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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 14909:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 254 “Flexible sheets for waterproofing”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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The main technical changes are:

- the resistance to low temperature is only tested with the upper side in tension;
- the minimum tolerance for the water vapour transmission is fixed;
- the rules for mounting and fixing for reaction of fire testing are improved and the variation of products where a result apply are fixed;
- for FPC the indirect testing as in other TC 254 standards is introduced.

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## **Introduction**

The purpose of damp proof courses is to prevent water rising up a wall from the ground, water moving from one part of a wall to another and to deflect water from an inner wall of a cavity wall construction to the exterior of the building. Damp proof courses may also be used in masonry chimneys and parapet walls to protect the inside of the building from water moving down from above.

They should be designed in conjunction with flashings and sheets for waterproofing, including roofing sheets and damp proof sheets, to ensure a continuous barrier and should deflect water to the exterior of a building so that it can drain away safely.

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