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Foreword

This document (EN 15836-2:2010) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 249 "Plastics", the secretariat of which is held by NBN.

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- *Part 1: Homogenous membranes of nominal thickness equal to or greater than 0,75 mm*
- *Part 2: Reinforced membranes of nominal thickness equal to or greater than 1,5 mm [this standard]*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the visual, dimensional, mechanical and durability characteristics of reinforced membranes made of plasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-P) sheets assembled together a polyester reinforcement, whose nominal thickness is greater than or equal to 1,5 mm, intended to be used to contribute to the leaktightness of inground swimming pools, implemented in situ. It also specifies the characteristics of the composition of the PVC-P used to produce the membranes.

It applies specifically to reinforced membranes intended for use in swimming pools where the water temperature is less than or equal to 32 °C. If the membrane manufacturer permits a temperature of water continuously maintained above 32 °C, this document also applies.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 438-2:2005, *High-pressure decorative laminates (HPL) — Sheets based on thermosetting resins (usually called Laminates) — Part 2: Determination of properties*

EN 495-5, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of foldability at low temperature — Part 5: Plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing*

EN 1107-2, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of dimensional stability — Part 2: Plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing*

EN 1848-2, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of length, width, straightness and flatness — Part 2: Plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing*

EN 1849-2, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of thickness and mass per unit area — Part 2: Plastic and rubber sheets*

EN 1850-2:2001, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of visible defects — Part 2: Plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing*

EN 12310-2, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of resistance to tearing — Part 2: Plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing*

EN 12311-2:2000, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing*

EN 12316-2, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Determination of peel resistance of joints — Part 2: Plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing*

EN 20105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour (ISO 105-A02:1993)*

EN ISO 62:2008, *Plastics — Determination of water absorption (ISO 62:2008)*

EN ISO 175:2000, *Plastics — Methods of test for the determination of the effects of immersion in liquid chemicals (ISO 175:1999)*

EN ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing (ISO 291:2008)*

EN ISO 846:1997, *Plastics — Evaluation of the action of microorganisms (ISO 846:1997)*

EN ISO 4892-2:2006, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps (ISO 4892-2:2006)*

EN ISO 5470-1:1999, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of abrasion resistance — Part 1: Taber abrader (ISO 5470-1:1999)*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

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

3.1.1

reinforced membrane

sheet made of plasticized poly(vinyl chloride) sheets and a polyester reinforcement

NOTE 1 These membranes can be manufactured e.g. by extrusion, calendaring or cast spreading.

NOTE 2 The membrane is waterproof and gas-pervious, package in roll form and intended to be implemented in situ.

3.1.2

inground swimming pool

permanent installation containing treated water for water activities totally or partially realized under the ground level with a water depth $\geq 0,85$ m or a water volume ≥ 8 m³

3.2 Symbols

E_n thickness of the membrane declared by the manufacturer, in millimetres

I_n width declared by the manufacturer, in metres or millimetres

L_n length of the roll declared by the manufacturer, in metres

M_s mass per unit area declared by the manufacturer, in grams per square metre

3.3 Abbreviations

CaCO₃ calcium carbonate

PVC-P plasticized poly(vinyl chloride)

4 Sampling and conditioning

4.1 Sampling

The test pieces shall be taken only from rolls of unused membranes.

4.2 Conditioning of test pieces

Unless otherwise specified by the applicable test method, the test pieces used for the determination of the characteristics shall be conditioned before testing for at least 4 h in standard atmosphere 23/50 [(23 ± 2) °C, (50 ± 10) % HR] according to EN ISO 291.

5 Membrane composition

5.1 Characteristics of the membrane

When tested in accordance with the test methods as specified in Table 1 using the parameters indicated, the membrane shall have characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Characteristics of the membrane

Characteristic	Requirement	Test parameters		Test method
Mass per unit area	$M_s \begin{smallmatrix} +10 \\ -5 \end{smallmatrix} \% \text{ g/m}^2$ M_s mass per unit area declared by the manufacturer			EN 1849-2
Water absorption	$\leq 1 \% \text{ mass}$	Duration of immersion	168 h	EN ISO 62:2008, Method 1 ^a
		Test temperature	$(23 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$	
CaCO ₃ content	$\leq 3 \% \text{ mass}$			Annex A
^a The edges of the test pieces may be made leaktight by dissolution of PVC-P in tétrahydrofurane (THF).				

5.2 Heavy metals and other dangerous substances

The PVC-P membranes should conform to all national and international regulations in force.

The PVC-P membranes shall consist of materials that are not substances classified as carcinogen category 1 or carcinogen category 2, mutagen category 1 or mutagen category 2, toxic to reproduction category 1 or toxic to reproduction category 2 (see Directive 76/769/EEC [1]).

The total concentration of lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg), hexavalent chromium [Cr(VI)] and arsenic (As) shall not exceed 100 mg/kg.

NOTE This requirement is based on the concentration levels of heavy metals present in packaging as defined in Directive 94/62/EC, Article 11 [2].

For the determination of the total concentration of Pb, Cd, Hg, Cr(VI) and As, the method given in Annex A shall be used.

5.3 Environmental aspects

The PVC-P compounds are recyclable materials that can be treated in a material recovery process intended to save resources while minimising harmful emissions into air, water and soil as well as their impacts on human health.

NOTE A scheme for the characterisation of plastics waste is given in EN 15347 [3] and data for the characterisation of PVC recyclates are given in EN 15346 [4].

6 Visual characteristics

6.1 Appearance

Visible defects in the reinforced membrane shall be determined using the method specified in EN 1850-2.

A visual inspection shall be made on a minimum area of the reinforced membrane that is 2 m long and as wide as the membrane itself. The inspection shall be performed on samples of both sides of the membrane taken at random from a roll laid down, without tension, on a flat, opaque surface.

The reinforced membrane shall have no defects visible to the naked eye, such as bubbles, blisters, coloured streaks, pinholes, mottles, folds or ripples. However air inclusion and mottles cannot be completely avoided in PVC-P sheet.

The appearance shall be uniform, as even as that of the reference test piece, irrespective of the area examined. The surface condition (smooth or embossed) and the colour reflection shall be in conformance with those of the reference test piece.

Non-printed reinforced membranes shall have an even surface finish.

In the case of a printed reinforced membrane, the imprint shall be even with no smudging. No ink shall be transferred to the non-printed side.

An embossed reinforced membrane shall have a regular appearance with an even pattern.

The pigments shall be homogeneously and evenly distributed throughout the material. Slight differences in colour, related to composition and manufacture shall generally be permissible.

The rolls of reinforced membranes shall be suitably and sufficiently tight.

The result of the visual examination shall be expressed as "appearance conform" or "appearance non-conform". In the latter case, the defects noted shall be listed.

6.2 Colour (plain coloured membranes)

The colour of the unused (new) membrane, as delivered, shall be the same as that of the reference sample as agreed between the supplier and the customer.

The contrast or visual differences between the unused membrane and the reference sample shall be assessed in accordance with EN 20105-A02.

NOTE The trichromatic coordinates L^* , a^* and b^* determined according to ISO 7724-1 [5], ISO 7724-2 [6] and ISO 7724-3 [7] can be used to assess the colour of the membrane, as well as any differences in colour between the membrane and the reference sample. However, permissible limits cannot be defined in this document.

6.3 Abrasion resistance (printed and/or coated reinforced membranes)

6.3.1 Test method

In the case of printed and/or coated reinforced membranes, the abrasion resistance on the pattern shall be assessed by means of the method specified in EN ISO 5470-1:1999, with the following test conditions:

- set of abrasive wheels (in accordance with Table 1 of EN ISO 5470-1:1999): CS 17 for severe abrasive action;
- load applied to each wheel during the test: 5 N;
- number of abrasion cycles applied: 100 cycles;
- rotational speed of the test specimen holder: 60 r/min.

6.3.2 Requirement

When the printed and/or coated reinforced membrane is tested in accordance with 6.3.1, no signs of abrasion attack on the pattern shall be visible to the naked eye after 100 cycles.

7 Physico-chemical characteristic

Reinforced membranes are materials that are permeable to water vapour.

The manufacturer may declare the water vapour resistance factor, μ , measured over an unused membrane in accordance with EN ISO 12572.

8 Dimensional characteristics

When tested in accordance with the test methods as specified in Table 2 using the parameters indicated, the reinforced membrane shall have dimensional characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 2.

Table 2 — Dimensional characteristics

Characteristic	Requirement	Test parameters		Test method
Width l	$l_n \pm 5 \text{ mm}$ l_n : width as declared by the manufacturer			EN 1848-2
Roll length L	$L \geq L_n$ L_n : roll length as declared by the manufacturer			EN 1848-2
Flatness p	$p \leq 10 \text{ mm}$	Test width	Width of the membrane	EN 1848-2
Straightness g	$g \leq 30 \text{ mm}$	Test width	Width of the membrane	EN 1848-2
Mean thickness (Transverse direction) ^a	$E_n \pm 5 \%$ E_n : thickness as declared by the manufacturer			EN 1849-2 ^b
Single point thickness	$E_n \pm 8 \%$			EN 1849-2 ^{b, c}
NOTE The presence of the reinforcement, its structure and positioning can generate variations of the membrane thickness.				
^a Arithmetic mean of the thicknesses measured along the same transverse line of the membrane.				
^b Only using the mechanical measurement.				
^c Take five measurements twice over the width of the membrane at 3 m intervals or at the beginning and the end of the roll.				

9 Mechanical characteristics

When tested in accordance with the test methods as specified in Table 3 using the parameters indicated, the reinforced membrane shall have mechanical characteristics conforming to the requirements given in Table 3.

Table 3 — Mechanical characteristics

Characteristic	Requirement	Test parameters		Test method
Tensile strength Elongation at break of reinforcement (Longitudinal and transverse directions)	$\geq 1\ 100\ \text{N}/50\ \text{mm}$ $15\ \% \leq E_S \leq 30\ \%$			EN 12311-2:2000, Method A
Resistance to delamination by peeling	$\geq 80\ \text{N}/50\ \text{mm}$	Width of test specimen	50 mm	EN 12316-2
Tear resistance	$\geq 180\ \text{N}$	Test directions	Longitudinal and transverse	EN 12310-2
Dimensional stability	$\leq 0,5\ \%$	Test directions	Longitudinal and transverse	EN 1107-2
Resistance to foldability at low temperature	no crack or fracture above $-25\ ^\circ\text{C}$	Test directions	Longitudinal and transverse	EN 495-5
Peel resistance of joints ^a	$\geq 80\ \text{N}/50\ \text{mm}$	Test directions	Longitudinal and transverse	EN 12316-2
Slip resistance ^b	$\geq 24^\circ$			Annex B
^a The joints shall be performed in conformance with the instructions of the membrane manufacturer. ^b Only applicable for anti-slip reinforced membranes.				

10 Characteristics for durability

When tested in accordance with the test methods as specified in Table 4 using the parameters indicated, the reinforced membrane shall have characteristics for durability conforming to the requirements given in Table 4.

Two classes of durability are defined in Table 4: the standard class and the higher class of durability. To be declared as belonging to one or other of these classes, the membrane shall meet all the requirements of that class.

Table 4 — Characteristics for durability

Characteristic	Requirement		Test parameters		Test method
	Standard class	Higher class	Standard class	Higher class	
Resistance to artificial ageing	Assessment by colour change according to the grey scale after exposure				EN 20105-A02
Plain coloured membranes	Level of contrast \geq degree 3 for a UV radiant exposure (300 nm to 400 nm) of 648 MJ/m ²	Level of contrast \geq degree 3 for a radiant exposure (300 nm to 400 nm) of 1 296 MJ/m ²	Duration of exposure: 3 000 h	Duration of exposure: 6 000 h	EN ISO 4892-2:2006 Method A – Cycle N° 1
Printed membranes	Level of contrast \geq degree 3 for a UV radiant exposure (300 nm to 400 nm) of 648 MJ/m ²	Level of contrast \geq degree 3 for a UV radiant exposure (300 nm to 400 nm) of 648 MJ/m ²	Duration of exposure: 3 000 h	Duration of exposure: 3 000 h	
Resistance to action of microorganisms	Mass loss $\Delta m/m \leq 5\%$	Mass loss $\Delta m/m \leq 1\%$			EN ISO 846:1997 Method D
Resistance to streptovorticilium reticulum bacteria	No stains	No stains			EN ISO 846:1997 Method C Strain: ATCC 25607
Chlorine resistance	Grey scale colour change \geq degree 3	Grey scale colour change \geq degree 3			Annex C
Resistance to staining agents	Rating ≥ 2	Rating ≥ 4			Annex D
Resistance to staining agents after abrasion ^a	Rating ≥ 2	Rating ≥ 4			6.3.1 Annex D

^a Only applicable to coated PVC-P membranes.

NOTE Resistance to isocyanuric acid has not been included in this document to characterise the durability of PVC-P membranes because, according to current knowledge, isocyanuric acid alone has no harmful effect on the PVC-P membranes, although it does have a blocking effect on the action of chlorine.

11 Storage conditions

The rolls of membranes shall be stored horizontally or vertically according to the manufacturer instructions, in their original packaging in a dry room at a moderate ambient temperature.

12 Installation, refurbishment, exploitation and maintenance

The installation, refurbishment, exploitation and maintenance of PVC-P reinforced membranes for inground swimming pools shall be performed according to the manufacturer's recommendation and national standard/regulation, if any.

13 Designation and marking

13.1 Designation

The membrane designation shall include the following information:

- a) identification of the type of membrane;
- b) manufacturer's name and/or trade mark;
- c) number of this document: EN 15836-2;
- d) identification of the constituents: PVC-P, polyester;
- e) durability class: standard or higher;
- f) "anti-slip membrane", where relevant;
- g) nominal thickness of the membrane, expressed in millimetres;
- h) nominal width of the membrane, expressed in millimetres or metres;
- i) nominal length of the roll, expressed in metres;
- j) net mass of the roll, not including the mandrel, expressed in kilograms;
- k) mass per unit area of the membrane, expressed in grams per square metre.

13.2 Marking

Membrane marking is optional. It can include the following information:

- a) manufacturer's identification;
- b) identification of the type of membrane;
- c) identification of the material: PVC-P;
- d) manufacturing batch number for traceability purpose.

Annex A (normative)

Determination of the contents of CaCO₃, heavy metals and other elements

A sample taken from a PVC-P membrane is taken into solution by closed vessel microwave digestion using nitric acid and hydrogen peroxide. Then, the resultant solution is analyzed either by a graphic furnace atomic absorption spectrometry, GFAAS, or by an inductively coupled plasma – mass spectrometry, ICP-MS.

The content in CaCO₃ is expressed from the content in Ca.

NOTE Information on laboratory apparatus, reagents necessary for testing, the microwave digestion system and the analytical technique are given in EN 14902:2005 [9] (see Clauses 6, 7 and 9).

Annex B (normative)

Testing of slip resistance

NOTE This annex reproduces the test method as specified in EN 13451-1:2001 [8], Annex E.

B.1 Principle

A person carrying out the test (test person) moves in an upright position forward and backward on the surface subjected to the test. The surface is wetted with water containing a wetting agent. The inclination of the test rig is increased starting from the horizontal position until an angle has been reached at which the testing person feels insecure.

B.2 Testing person

The testing person is a grown-up person with bare feet, whose feet shall have been wetted for at least 10 min prior to start the test. The person shall be protected against a fall by a safety device, which shall allow an unrestricted movement on the surface under test.

To acquaint the test persons with the procedure, they should be trained on surfaces whose anti-slip properties have been previously determined in accordance with this annex.

B.3 Test rig

A flat plate measuring 600 mm in width and 2 000 mm in length, with an adjustable angle of inclination from 0° to 45° shall be used as testing equipment; one short side shall be hinged to the floor and a clinometer with divisions of 1° shall be fitted on a side of the rig, showing the angle of inclination of the plate in relation to the horizontal plane.

For the safety of the test person handrails shall be fitted to both longitudinal sides of the rig.

B.4 Test liquid

The test liquid shall be an aqueous solution of a neutral wetting agent in a concentration of 1 g/l. Water can be supplied by the municipal drinking water system.

B.5 Test specimen

The test specimen shall be composed by a sheet cut in a roll of the unused reinforced membrane, at least 1 000 mm in length and 500 mm in width.

B.6 Test procedure

The test specimen is mounted and centred on the flat plate of the test rig. During the whole test the test specimen shall be continuously and regularly wetted with a least 5 l/min of the test liquid.

The test person moves half the length of a step forwards and backwards in an upright position, looking down to the test specimen surface, in a downstream direction. At the same time, the inclination of the test rig is increased by about $1^\circ/\text{s}$, starting from a horizontal position. The angle of inclination causing the test person to feel insecure shall be established through repeated changes of the inclination of the rig around the critical value.

The angle of inclination shall be determined twelve times, starting each time from the horizontal position of the test specimen.

B.7 Evaluation

For the purpose of evaluation the results, the highest and lowest values of the group of twelve tests shall not be taken into account.

The arithmetical mean value of the remaining ten tests, rounded to the nearest full degree, shall be taken as result of the test.

B.8 Classification

All the pieces of equipment shall have a test result from 24° upwards.

B.9 Test report

The test report shall also contain:

- a) reference to this annex of EN 15836-2:2010;
- b) identification of the membrane, including manufacturer, type of material and production date;
- c) test specimen characteristics;
- d) angle of inclination: 24° ;
- e) any deviation from the specified test method;
- f) date of test.

Annex C (normative)

Assessment of chlorine resistance

C.1 Principle

Test specimens cut from an unused membrane are completely immersed in an aqueous solution of dichloroisocyanuric acid or sodium hypochlorite, for 28 days at 28 °C, in accordance with the procedure specified in EN ISO 175.

The change in colour of the test specimens is assessed after the test liquid has been removed, in accordance with the grey scale and in conformance with the method indicated in EN 20105-A02. It is used to assess resistance to chlorine.

C.2 Test liquid

C.2.1 Aqueous solution including a content of available chlorine, measured by a colorimetric method with DPD reagents (diethyl-p-phenylenediamine) of free chlorine approximately 20 ppm, prepared from (40 ± 1) g/m³ of dichloroisocyanuric acid, of pH $(7,0 \pm 0,1)$.

C.2.2 Aqueous solution including a content of available chlorine, measured by a colorimetric method with DPD reagents (diethyl-p-phenylenediamine) of free chlorine approximately 20 ppm, prepared from (400 ± 10) g/m³ of sodium hypochlorite solution (active chlorine: 12 % to 15 %), of pH $(7,0 \pm 0,1)$.

C.3 Apparatus

C.3.1 Enclosure, thermostatically maintained at the test temperature.

C.3.2 Three beakers.

C.3.3 Thermometer.

NOTE See 5.2 of EN ISO 175:2000 for further information about the apparatus.

C.4 Test pieces

Four 40 mm × 80 mm test specimens shall taken from an unused membrane sample and conditioned at (28 ± 2) °C for 3 h.

Keep a separate test specimen to be used as a reference specimen to assess the results.

C.5 Procedure

Put a test specimen for each beaker placed under the laboratory fume hood, the temperature of which is maintained at (28 ± 2) °C, and immerse it completely in at least 8 ml of test liquid C.2.1 or C.2.2 per square centimetre of test specimen area.

Store the beakers in the dark, e.g. in a closed chamber.

Stir the liquid in each beaker at least once a day.

Replace the liquid with an equal quantity of the original liquid, every seven days.

After the test specimens have been immersed for 28 days, remove them, rinse them with distilled water and wipe them with filter paper.

Immediately after wiping, measure the change in colour on each immersed test specimen by comparing it with a reference specimen removed from the same membrane sample, using the method based on the grey scale given in EN 20105-A02.

No result shall be less than the value specified in Table 4.

C.6 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) reference to this annex of EN 15836-2:2010;
- b) identification of the membrane, including manufacturer, type of material and production date;
- c) test temperature;
- d) test liquid: C.2.1 or C.2.2;
- e) assessment of the chlorine resistance, expressed according to the grey scale given in EN 20105-A02;
- f) any deviation from the specified test method;
- g) date of test.

Annex D (normative)

Assessment of the resistance to staining agents

D.1 Principle

Test specimens are cut from either an unused membrane or an unused membrane after the abrasion test according to 6.3.1 (only for coated membrane) and are left in contact with a series of staining agents. The time and conditions of contact are specified for each staining agent. At the end of the prescribed contact period, the test specimens are washed and examined for residual surface marks.

D.2 Staining agents

Prepare the staining agents, as listed in Table D.1.

Table D.1 — Staining agents and test conditions

Description	Test conditions	Contact time
Mixture of sunflower oil and 10 % (by mass) of carbon black paste	Apply staining agent at (23 ± 2) °C	24 h
Mixture of distilled water and 2 % (by mass) iodine		10 min
Marker blue		10 min
Yellow mustard		16 h
Mixture of sunflower oil and 1 % (by mass) of eosin Y CAS N° 17372-87-1.		10 min
Mixture of distilled water and 0,1 % methylene blue		16 h
Mixture of sunflower oil and 1 % (by mass) of solvent red 27 C.I. 26125		10 min

D.3 Apparatus

See 26.4 of EN 438-2:2005.

D.4 Test specimens

23 test specimens (40 mm × 20 mm) shall be cut from the unused membrane under test and then conditioned at (23 ± 2) °C for 3 h.

Keep two separate test specimens to be used as reference specimens to assess the results.

For each of the staining agents, three test specimens shall be used.

D.5 Procedure

For each staining agent, apply two drops of the staining agent to each of three freshly wiped test specimens; lay the test specimens flat in a clean, dry place, sheltered from air, at (23 ± 2) °C.

After the contact time specified in Table D.1, avoiding all contact and contamination, remove the staining agent with an absorbent paper and clean each test specimen by brushing it lightly with a brush soaked in a solution of ethanol with a volume fraction of 95 %.

One hour after cleaning, assess the effect on the surface of the test specimens by comparing them with the two reference specimens, observing the test specimens in daylight, perpendicularly and tangentially.

D.6 Expression of results

The effect on the surface of the specimen shall be expressed in accordance with the following rating scale for each of the staining agents:

- Rating 5: No visible change;
- Rating 4: Slight change of gloss and/or colour, only visible at certain viewing angles;
- Rating 3: Moderate change of gloss and/or colour;
- Rating 2: Marked change of gloss and/or colour;
- Rating 1: Surface distortion and/or blistering.

For each of the staining agents, none of the three results shall be less than the value specified in Table 4.

In case of doubt about the test results for one of the staining agents, repeat the test with three new test specimens, and take only the more unfavourable series of assessments as your result.

D.7 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) reference to this annex of EN 15836-2:2010;
- b) identification of the membrane, including the manufacturer, type of material and production date;
- c) assessment of stain resistance for each staining agent applied, expressed in accordance with the rating scale;
- d) any deviation from the specified test method;
- e) date of the test.

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