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Modes opératoires de conditionnement et règles générales  
de sélection des substrats

Prüfungen zum Brandverhalten von Bauprodukten -  
Konditionierungsverfahren und allgemeine Regeln für die  
Auswahl von Trägerplatten

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## **Foreword**

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## **Introduction**

The Construction Products Directive requires products to be tested in their end use condition which, for the purpose of substrates, could lead to an economically unrealistic large variety of tests to be carried out. This large spectrum has been reduced to a practical number of standard substrates that enables the majority of end use conditions to be represented. Rules for the selection of such substrates are given in this European Standard.

This European Standard is intended for use in conjunction with European Standards covering the reaction to fire test methods for the relevant construction products.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard describes the conditioning procedures for test specimens which will be tested according to the European standards for reaction to fire.

The rules for the selection of substrates for construction products when carrying out reaction to fire tests are also detailed in this European Standard.

This European Standard does not contain requirements for

- the pre-drying of test specimens for the non-combustibility test according EN ISO 1182;
- methods of cleaning (e.g. washing) and other methods for the assessment of durability aspects, which are dealt with in the relevant product standards.

## 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.

EN 312, *Particleboards — Specifications*

EN 520, *Gypsum plasterboards — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

EN 636, *Plywood — Specifications*

EN 13501-1, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

EN 13823, *Reaction to fire tests for building products — Building products excluding floorings exposed to the thermal attack by a single burning item*

EN 14306, *Thermal insulation products for building equipment and industrial installations — Factory made calcium silicate (CS) products — Specification*

EN 14390, *Fire test — Large-scale room reference test for surface products*

EN ISO 1182, *Reaction to fire tests for building products — Non-combustibility test (ISO 1182:2002)*

EN ISO 1716, *Reaction to fire tests for building products — Determination of the heat of combustion (ISO 1716:2002)*

EN ISO 9239-1, *Reaction to fire tests for floorings — Part 1: Determination of the burning behaviour using a radiant heat source (ISO 9239-1:2002)*

EN ISO 11925-2, *Reaction to fire tests — Ignitability of building products subjected to direct impingement of flame — Part 2: Single-flame source test (ISO 11925-2:2002)*

EN ISO 13943:2000, *Fire safety — Vocabulary (ISO 13943:2000)*

ISO 390, *Products in fibre-reinforced cement — Sampling and inspection*

ISO 1887, *Textile glass — Determination of combustible-matter content*

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