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Foreword

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1 Scope

1.1 General

This European Standard specifies the classification for air permeability for doors in a closed position, when tested in accordance with EN 12427.

The doors are intended for installation in areas in the reach of people, for which the main intended uses are giving safe access for goods, vehicles and persons in industrial, commercial or residential premises.

The doors may be manually or power operated.

This document applies to all doors provided in accordance with prEN 13241:1998.

1.2 Exclusions

It does not apply to:

- lock gates and dock gates;
- doors on lifts;
- doors on vehicles;
- armoured doors;
- doors mainly for the retention of animals;
- theatre textile curtains;
- horizontally moving doors less than 2,5 m wide and 6,25 m² area, designed principally for pedestrian use;
- revolving doors of any size;
- doors outside the reach of people (such as crane gantry fences);
- railway barriers;
- barriers used solely for vehicles.

2 Normative References

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EN 12427	Industrial, commercial and garage doors and gates - Air permeability - Test method
EN 12433-1	Industrial, commercial and garage doors and gates - Terminology - Part 1: Types of doors
EN 12433-2	Industrial, commercial and garage doors and gates - Terminology - Part 2: Parts of doors
prEN 13241:1998	Industrial, commercial and garage doors and gates - Product standard

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this standard the terms and definitions in EN 12433-1 and EN 12433-2 apply. In addition the following definitions also apply:

- 3.1 Air permeability: ability of a test specimen in relation to the overall area, when in closed position, to allow air flow, expressed in $m^3/m^2 h$.
- 3.2 Overall area: the area of the structural opening of the specimen, expressed in square meters (m^2).

4 Classification

The air permeability of a test specimen shall be declared in relation to classes indicated in table 1.

A test specimen belongs to a specified class, if the test results measured in accordance with EN 12427 do not exceed the value specified for that class as given in table 1.

Table 1 - Air permeability classes

Class	Air permeability Δp at a pressure of 50 Pa [$m^3 / m^2 h$]	Specification
0		No performance determined
1	24	
2	12	
3	6	
4	3	
5	1,5	
6		Exceptional; Agreement between manufacturer and purchaser for both leakage and pressure.

NOTE Where conditions above 50 Pa apply, then this is considered to be exceptional and higher than class 5 and should be the subject of contract approval between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

5 Marking

The performance class shall be clearly marked in accordance with prEN 13241:1998 either on the door label or in the relevant documentation.

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