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## European foreword

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies test methods for determining:

- a) the vertical resistance,
- b) the resistance to earth,
- c) the surface resistance

of a resilient, laminate and modular multilayer floor covering after installation in test piece or after installation.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN 62631-3-1, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials - Part 3-1: Determination of resistive properties (DC methods) - Volume resistance and volume resistivity - General method (IEC 62631-3-1)*

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic - Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1

#### **vertical resistance R1**

electrical resistance measured between a tripod electrode on the surface of a test piece and an electrode attached to the underside of the test piece

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1 for tripod electrode and see Figure 2 for testing of vertical resistance.

### 3.2

#### **resistance to earth R2**

electrical resistance measured between a loaded tripod electrode on the surface of a laid floor covering and earth

### 3.3

#### **surface resistance R3**

electrical resistance measured between two tripod electrodes set up at a fixed distance of 100 mm apart on a laid floor covering

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 4 for the electrical resistance measured between two tripod electrodes and see Figure 3 for distance of 100 mm apart on a laid floor covering.

## 4 Sampling

For method A or when measurements are done in laboratory, take a representative sample from the whole of the available material. In the case of rolls, take approximately a third of the test pieces from the area close to the edges, the distance between the outer edge of the sample and the nearest edge of the roll being between 50 mm and 100 mm.

## 5 Apparatus and reagents

### 5.1 Tripod electrode

The tripod electrode (Figure 1) shall be capable of comprising a triangular aluminium plate with an insulating layer on the upper surface and three cylindrical feet of conductive rubber on the underside at a distance of 180 mm apart.

The rubber feet shall have a hardness in accordance with ISO 48 of 50 IRHD to 70 IRHD, and the electrical resistance of each rubber foot shall be less than  $10^3$  Ohm when tested between two metal surfaces.

NOTE A “soft electrode” such as that described above is able to provide a more intimate contact with a smooth floor covering and in practice this type of electrode has been found to be the most satisfactory.

### 5.2 Load

The load (F) shall be capable of exerting a minimum force of 300 N on the tripod electrode.

This can be achieved by using a person's body weight. In method C, one person may stand with a foot on each electrode.

### 5.3 Power supply

The power supply shall fulfil the requirements given in EN 62631-3-1.

### 5.4 Resistance meter

The resistance meter shall fulfil the requirements given in EN 62631-3-1. It shall be calibrated to determine the resistance  $R$  of a floor covering to an accuracy of  $\pm 5$  % in the range  $10^3$  Ohm to  $10^{10}$  Ohm and an accuracy of  $\pm 10$  % for greater than  $10^{10}$  Ohm. For resistances less than or equal to  $10^6$  Ohm the open circuit voltage shall be 10 V dc and for resistances greater than  $10^6$  Ohm it shall be 100 V dc when possible. If not, 500 V dc shall be used.

Alternatively, an instrument with internal resistance of 100 kOhm and compatible with digital instrument reading of the current can be used.

### 5.5 Temperature and humidity

The instruments for measuring temperature and humidity shall have an accuracy of  $\pm 2$  °C and of  $\pm 5$  %RH, respectively.