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Foreword

This document (EN 572-2:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 129 “Glass in building”, the secretariat of which is held by NBN.

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This edition is a revision of EN 572-2:2004. The main changes in this edition are:

- a) an enlargement of the scope to oversize plates;
- b) a new method of determination of squareness;
- c) a new method of measurement for spot fault (including halo) and an adaptation of the related requirements.

This European Standard “*Glass in building — Basic soda lime silicate glass products*” consists of the following parts:

- Part 1: Definitions and general physical and mechanical properties;
- Part 2: Float glass;
- Part 3: Polished wired glass;
- Part 4: Drawn sheet glass;
- Part 5: Patterned glass;
- Part 6: Wired patterned glass;
- Part 7: Wired or unwired channel shaped glass;
- Part 8: Supplied and final cut sizes;
- Part 9: Evaluation of conformity/Product standard.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies dimensional and minimum quality requirements (in respect of optical and visual faults) for float glass, as defined in EN 572-1:2012, for use in building.

This European Standard applies only to float glass supplied in jumbo sizes (see Note 1), split sizes (see Note 2) and oversize plates (see Note 3).

NOTE 1 Jumbo sizes — PLF (plateau largeur de fabrication) — Bandmasse.

NOTE 2 Split sizes — DLF (dimension largeur de fabrication) — Geteilte Bandmasse.

NOTE 3 Oversize plates – these are plates where the nominal length, H , is greater than 6 000 mm. These plates are produced to special order.

EN 572-8 gives information on float glass in sizes (i.e. supplied and final cut sizes) other than those covered by this European Standard.

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 572-1:2012, *Glass in building — Basic soda lime silicate glass products — Part 1: Definitions and general physical and mechanical properties*

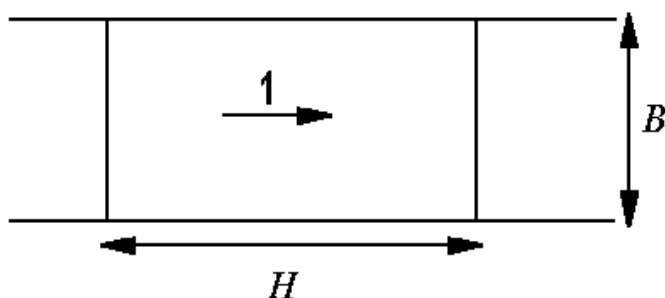
3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 572-1:2012 and the following apply.

3.1

length, H , and width, B

defined with reference to the direction of draw of the float glass ribbon as shown in Figure 1



Key

1 direction of draw

Figure 1 — Relationship between length, width and direction of draw

3.2

jumbo sizes

glass delivered in the following sizes:

- nominal length H : 4 500 mm, 5 100 mm or 6 000 mm;
- nominal width B : 3 210 mm

Note 1 to entry: The usual width is 3 210 mm. Exceptional production requirements can cause this to be reduced but the nominal width is never less than 3 150 mm.

3.3

split sizes

glass delivered in the following size ranges:

- nominal length H : 1 000 mm to 2 550 mm;
- nominal width B : 3 210 mm

Note 1 to entry: The usual width is 3 210 mm. Exceptional production requirements can cause this to be reduced but the nominal width is never less than 3 150 mm.

3.4

optical fault

fault which leads to distortions in the appearance of objects observed through the glass

3.5

visual fault

fault which alters the visual quality of the glass

Note 1 to entry: Visual faults include spot faults and linear/extended faults.

3.6

spot fault

nucleus which is generally accompanied by a halo of distorted glass

Note 1 to entry: Spot faults can be solid inclusions, bubbles, etc.

3.7

halo

area locally distorted, generally around a point defect

3.8

linear/extended faults

faults which can be on or in the glass, in the form of deposits, marks or scratches that occupy an extended length or area

4 Dimensional requirements

4.1 Thickness

4.1.1 General

The actual thickness shall be the average of four measurements, taken to the nearest 0,01 mm, one taken at the centre of each side. Measurement shall be by means of an instrument of the calliper micrometer type.

4.1.2 Tolerances

The actual thickness, rounded to the nearest 0,1 mm, shall not vary from the nominal thickness by more than the tolerances shown in Table 1.

Table 1 — Tolerances on nominal thickness

Dimensions in millimetres

| Nominal thickness | Tolerances |
|-------------------|------------|
| 2 | ± 0,2 |
| 3 | ± 0,2 |
| 4 | ± 0,2 |
| 5 | ± 0,2 |
| 6 | ± 0,2 |
| 8 | ± 0,3 |
| 10 | ± 0,3 |
| 12 | ± 0,3 |
| 15 | ± 0,5 |
| 19 | ± 1,0 |
| 25 | ± 1,0 |

4.2 Length, width and squareness

The tolerances on nominal dimensions length, H , and width, B , are ± 5 mm.

The limits of squareness are described by the difference between diagonals. Such limits are given in Table 2.

Table 2 — Limit on the difference between diagonals

Dimensions in millimetres

| Nominal glass thickness, d | Limit on the difference between diagonals | | | |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Jumbo sizes | Splits | | |
| | | $(H, B) \leq 1\ 500$ | $1\ 500 < (H, B) \leq 3\ 000$ | $(H, B) > 3\ 000$ |
| 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8, 10, 12 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 15, 19, 25 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 8 |

For oversize plates, the manufacturer shall be consulted for tolerances on dimensions and on the difference between diagonals.

5 Quality requirements

5.1 General

One quality level is considered in this European Standard. This is determined by the evaluation of optical and visual faults.

The manufacturer(s) shall be consulted if higher levels of quality are required.

5.2 Methods of observation and measurement

5.2.1 Optical faults

A screen bearing an assembly of black and white stripes (zebra) is observed through the glass to be examined.

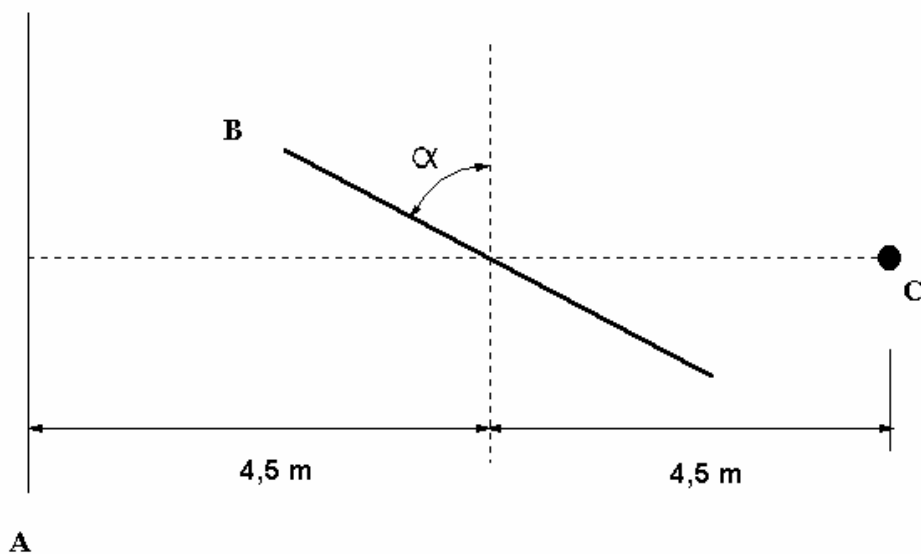
The usual size of screen is between 1 500 mm × 1 150 mm and 2 500 mm × 2 000 mm. It consists of a translucent white background with parallel black stripes, 25 mm wide and 25 mm apart, inclined at 45°.

The screen is uniformly lit from behind with white daylight fluorescent tubes. The illuminance of the screen measured 1 m from it shall be between 400 lx and 1 200 lx. The measurement shall be taken at a point on a line normal to the centre of the screen. The walls of the test room should be painted with a dark non-reflective paint having a diffuse reflection $\leq 0,10$.

The glass to be examined shall be held vertically in a support frame. The centre of the glass shall be at a distance of 4,5 m from the screen and on a line normal to the centre of the screen. The glass shall be capable of being rotated around a vertical axis. The glass shall be held with the direction of draw of the glass vertical. Appropriate critical viewing angles, α , formed by the glass and the screen should be indicated (see Figure 2). The observer stands still at a distance of 9 m from the centre of the screen on a line passing through the axis of rotation.

The glass being examined is rotated from an angle $\alpha = 90^\circ$ until there is no longer any distortions of the lines on the screen. The angle, α (see Figure 2), at which this occurred is noted.

The glass sample taken, with a length, H , between 300 mm and 500 mm and a width, B , of 3 210 mm, is split into four. This gives samples of a width of approximately 800 mm. The distortion is measured in zone D and zone d as shown in Figure 3.



- Key**
A screen
B glass sample
C observer

Figure 2 — Plan view showing set up of zebra test

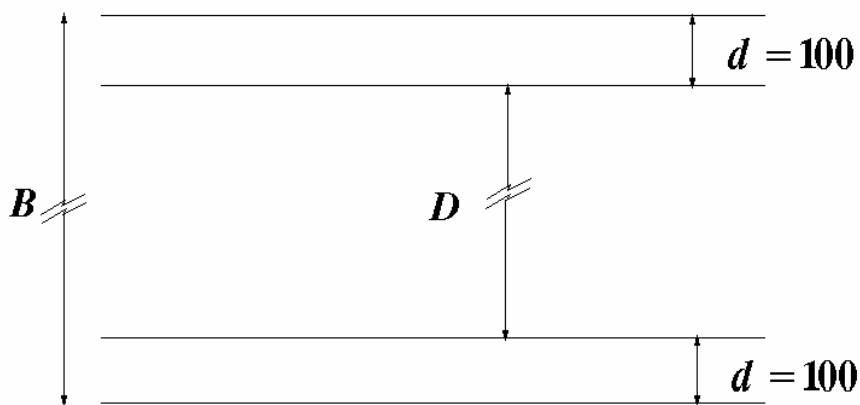


Figure 3 — Zones for the measurement of optical distortion

5.2.2 Visual faults

5.2.2.1 Spot faults

A spot fault consists of a nucleus generally accompanied by a halo. The categories of spot faults are defined by the maximum dimension of the spot fault, measured according to the method defined in Annex A. The

dimension of the spot fault is the dimension of the halo or, in case of absence of halo, the dimension of the nucleus.

Note the number of spot faults and the biggest dimension of the halo generated by the nucleus and relate to the four categories of spot faults as shown in Table 3.

Table 3 — Categories of spot faults

Dimensions in millimetres

| Category | Dimension of spot fault |
|----------|-------------------------|
| A | > 0,6 and ≤ 1,5 |
| B | > 1,5 and ≤ 3,0 |
| C | > 3,0 and ≤ 9,0 |
| D | > 9,0 |

5.2.2.2 Linear/extended faults

The glass pane to be examined is illuminated in conditions approximating to diffuse daylight and is observed in front of a matt black screen (reflection coefficient between 0,2 and 0,4).

Place the pane of glass to be examined vertically in front of the screen and parallel to it. Arrange the point of observation 2 m from the glass, keeping the direction of observation normal to the glass surface.

View the pane of glass, and note the presence of visually disturbing faults.

5.3 Acceptance levels

5.3.1 Optical faults

When viewed under the conditions of observation as described in 5.2.1, the angle, α , at which there is no disturbing distortion shall be not less than the appropriate critical viewing angle given in Table 4.

Table 4 — Critical viewing angles

| Nominal glass thickness mm | Angle α in zone D degrees | Angle α in zone d degrees |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 | 45 | 40 |
| 3 and greater | 50 | 45 |

5.3.2 Spot faults

5.3.2.1 Jumbo sizes

The allowable numbers of the categories of faults (see Table 3) are shown in Table 5.

Table 5 — Acceptance levels for spot faults in jumbo sizes

| Category of fault | Average per pane | Maximum in any pane |
|-------------------|------------------|---|
| A | any number | any number |
| B | 3 | 5 |
| C | 0,6 | 1 |
| D | 0,05 | 1, but faults that cause breakage are not allowed |

NOTE The word "average" is intended to indicate a cumulative average over at least 20 tons of glass.

5.3.2.2 Split sizes

The allowable numbers of the categories of faults (see Table 3) are shown in Table 6.

Table 6 — Acceptance levels for spot faults in split sizes

| Category of fault | Average per 20 m ² | Maximum in any pane |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| A | any number | any number |
| B | 3 | 2 |
| C | 0,6 | 1 |
| D | 0,05 | 1, but faults that cause breakage are not allowed |

NOTE The word "average" is intended to indicate a cumulative average over at least 20 t of glass.

For oversize plates, the manufacturer shall be consulted regarding the allowable number of faults.

5.3.3 Linear/extended faults

The allowable number of faults is an average of 0,05 faults in 20 m² of glass, related to at least 20 tons.

6 Designation

Float glass in compliance with this European Standard shall be designated respectively by

- type,
- reference to this European Standard,
- tint (manufacturer's reference) or clear,
- nominal thickness, in mm,
- nominal length, *H*, and width, *B*, in mm,
- reference to this European Standard.

EXAMPLE Float glass clear, thickness 3 mm, length 6,00 m, width 3,21 m, intended for use in buildings, is designated as follows:

Float glass - EN 572-2 – clear, 3 mm, 6 000 mm × 3 210 mm

Annex A (normative)

Method for measuring spot fault size (including halo)

A.1 Conditions of observation

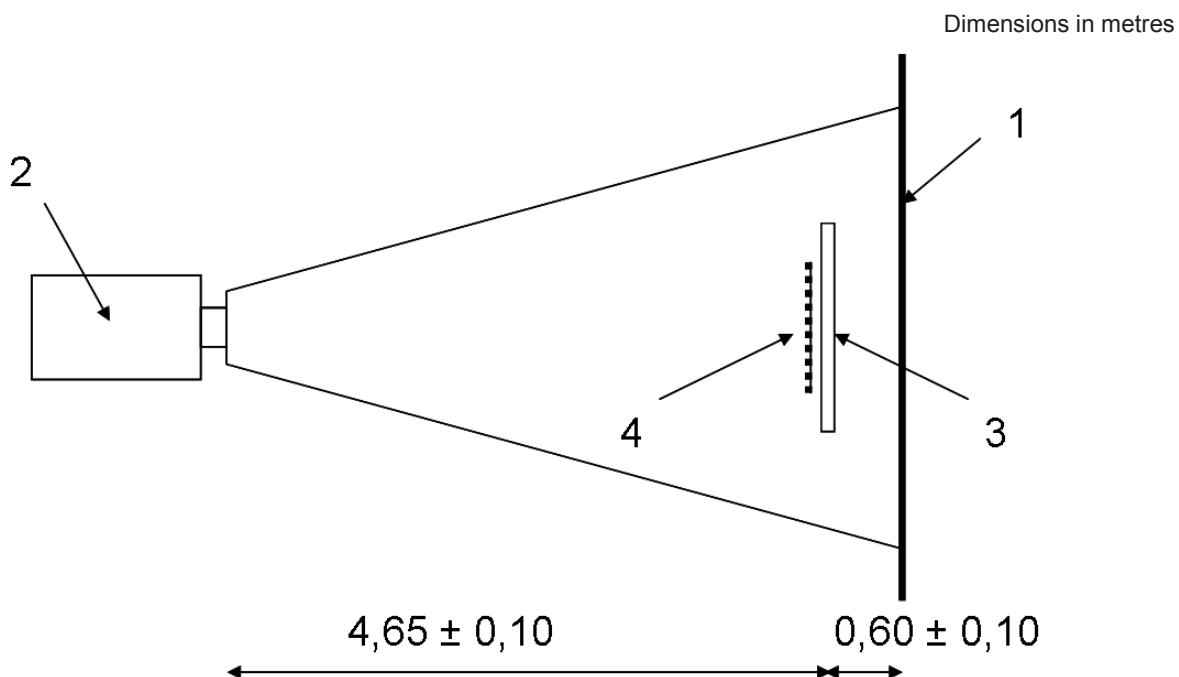
The method for measuring spot fault size including halo is based on the projection technique, using a point source projector and a screen (see Figure A.1).

A projector with a lamp of the type OSRAM HBO 200 W¹⁾ is placed at $(4\,650 \pm 100)$ mm from the projection screen.

The glass or sample containing the spot fault is placed at (600 ± 100) mm from a projection screen, in the light beam of the projector.

The sample is maintained parallel to the screen. The spot fault image (nucleus and halo) appears on the screen.

1) OSRAM Lamp HBO 200 W is the trade name of a product supplied by OSRAM. This information is given for the convenience of users of this European Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by CEN of the product named. Equivalent products may be used if they can be shown to lead to the same results.



- Key**
- 1 screen
 - 2 point source projector
 - 3 glass sample with spot fault
 - 4 distortion gauge

Figure A.1 – Method of observation of the sample

A.2 Measurement of the size of the spot fault including the halo

Place on the surface of the glass (where the spot fault is located) a distortion gauge (plastic transparent sheet on which circular black spots with different diameters from 0,6 mm to 9,0 mm are reproduced – see Figure A.2).

Search the circular spot covering the defect which conducts to the elimination of the spot fault image on the screen.

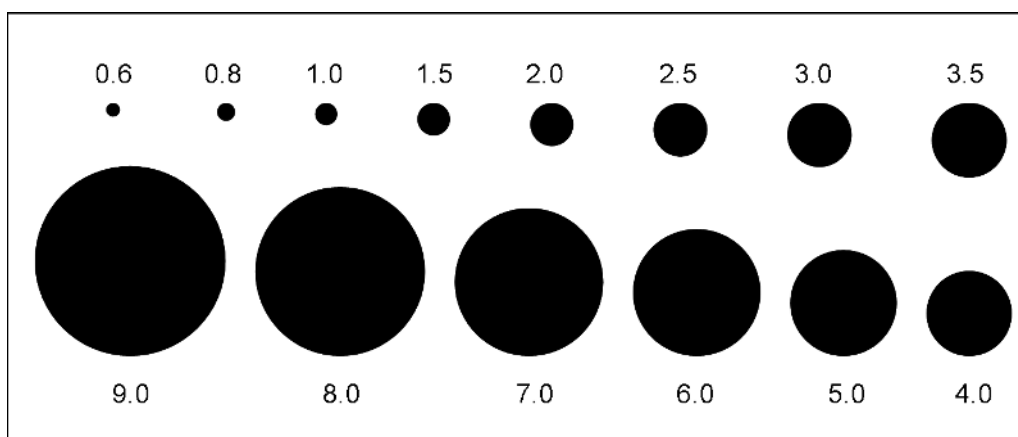


Figure A.2 — Example of distortion gauge with printed black spots

The spot fault size including halo is the diameter of this circular black spot.

NOTE 1 For greater accuracy, a calliper could be used instead of the plastic distortion gauge.

NOTE 2 Any other method that is better or equivalent may be used.

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