 “Surfaces for sports areas”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2005.

It is one of two standards for procedures for ageing surfaces for sports areas. The other standard in this series has the following title:

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1 Scope

This document describes a procedure for subjecting test pieces taken from surfaces for sports areas to accelerated ageing by exposure to hot air in the laboratory. Test pieces are aged to permit a comparison of their physical characteristics before and after ageing in accordance with European Standard test methods for surfaces for sports areas.

This method is suitable for ageing all types of sports surfaces, except for wooden surfaces, using test pieces in the laboratory, but is primarily intended for ageing polymeric surfaces. The procedure allows a measure of the effect on the physical characteristics of the sports surface due to exposure to hot air to be made.

NOTE Results on materials which exhibit temporary changes in properties due to drying should be interpreted with caution.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 188:1998, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

3 Principle

Test pieces are exposed to air at an elevated temperature to permit selected physical characteristics of the surface to be assessed before and after test.

4 Apparatus

4.1 **Air circulating oven**, as described in ISO 188:1998, 3.2.2.

5 Test pieces

Select, prepare and condition the test piece(s) in accordance with the appropriate method of test.

Test pieces shall be such that no mechanical, chemical or heat treatment will be required after their removal from the oven.

Any material used for marking test pieces shall not be applied in any critical area of the test piece and shall not damage the surface or be destroyed during ageing.

NOTE Wherever possible, marking should be carried out after ageing of the test piece.

6 Procedure

Place the test pieces in the oven (4.1) after it has been pre-heated to a temperature of $(70 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$. The test pieces shall be stationary, free from strain and freely exposed to air on all sides and not exposed to light.

Leave the test pieces in the oven for (336 ± 2) h.

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