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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 302-4:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 193 “Adhesives”, the secretariat of which is held by AENOR.

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The following modifications have been made:

- The wood density requirement for Norwegian spruce has been altered;
- A recommended time period is given for the dry storage treatment.

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## Introduction

This document is one of a series dealing with adhesives for use with timber structures, and is published in support of EN 1995, *Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures*. The series consists of three classification and performance requirements for adhesives for load-bearing timber structures, phenolic and aminoplastic adhesives (EN 301), one component polyurethane adhesives (EN 15425) and emulsion polymerised isocyanate adhesives (prEN 16254), and all together eleven test methods (EN 302 Parts 1 to 7 and EN 15416 Parts 2 to 5).

These European Standards have the following titles:

EN 301, *Adhesives, phenolic and aminoplastic, for load-bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

EN 15425, *Adhesives — One component polyurethane for load bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

prEN 16254, *Adhesives — Emulsion polymerized isocyanate (EPI) for load-bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

EN 302, *Adhesives for load-bearing timber structures — Test methods*

— *Part 1: Determination of longitudinal tensile shear strength*

— *Part 2: Determination of resistance to delamination*

— *Part 3: Determination of the effect of acid damage to wood fibres by temperature and humidity cycling on the transverse tensile strength*

— *Part 4: Determination of the effects of wood shrinkage on the shear strength*

— *Part 5: Determination of maximum assembly time under referenced conditions*

— *Part 6: Determination of the minimum pressing time under referenced conditions*

— *Part 7: Determination of the working life under referenced conditions*

EN 15416, *Adhesives for load bearing timber structures other than phenolic and aminoplastic — Test methods*

— *Part 2: Static load test of multiple bondline specimens in compression shear*

— *Part 3: Creep deformation test at cyclic climate conditions with specimens loaded in bending shear*

— *Part 4: Determination of open assembly time for one component polyurethane adhesives*

— *Part 5: Determination of conventional pressing time*

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It is understood that some of the material permitted in this standard can have a negative environmental impact. As technological advantages lead to better alternatives for these materials, they will be eliminated from this standard to the greatest extent possible.

At the end of the test, it is recommended that the user of the standard take care to carry out an appropriate disposal of the wastes, according to local regulations.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the influence of shear strength in crosswise gluing by wood shrinkage under drying conditions.

It is suitable for the following applications:

- a) for assessing the compliance of adhesives with EN 301, EN 15425 and prEN 16254;
- b) for assessing the suitability and quality of adhesives for load-bearing timber structures;
- c) for determining if the adhesive is capable of withstanding stresses due to wood shrinkage without unacceptable loss of strength.

This test is intended primarily to obtain performance data for the classification of adhesives for load-bearing timber structures according to their suitability for use in defined climatic environments. This test is carried out on Norway spruce (*Picea abies* L.).

This method is not intended for use to provide numerical design data and does not necessarily represent the performance of the bonded member in service.

## 2 Normative references

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

EN 301, *Adhesives, phenolic and aminoplastic, for load-bearing timber structures — Classification and performance requirements*

EN 13183-1, *Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber — Part 1: Determination by oven dry method*

ISO 5893, *Rubber and plastics test equipment — Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse) — Specification*

ISO 6344-2, *Coated abrasives — Grain size analysis — Part 2: Determination of grain size distribution of macrogrits P12 to P220*

## 3 Principle

A crosswise double joint with 0,5 mm thick glue line is submitted to a dry storage treatment and then strained to failure by a compressive shear force.

## 4 Apparatus

4.1 **Testing machine**, which shall be either:

- a) capable of maintaining a constant rate of loading of  $(20 \pm 5)$  kN/min; or
- b) capable of maintaining a constant crosshead speed as described in ISO 5893.



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