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Introduction

Moisture transfer is a very complex process and the knowledge of moisture transfer mechanisms, material properties, initial conditions and boundary conditions is often limited. Therefore this International Standard lays down simplified calculation methods, which assume that moisture transport is by vapour diffusion alone and use monthly climate data. The standardization of these calculation methods does not exclude use of more advanced methods. If other sources of moisture, such as rain penetration or convection, are negligible, the calculations will normally lead to designs well on the safe side and if a construction fails a specified design criterion according to this procedure, more accurate methods may be used to show that the design will pass.

This International Standard deals with:

a) the critical surface humidity likely to lead to problems such as mould growth on the internal surfaces of buildings,

b) interstitial condensation within a building component, in:

   — heating periods, where the internal temperature is usually higher than outside;

   — cooling periods, where the internal temperature is usually lower than the outside;

   — cold stores, where the internal temperature is always lower than outside.

c) an estimate of the time taken for a component, between high vapour resistance layers, to dry, after wetting from any source, and the risk of interstitial condensation occurring elsewhere in the component during the drying process.

This International Standard does not cover other aspects of moisture, e.g. ground water and ingress of precipitation.

In some cases, airflow from the interior of the building into the structure is the major mechanism for moisture transport, which can increase the risk of condensation problems very significantly. This International Standard does not address this issue; where it is felt to be important, more advanced assessment methods should be considered.

The limitations on the physical processes covered by this International Standard mean that it can provide a more robust analysis of some structures than others. The results will be more reliable for lightweight, airtight structures that do not contain materials that store large amounts of water. They will be less reliable for structures with large thermal and moisture capacity and which are subject to significant air leakage.

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1 Scope

This International Standard gives simplified calculation methods for:

a) The internal surface temperature of a building component or building element below which mould growth is likely, given the internal temperature and relative humidity. The method can also be used to assess the risk of other internal surface condensation problems.

b) The assessment of the risk of interstitial condensation due to water vapour diffusion. The method used does not take account of a number of important physical phenomena including:

   — the variation of material properties with moisture content;

   — capillary suction and liquid moisture transfer within materials;

   — air movement from within the building into the component through gaps or within air spaces;

   — the hygroscopic moisture capacity of materials.

   Consequently, the method is applicable only where the effects of these phenomena can be considered to be negligible.

c) The time taken for water, from any source, in a layer between two high vapour resistance layers to dry out and the risk of interstitial condensation occurring elsewhere in the component during the drying process.

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 6946:2007, *Building components and building elements — Thermal resistance and thermal transmittance — Calculation method*

ISO 9346, *Hygrothermal performance of buildings and building materials — Physical quantities for mass transfer — Vocabulary*

ISO 15927-1, *Hygrothermal performance of buildings — Calculation and presentation of climatic data — Part 1: Monthly means of single meteorological elements*

3 Terms and definitions, symbols and units

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 9346 and the following apply.