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Spezifizierung von coextrudierten schlagzäh-modifizierten PMMA/ABS-Platten für Badewannen und Duschwannen für den Hausgebrauch

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Foreword

This document (EN 13559:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 163, "Sanitary appliances" the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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EN 13559:2003 (E)**1 Scope**

This European Standard specifies the properties of coextruded ABS sheets with impact modified acrylic top layer from which baths and shower trays for domestic purposes are manufactured.

Note : For the purposes of this standard the term "domestic purposes" includes use in hotels, accommodation for students, hospitals and similar buildings, except when special medical provisions are required.

2 Normative references

This European standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

prEN ISO 15015:1997, Extruded sheets of impact-modified acrylonitrile/styrene copolymers, (ABS, AES or ASA). Requirements and test methods (ISO/DIS 15015: 1997).

ISO 75-2, *Plastics. Determination of temperature of deflection under load - Part 2: Plastics and ebonite.*

ISO 105-A02, *Textiles. Tests for colour fastness. – Part A02 Grey scale for assessing change in colour.*

ISO 179, *Plastics. Determination of Charpy impact properties.*

ISO 527, *Plastics. Determination of tensile properties.*

ISO 4892, *Plastics. Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources.*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this standard, the following term and definition applies:

3.1**Coextruded impact modified PMMA/ABS sheet**

coextruded sheet with ABS substrate and a top layer of modified PMMA.

4 Requirements**4.1 General requirements**

The coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheet shall comply with the requirements of table 1 when tested to the methods given in Table 1.

Table 1 General requirements for coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheet

Property	Test method	Test conditions	Unit	Value	
				Minimum	Maximum
Tensile yield strength	ISO 527 ¹⁾	50 mm/min	MPa	38	-
E modulus	ISO 527 ¹⁾	1 mm/min	MPa	1800	-
Heat distortion temperature (HDT)	ISO 75 ²⁾		°C	100	-
Impact resistance (tensile zone PMMA)	ISO 179 1fn (unnotched)	with polishing ³⁾	kJ/m ²	20	-
Water absorption	§ 5.7 of this standard		mg	-	40

1) ISO 527 as specified in 5.1 of this standard.

2) Annealing conditions: 24h at 80°C, then 16h at 23°C and 50% RH. Test flatwise with PMMA as surface layer on which the testing load is applied.

3) Polishing conditions and specimen preparation according prEN 15015:1997 § 5.1.1.

4.2 Thickness

The total thickness of coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheet shall not be less than 2,7 mm.

Tolerances on total thickness are given in Table 2.

Table 2 Tolerance on total thickness for coextruded impact modified PMMA/ABS sheet

Total thickness		Tolerance
from	to	
2,8	4,0	± 0,10 mm
4,1	6,0	± 0,15 mm
6,1	9,0	± 0,20 mm
9,1	11,0	± 0,30 mm

The minimum top layer thickness is 9 % of the total thickness of coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheet for bathtub applications and 4 % of the total thickness of the coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheet for shower tray applications.

4.3 Heavy metal contents

Limit values for heavy metal contents of coextruded impact modified PMMA/ABS sheets for baths and shower trays are given in the European Directive 91/338.

Informative note: 91/338/CEE: Council Directive of 19 June 1991 amending for the tenth time Directive 76/769/CEE The Approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the member states relating to restriction of the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations.

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4.4 Colour

For coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheets the top layer shall be transparent or coloured. In the case of coloured top layer, the colourant shall be incorporated during the manufacture of the sheet and the colour shall be throughout the thickness of the material. Colour standards shall be agreed between sheet manufacturer and fabricator.

4.5 Thermal stability

When tested according to the method given in 5.2 the coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheets shall show no evidence of blistering.

4.6 Colour fastness

4.6.1 Resistance to UV light

When tested in apparatus complying with the requirements of the xenon arc lamp method of ISO 4892 for 250 h the colour change noted in the coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheets shall be recorded in terms of the grey scale for assessing colour change specified in ISO 105-A02. The fastness rating shall be not less than grade 3.

The xenon lamp shall only be used when its age is between the limits stated by the manufacturer of the lamp to be the useful life of the lamp or, where the useful life is not stated, is between 10 h and 600 h.

4.6.2 Resistance to hot water

When tested in accordance with 5.3, the colour change noted in the coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheets shall be recorded in terms of the grey scale for assessing colour change specified in ISO 105 A02. The fastness rating shall be not less than grade 3.

4.7 Chemical and stain resistance

When tested in accordance with 5.4 coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheets shall show no permanent staining or deterioration.

4.8 Resistance to wet and dry cycling

When tested in accordance with 5.5 coextruded impact modified PMMA / ABS sheets shall not show any adverse changes in appearance such as blisters, crazes, cracks and discoloration.

4.9 Shrinkage

When tested according to clause 5.7.2 of prEN ISO 15015:1997 with a temperature of 150°C instead of 170°C, the coextruded impact modified PMMA/ABS sheet shall show no change in length exceeding those given in table 3.

Table 3 Permitted changes in length for coextruded impact modified PMMA/ABS sheets

Sheet total thickness	Maximum change in length %	
	In extrusion direction	Cross direction extrusion
2,1 to 3,0	10	2,5
3,1 to 4,0	8	2
4,1 to 6,0	7	2
> 6,1	5	1