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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 6, *Paper, board and pulps*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Test methods and quality specifications for paper and board*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 5636-4:2005), which has been technically revised. In this third edition mainly editorial changes have been made and also precision data has been added as informative [Annex C](#).

ISO 5636 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Paper and board — Determination of air permeance (medium range)*:

- *Part 3: Bendtsen method*
- *Part 4: Sheffield method*
- *Part 5: Gurley method*
- *Part 6: Oken method*

NOTE 1 *Part 1: General method* will be withdrawn after the third editions of Parts 3, 4 and 5 have been published, as it was considered redundant.

NOTE 2 *Part 2: Schopper method* was withdrawn in 2006 as it was considered obsolete.

NOTE 3 *Part 6: Oken method* is being prepared.

# Paper and board — Determination of air permeance (medium range) —

## Part 4: Sheffield method

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 5636 specifies the Sheffield method for determining the air permeance of paper and board using the Sheffield apparatus.

It is applicable to papers and boards which have air permeances between  $0,02 \mu\text{m}/(\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s})$  and  $25 \mu\text{m}/(\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s})$  when tested with the Sheffield apparatus.

It is unsuitable for rough-surfaced materials, which cannot be securely clamped to avoid leakage.

### 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.

ISO 186, *Paper and board — Sampling to determine average quality*

ISO 187, *Paper, board and pulps — Standard atmosphere for conditioning and testing and procedure for monitoring the atmosphere and conditioning of samples*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### air permeance

mean air flow rate through unit area under unit pressure difference in unit time, under specified conditions

Note 1 to entry: Air permeance is expressed in micrometres per pascal second [ $1 \text{ ml}/(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s}) = 1 \mu\text{m}/(\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s})$ ].

Note 2 to entry: This property is called air permeance, and not air permeability, because it is reported as a sheet property and is not standardized with respect to thickness to give a material property per unit thickness.

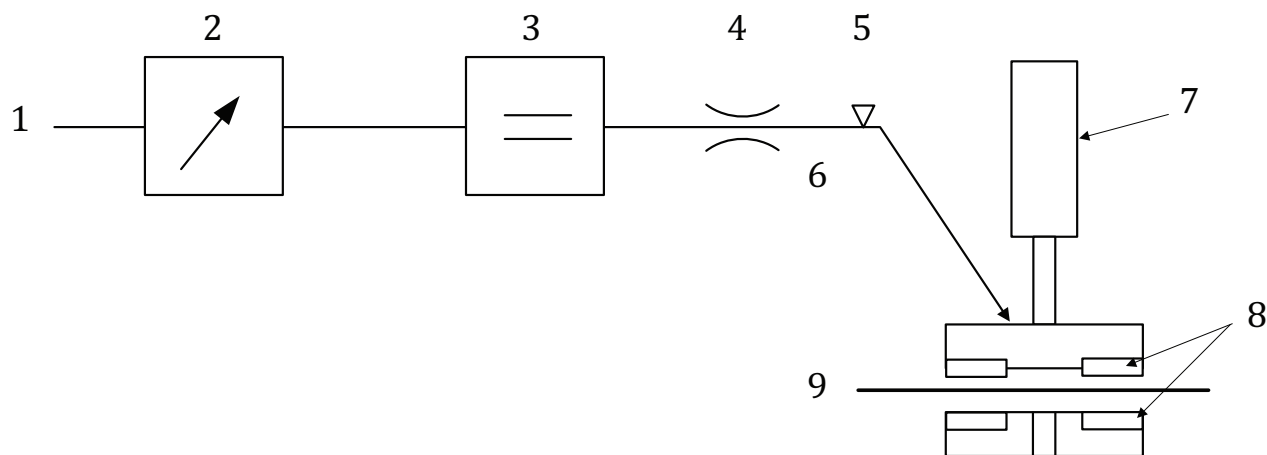
Note 3 to entry: The Sheffield unit is not defined, since it has been shown that the scale units (Sheffield units) on different types of Sheffield instruments can correspond to different air flows, and there is no precise physical definition. This part of ISO 5636 requires that the flowmeters be calibrated to give a flow rate in millilitres per minute.

### 4 Principle

A test piece is clamped between two rubber orifice plates of known dimensions. The absolute air pressure on one side of the test piece is equivalent to atmospheric pressure and the difference in pressure between the two sides of the piece is maintained at a small, substantially constant, value. The air flow rate through the test area is determined and the air permeance is calculated.

## 5 Apparatus

The Sheffield apparatus, see [Figure 1](#) for an example of one type of instrument, shall consist of an air supply (see [5.1](#)), an air-pressure regulating device (see [5.2](#)), a pressure manometer (see [5.3](#)), an air-flow-measuring device (see [5.4](#)) and a test assembly (see [5.5](#)) which houses a measuring head in which the test piece can be securely clamped.



### Key

- 1 air supply
- 2 pressure regulator
- 3 air-flow-measuring device
- 4 flow impedance
- 5 shut-off valve
- 6 measurement air
- 7 clamping air pressure
- 8 orifice plates
- 9 test piece

**Figure 1 — Principles of operation of one type of apparatus**

**5.1 Air supply**, free from water, oil and other contaminants, at a pressure of 420 kPa to 950 kPa. A small compressor using laboratory air is preferred to external compressed air.

**5.2 Air-pressure regulating device**, to reduce the pressure to the nominal pressure at the measuring head of 10,3 kPa (variable-area flow-measuring devices, see [5.4.1](#)) or 9,85 kPa (electronic flow-measuring devices, see [5.4.2](#)).

**5.3 Pressure manometer**, with a suitable range to enable the air pressure at the measuring head to be set to the specified pressure within 2 % of the nominal value.

**5.4 Air-flow-measuring device**, of either a variable-area ([5.4.1](#)) or an electronic type ([5.4.2](#)), for measuring the air flow rate to the measuring head. The air flow rate shall be measurable to an accuracy of  $\pm 5\%$  of the measured value.

**5.4.1 Variable-area flow-measuring device**, consisting of three variable-area flowmeters each having a tapered glass column containing a metering float suspended by the air flow in the column. The three columns shall be chosen with dimensions such that they enable measurements to be made on a continuous scale of flow rate from 10 ml/min to 3 000 ml/min, with some overlap of scales between columns. Each



column shall be provided with a means of adjusting the flow rate (float-position knob) and a means of span calibration (calibration knob). This type of instrument shall operate at a supply pressure of 10,3 kPa.

At air flow rates greater than 1 200 ml/min, the pressure drop in the Sheffield system is substantial. To ensure reproducibility of results, it is necessary that the tubing used to connect the flowmeter to the measuring head be carefully controlled with a length of  $(1,50 \pm 0,01)$  m and an internal diameter of  $(6,25 \pm 0,25)$  mm. For the same reason, openings in valves and other fittings on the instrument shall not be changed from those provided by the instrument manufacturer.

**5.4.2 Electronic flow-measuring device**, for measuring the air flow to the measuring head. The inlet pressure to the measurement device shall be controlled at 9,85 kPa.

NOTE The 9,85 kPa pressure is the typical pressure measured downstream of variable-area flow tubes that have been calibrated using the air bleeds (zero and span-adjustment) to the atmosphere.

**5.5 Test piece clamping device** (test assembly), incorporating a detachable measuring head with a set of rubber orifice plates to provide a test area of 283,5 mm<sup>2</sup> (19 mm diameter), constructed so that a test piece can be clamped between the orifice plates.

NOTE Additional sets of orifice plates may be available for the following four optional test areas:

- 71 mm<sup>2</sup> (9,5 mm diameter);
- 1 135 mm<sup>2</sup> (38 mm diameter);
- 2 550 mm<sup>2</sup> (57 mm diameter);
- 4 540 mm<sup>2</sup> (76 mm diameter);

but the use of these test areas is not in accordance with this part of ISO 5636. Doubling the test area does not necessarily double the air flow, since the specific design of the instrument means that the pressure difference is affected by the test area.

**5.6 Flat non-porous plate**, of approximate dimensions 100 mm x 100 mm, which can be clamped between the rubber orifice plates to check the zero reading.

**5.7 Calibration plate device**, to enable the test assembly to be connected to an external calibration system (see [Clause 9](#) and [Annex A](#)).

## 6 Sampling

If the mean quality of a lot is to be determined, sampling shall be in accordance with ISO 186. If the tests are made on another type of sample, make sure that the test pieces taken are representative of the sample received.

## 7 Conditioning

Condition the sample in accordance with ISO 187.

## 8 Preparation of test pieces

Prepare the test pieces in the same atmospheric conditions as were used to condition the sample.

Cut not less than 10 test pieces, each at least 15 mm larger in both dimensions than the diameter of the circular orifice of the rubber plate to be used, and identify their two sides, for example side 1 and side 2. The test area shall be free from folds, wrinkles, holes, watermarks or defects not inherent in the sample. Do not handle the part of the test piece which will become the test area.

If the air permeances measured on the two sides differ significantly and if this difference is required to be shown in the test report, 10 tests are required for each side.

## 9 Calibration

### 9.1 Variable-area flow-measuring device

Calibrate the instrument against an external flow-measuring device as described in [A.1](#), and prepare a calibration graph or chart as described in [A.2](#).

Calibrate the instrument sufficiently frequently to ensure that the reading does not deviate at any time by more than  $\pm 5\%$  from the true value.

### 9.2 Electronic flow-measuring device

Carry out the internal adjustment of the flowmeter according to the manufacturer's instructions. Check the calibration of the instrument against an external flow-measuring device as described in [A.1](#).

## 10 Procedure

Carry out the test in the same atmospheric conditions as used for the conditioning and preparation of test pieces.

Tests shall be performed according to instructions of the manufacturer.

Test a minimum of 10 test pieces, five with side 1 up and five with side 1 down.

Check that the air pressure to the measuring head is correct (see [5.4.1](#) or [5.4.2](#)). Check that the air flow reading obtained with the non-porous plate (see [5.6](#)) clamped in the measurement gap is zero.

Apply the internal adjustment procedure described in the instructions of the manufacturer frequently if the instrument is being used for long periods (at least twice in an 8 h day), and whenever the air supply to the instrument is interrupted.

NOTE For daily use, it is preferable to leave the air supply on in order to minimize drift in the regulator.

Place a test piece in the measuring gap and measure the air flow rate in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer. Record the result. Repeat for the remaining test pieces.

All papers are hygrosensitive to some degree, and readings should be taken at the initial stabilization point to avoid any possible effect of incoming air adding moisture to, or extracting moisture from, the test piece.

## 11 Expression of results

### 11.1 Calculation of air permeance

If the instrument provides readings in "Sheffield units", convert each reading to an air flow rate in millilitres per minute, using the calibration graph prepared as described in [A.2](#).

Calculate the air permeance,  $P$ , in micrometres per pascal second, to three significant figures, from Equation (1):

$$P = 1,62 \times \frac{q}{A} \quad (1)$$

where

$q$  is the mean air flow rate, expressed in millilitres per minute, to three significant figures;

$A$  is the area, in square millimetres, of the test piece exposed by the rubber orifice plates.

NOTE The constant 1,62 in Equation (1) is based on the supply pressure of 10,3 kPa used in the flow tube instruments.

If required, calculate the mean air permeance for each side separately. If the means for the two sides are significantly different (more than 10 %), 10 tests are required for each side.

## 11.2 Reporting the results

Report the results with three significant figures.

If the air permeances measured on the two sides are significantly different (more than 10 %) and if this difference is required to be shown in the test report, report the means for the two sides separately. Otherwise, calculate the mean value of the measurements for the two sides.

NOTE The test result can be recalculated into Sheffield units according to [Annex B](#).

## 11.3 Standard deviation and coefficient of variation

If the standard deviation or coefficient of variation is required, calculate it from the replicate air flow rate of measurements and correct to micrometres per pascal second using Equation (1).

If the results for the two sides are reported separately, calculate the standard deviations or coefficients of variation for the two sides separately.

## 12 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) reference to this part of ISO 5636;
- b) date and place of testing;
- c) all the information necessary for complete identification of the sample;
- d) the conditioning atmosphere used;
- e) the number of test pieces tested as specified in [Clause 10](#) and [11.2](#);
- f) if appropriate, the flowmeter range used;
- g) the mean air permeance or permeances as specified in [11.2](#);
- h) if required, the standard deviation or coefficient of variation or the values for each side, as specified in [11.3](#);
- i) any deviations from this part of ISO 5636 that may have affected the results.

## Annex A (normative)

### Calibration of flowmeters

#### A.1 Method

##### A.1.1 General

This procedure describes the calibration of variable-area flowmeters, using a soap-bubble meter ([Figure A.1](#)). The method can also be used to calibrate electronic flow-measuring devices, provided a suitable attachment is available.

The principle of the method is that the movement of a soap bubble introduced into an air flow from the flow-measuring device being tested is timed between two marks in a volumeter representing an accurately known volume and the actual air-flow rate is calculated. This is repeated at other air flow rates until the whole flowmeter range of the instrument has been covered.

**NOTE** This method of calibration gives satisfactory accuracy if the test atmospheric conditions do not deviate appreciably from 101,3 kPa and 23 °C. For this reason, it is desirable, if possible, to choose a day for calibration when the meteorological conditions are favourable.

##### A.1.2 Apparatus and materials

###### A.1.2.1 Soap-bubble meter, consisting of

- glass flask or bottle, of capacity 1 litre,
- volumetric tube, with graduation marks indicating 50 ml, 1 000 ml and 2 000 ml; the different ranges may be achieved with replaceable volumeters (suitable designs are given in Reference [2] in the Bibliography),
- needle valve, and
- glass and rubber tubing of as large an internal diameter as practicable to minimize pressure drop.

###### A.1.2.2 Stopwatch, capable of being read to 0,1 s.

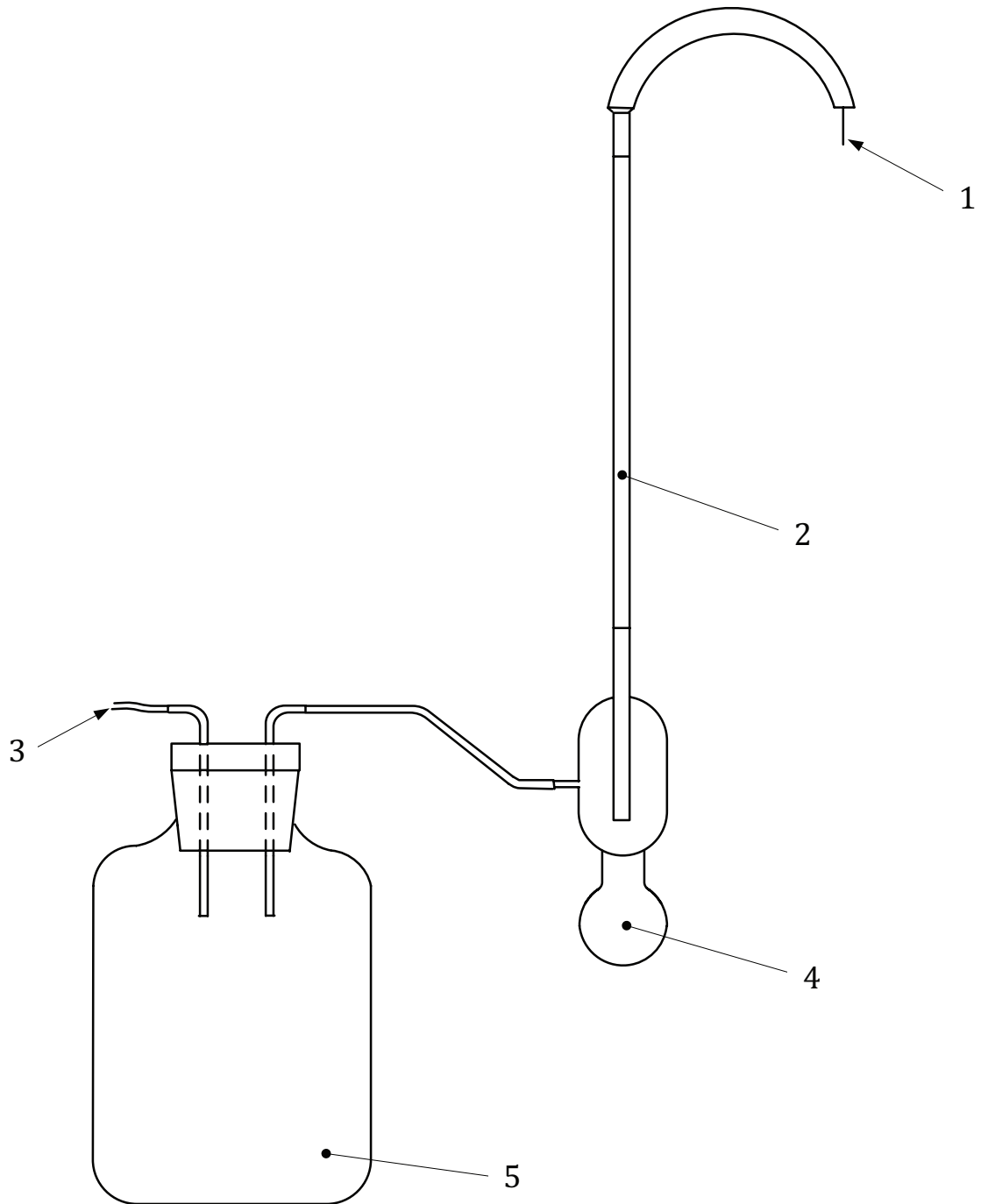
###### A.1.2.3 Soap solution, 3 % to 5 % liquid detergent in distilled water.

###### A.1.2.4 Barometer, or other means of ascertaining the actual atmospheric pressure.

**NOTE** It may be sufficient to contact a local meteorological station to obtain information about the atmospheric pressure.

##### A.1.3 Procedure

**A.1.3.1** Make sure that the instrument is level on a surface free from variations. Make sure that the internal adjustment of the flowmeter has been carried out according to the instructions of the manufacturer.



**Key**

- 1 needle valve
- 2 volumeter
- 3 connection point
- 4 rubber bulb
- 5 glass flask, of capacity 1 litre

**Figure A.1 — Soap-bubble meter**

**A.1.3.2** Prior to performing the following calibration procedure, the variable-area flow tubes and the air-leak adjustment valves on the older-style instruments shall first be calibrated in Sheffield Units using calibration orifices provided by the manufacturer. In operation, the instrument shall always be checked against the manufacturer's calibration orifices prior to using the flow tube, to establish a calibration graph or chart in millilitres per minute.

To calibrate a variable-area flow-measuring device, disconnect the test assembly from the downstream end of the rubber or plastic tubing and connect in its place the soap-bubble meter. Set the valves to deliver air through the flowmeter to be calibrated and then through the soap-bubble meter. Adjust the needle valve to give a conveniently measurable air flow and ensure that the flow rate remains constant. Rapidly squeeze the rubber bulb at the bottom of the volumeter so that a soap bubble enters the volumeter tube. The volumeter range should be chosen so that the time taken for the bubble to pass from the first to the second graduation is longer than 30 s.

Record the reading  $x$  on the flowmeter scale and record the time,  $t$ , in seconds, for the soap bubble to pass through the volume  $V$ .

Repeat the procedure at about six different air flow rates distributed over the upper 80 % of the flowmeter measurement range.

Record the atmospheric pressure  $p$ .

**NOTE** A better calibration may be achieved by leaving the measuring head in position and using a calibration plate device, such as that used with an electronic flow-measuring instrument, since this set-up includes the restriction within the measuring head.

**A.1.3.3** To calibrate an electronic flow-measuring device, connect the soap-bubble meter to the calibration plate device (5.7) placed beneath the measuring head. Set the valves to deliver air through the flowmeter to be calibrated and then through the soap-bubble meter. Adjust the needle valve to give a conveniently measurable air flow and ensure that the flow rate remains constant. Rapidly squeeze the rubber bulb at the bottom of the volumeter, so that a soap bubble enters the volumeter tube. The volumeter range should be chosen so that the time taken for the bubble to pass from the first to the second graduation is longer than 30 s.

Record the reading  $x$  on the flowmeter scale and record the time,  $t$ , in seconds, for the soap bubble to pass through the volume  $V$ .

Repeat the procedure at about six different air flow rates distributed over the upper 80 % of the flowmeter measurement range.

Record the atmospheric pressure  $p$ .

#### **A.1.4 Calculation**

For each determination, calculate the flow rate,  $q$ , in millilitres per minute, from Equation (2):

$$q = \frac{60 \times V}{t} \quad (2)$$

where

$V$  is the known volume, in millilitres, between the two graduations on the volumeter;

$t$  is the time, in seconds, taken for the soap bubble to go from the first to the second graduation.

If the actual atmospheric pressure differs by more than 5 % from the normal atmospheric pressure of 101,3 kPa, calculate the corrected flow rate  $q_0$  from Equation (3):

$$q_0 = \frac{(p+10,3)}{111,6} = 0,538(p+10,3) \frac{V}{t} \quad (3)$$

where  $p$  is the actual atmospheric pressure in kPa.

NOTE 1 The pressure of 111,6 kPa is the sum of the normal atmospheric pressure, 101,3 kPa, and the nominal operating pressure, 10,3 kPa, at 23 °C.

NOTE 2 The air passing through the apparatus can pick up moisture from the walls of the soap-bubble meter and the air flow can thus be over-estimated. The error is, however, appreciably less than the inherent errors associated with the Sheffield instrument and it can therefore be ignored.

## A.2 Construction of calibration graph

Construct a graph by plotting the scale reading  $x$  against the calculated air flow  $q$  or  $q_0$  for each flowmeter. The graph should be a straight line that can be represented by an equation of the form

$$q = A + Bx \quad (4)$$

where

$A$  and  $B$  are constants;

$x$  is the scale reading in Sheffield units.

This graph or equation can be used for conversion of the data to air flow rates, in millimetres per minute.

## Annex B (informative)

### Conversion of Sheffield units (SU) to SI units

**Table B.1 — Conversion of the traditional SU to SI units** (derived from a survey of 12 instruments)  
(see Reference [3] in the Bibliography)

Tube No. 3 SU	Air flow rate ml/min <sup>a</sup>	Tube No. 2 SU	Air flow rate ml/min <sup>a</sup>	Tube No. 1 SU	Air flow rate ml/min <sup>a</sup>
0	0	50	313	160	1 342
5	35	60	404	180	1 509
10	70	70	495	200	1 676
15	104	80	585	220	1 843
20	139	90	676	240	2 010
25	174	100	767	260	2 178
30	209	110	858	280	2 345
35	244	120	949	300	2 512
40	278	130	1 039	320	2 679
45	313	140	1 130	340	2 846
50	343	150	1 221	360	3 014
55	383	160	1 312	380	3 181
60	418	170	1 403	400	3 348
		180	1 493		
		190	1 584		
Sheffield tube No.	Recommended range Sheffield units, SU		Conversion to SI units ml/min <sup>a</sup>		
3	0 to 56		ml/min = 6,96·SU		
2	56 to 170		ml/min = 9,08·SU - 141		
1	170 to 400		ml/min = 8,36·SU + 4		

<sup>a</sup> Air flow rate, measured in millilitres per minute (ml/min), referenced to 21 °C and 101,3 kPa.



## Annex C (informative)

### Precision data

The data presented in [Tables C.1](#) and [C.2](#) has been obtained from the TAPPI Paper & Paperboard Interlaboratory Program. The estimates of repeatability and reproducibility are based on data from the CTS-TAPPI Interlaboratory Program from 1997 through 2001. The materials on which these data are based were various grades and weights of printing and writing papers. Only participants that were judged as acceptable by the interlaboratory analysis were included. The precision estimates are based on ten determinations per test result and one test result per lab, per material.

The tests were conducted according to TAPPI T 547,<sup>[3]</sup> and it should be noted that this TAPPI method differs from the method specified in this part of ISO 5636. The TAPPI method does not specify the orifice, that is the test area, whereas a test area of 283,5 mm<sup>2</sup> (see [5.5](#)) shall be used to be in accordance with this part of ISO 5636. In TAPPI T 547 “size” conversion equations are given and it is assumed that measurements can be made with any orifice size and compared with other measurements made using a different size.

The calculations have been made according to ISO/TR 24498<sup>[2]</sup> and TAPPI T 1200.<sup>[4]</sup>

The repeatability standard deviation reported in [Table C.1](#) is the “pooled” repeatability standard deviation that is, the standard deviation is calculated as the root-mean-square of the standard deviations of the participating laboratories. This differs from the conventional definition of repeatability in ISO 5725-1.<sup>[1]</sup>

The repeatability and reproducibility limits reported are estimates of the maximum difference which should be expected in 19 of 20 instances, when comparing two test results for material similar to those described under similar test conditions. These estimates may not be valid for different materials or different test conditions.

Repeatability and reproducibility limits are calculated by multiplying the repeatability and reproducibility standard deviations by 2,77.

NOTE 1 The *repeatability standard deviation* and the *within-laboratory standard deviation* are identical. However, the *reproducibility standard deviation* is NOT the same as *between-laboratories standard deviation*. The reproducibility standard deviation includes both the between-laboratories standard deviation and the standard deviation within a laboratory, viz.:

$$s_{\text{repeatability}}^2 = s_{\text{within lab}}^2$$

but

$$s_{\text{reproducibility}}^2 = s_{\text{within lab}}^2 + s_{\text{between lab}}^2$$

NOTE 2  $2,77 = 1,96 \times \sqrt{2}$ , provided that the test results have a normal distribution and that the standard deviation  $s$  is based on a large number of tests.

**Table C.1 — Estimation of repeatability of the test method from CTS-TAPPI**

Number of laboratories	Mean value SU <sup>a</sup>	Repeatability standard deviation $S_r$ SU <sup>a</sup>	Coefficient of variation $C_{V,r}$ %	Repeatability limit $r$ SU <sup>a</sup>
58	279	6,1	2,2	17
55	181	4,0	2,2	11
60	103	3,2	3,2	9
53	87,2	3,4	3,9	9,5
<sup>a</sup> Sheffield units (Conversion of Sheffield units to SI units, see <a href="#">Table B.1</a> ).				

**Table C.2 — Estimation of reproducibility of the test method from CTS-TAPPI**

Number of laboratories	Mean value SU <sup>a</sup>	Reproducibility standard deviation $S_r$ SU <sup>a</sup>	Coefficient of variation $C_{V,R}$ %	Reproducibility limit $R$ SU <sup>a</sup>
58	279	16	5,7	44
55	181	13	7,0	35
60	103	8	7,7	22
53	87,2	5,1	5,8	14
<sup>a</sup> Sheffield units (Conversion of Sheffield units to SI units, see <a href="#">Table B.1</a> ).				

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