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The major modifications to the previous edition are:

- Change in structure of definitions (general, profile, geometrical and material);
- Review of definitions of own reprocessed (previously reprocessable) material (3.4.5) and external reprocessed (previously reprocessable) material (3.4.6);
- Including a new material (non-UV resistant virgin material);
- Review of Table 1, which defines the classification of climatic zones in Europe; (correction of a mistake in EN12608:2003);
- Addition of a class (no performance determined) for the classification of main profiles according to the resistance to impact by falling mass (Table 2);
- Complete review of 5.1, giving the requirements for materials, establishing the distinction between UV resistant virgin material (5.1.1), non UV-resistant virgin material (5.1.2) and reprocessed (previously reprocessable), recycled (previously recyclable) materials and non-UV resistant virgin materials (5.1.3) with the addition of Table 4 which defines the uses allowed according to the type of material);
- Review of the test of Charpy impact resistance of main profiles (5.8); Introduction of dependence on classes of wall thickness;
- Review of the methods to determine the colorimetric co-ordinates (6.5);
- Addition of new subclause 6.4 for the determination of the thickness of a co-extruded layer;
- Addition of a requirement for individual values for the Vicat softening temperature (A.4.1);
- Addition of a requirement for individual values for the flexural modulus of elasticity (A.4.2);
- Addition of a requirement for individual values for the tensile impact strength (A.4.3);
- Deletion of the Charpy impact resistance from Annex A (material characteristics);
- Editorial review of the whole document and updating of normative references.



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- *Part 1: Non-coated PVC-U profiles with light coloured surfaces*
- *Parts 2: PVC-U profiles with laminated foils* (in preparation)
- *Parts 3: PVC-U profiles with coextruded coloured top-layer* (in preparation)
- *Parts 4: PVC-U profiles with lacquered-coating* (in preparation)

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**EN 12608-1:2016 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard specifies the classifications, requirements and test methods for non-coated unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) profiles with light coloured surfaces intended to be used for the fabrication of windows and doors.

It is applicable to PVC-U profiles with the colorimetric co-ordinates measured on the visible surfaces, as follows:

- $L^* \geq 82$  (chromaticity co-ordinate  $Y \geq 60$ ),
- $-2,5 \leq a^* \leq 5$ ,
- $-5 \leq b^* \leq 15$ .

NOTE 1 For editorial reasons in this document the term "window" is used for window/door.

NOTE 2 Profiles made from PVC-U materials with reinforcements (e.g. glass fibres) are not part of this scope.

**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 477, *Unplasticized polyvinylchloride (PVC-U) profiles for the fabrication of windows and doors - Determination of the resistance to impact of main profiles by falling mass*

EN 478, *Unplasticized polyvinylchloride (PVC-U) profiles for the fabrication of windows and doors - Appearance after exposure at 150 °C - Test method*

EN 479, *Unplasticized polyvinylchloride (PVC-U) profiles for the fabrication of windows and doors - Determination of heat reversion*

EN 513, *Unplasticized polyvinylchloride (PVC-U) profiles for the fabrication of windows and doors - Determination of the resistance to artificial weathering*

EN 514, *Unplasticized polyvinylchloride (PVC-U) profiles for the fabrication of windows and doors - Determination of the strength of welded corners and T-joints*

EN ISO 105-A01:2010, *Textiles - Tests for colour fastness - Part A01: General principles of testing (ISO 105-A01:2010)*

EN ISO 178, *Plastics - Determination of flexural properties (ISO 178)*

EN ISO 179-1, *Plastics - Determination of Charpy impact properties - Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test (ISO 179-1)*

EN ISO 306, *Plastics - Thermoplastic materials - Determination of Vicat softening temperature (VST) (ISO 306)*

EN ISO 1163-2:1999, *Plastics - Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) moulding and extrusion materials - Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties (ISO 1163-2:1995)*

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