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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15541:1999), which has been technically revised.

The most significant change in this second edition is the inclusion of non-metallic compensators to the fire test procedures outlined in this document. The first edition of this document applied primarily to non-metallic hose assemblies. Because the compensators are used in common piping systems and may have similar materials to hose assemblies, the applicability of the test procedures was expanded to include compensators.

Introduction

The main objective of the test using the test bench described in this document is to determine whether and for a safety period a non-metallic hose assembly or non-metallic compensator can be exposed to fire, without becoming inoperable, when subjected to the envisaged working pressure. Despite the fact that the attacking fire is simulated so as to correspond to a fire occurring in practice, it cannot be assumed that the duration of resistance to fire as recorded during that test will also occur in the event of an actual fire, as the conditions of installation, which essentially affect to the duration of resistance to fire, may vary from case to case.

Tests carried out using the test bench specified in this document are intended to lead to results capable of being reproduced.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for a test bench to determine the fire resistance of non-metallic hose assemblies and non-metallic compensators with nominal diameter up to 150 mm. It may be used for bigger sizes provided proper test bench conditions are obtained. During the exposure to flames, there are possible working pressures of up to 16 bar.

The flame spread ability of non-metallic hose assemblies or non-metallic compensators cannot be tested with the test bench specified in this document.

Only water is permitted as a test medium. With a view to ensuring maximum safety for both the operating personnel and the test bench in the event of damage of the non-metallic hose assembly or non-metallic compensator during the test, the use of combustible test media is excluded.

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.

ISO 15540:2016, *Ships and marine technology — Fire resistance of non-metallic hose assemblies and non-metallic compensators — Test methods*

IEC 60051-1:1997, *Direct acting indicating analogue electrical measuring instruments and their accessories — Part 1: Definitions and general requirements common to all parts*

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:

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fire resistance

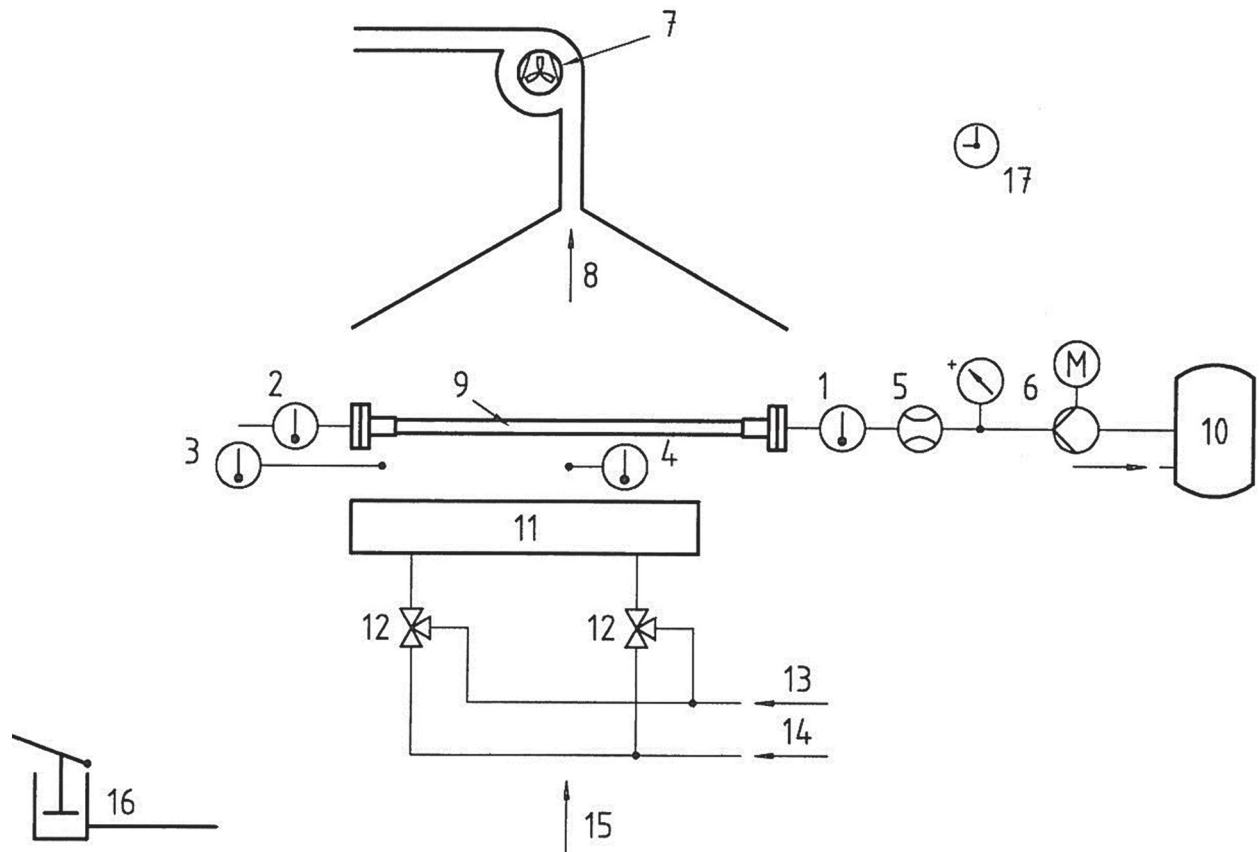
ability of an element of building construction, component or structure, to fulfil for a stated period of time the required stability, integrity, thermal insulation and/or other expected duty specified, in a standard fire resistance test

4 Requirements

4.1 Components of test bench

The test bench shall consist of the following parts (see [Figure 1](#)):

- burner chamber with connecting device for the test specimens, burner and exhaust gas trunk (refer to parameters [4.2](#));
- aggregate box with equipment for conditioning and controlling the test medium (see [4.3](#));
- equipment for monitoring and recording the test procedure (see [4.4](#));
- pressure-producing equipment which can load the test specimen at the end of flame application with the test pressure as specified in the technical specification (see [4.5](#)).



Key

Indication, measurement, recording, control and adjustments

1	measuring point water temperature of test medium, inlet	10	water tank with heating/cooling
2	measuring point water temperature of test medium, outlet	11	sectional area burner
3	measuring point flame temperature below test specimen outlet	12	mixing valve
4	measuring point flame temperature below centre of test specimen	13	gas
5	flow rate of water	14	combustion air
6	working pressure during test	15	air supply
7	fan	16	pump for pressure test
8	exhaust gas	17	test duration
9	test specimen		

Figure 1 — Diagram of test bench

4.2 Burner chamber

4.2.1 General

The connections of the test specimen shall be arranged to an operating height (e.g. 1 000 mm). They shall enable testing of hose assemblies with a free length of hose of 500 mm minimum and non-metallic compensators of varying length and shapes. A steady air flow upwards shall be provided. The base area of the air supply shall be approximately 0,6 m².

An example of an arrangement of a burner chamber is shown in [Figures A.1](#) and [A.2](#).

4.2.2 Burner

The total sectional area of the burner shall be 150 mm × 500 mm minimum. The sectional area can consist of several single-area burner units. The burner shall be sized to cover both end fittings of non-metallic compensators as required by ISO 15540:2016, 8.1.

Burners with a minimum of 20 nozzles per square decimetre shall be used. Burners shall be of the fan type or atmospheric type.

Each single area burner unit shall be provided with a mixing valve for mixing the gas and the combustion air, creating a flame of (800 ± 50) °C, at measuring points 3 and 4 of [Figure 1](#). Flame appearance shall be according to [Figures A.1](#) and [A.2](#).

The burner should be movable to avoid exposing the test specimen to the flames during adjustment of the flame.

The burner shall be variable in height in order that the flame can envelop test specimens of all possible nominal diameters. Temperatures measured, (15^{+5}_0) mm directly under the test specimen shall be (800 ± 50) °C.

4.2.3 Exhaust trunk

The exhaust gas shall be drawn off upwards by means of an exhaust fan. The fan shall be infinitely variable. The upward air flow shall produce a directed flame.

Environmental restrictions according to local law shall be taken into consideration.

4.2.4 Coolant circuit

For controlling the coolant circuit, shut-off valves and measuring instruments shall be provided in the coolant supply and drain line.

4.3 Aggregate box

Heating and cooling arrangements shall be provided for supplying the test specimen with water of (80 ± 2) °C at the test specimen inlet.

The installation shall provide an adjustable water velocity of at least 0,1 m/s in the test specimen and constant pressure of at least $(5 \pm 0,2)$ bars up to the maximum allowable working pressure (M.A.W.P.) of the test specimen.

4.4 Monitoring and recording

4.4.1 Control and adjustments

The parameters listed in [Figure 1](#) and [Table 1](#) shall be controllable/adjustable in the given range by means of suitable measurements.

Table 1 — Parameter control and adjustment ranges

Number according to Figure 1	Parameter	Range	Remarks
1	Water temperature at inlet	+80 °C Deviation: ± 2 °C	—
3 and 4	Flame temperature below test specimen	(800 ± 50) °C	Temperature 15 mm to 20 mm below test specimen.
5	Flow rate of water	Velocity of flow minimum 0,1 m/s.	The velocity of flow shall be adequate for the requirements in respect of the inlet temperature of the test medium.
6	Working pressure of water	5 bar up to 16 bar Deviation: $\pm 0,2$ bar	Applicable working pressure depends on design of the test bench.
17	Test duration	max. 9 999 s	Stop at end of test or interruption.

4.4.2 Measurements, recording and indication

Test parameters shall be measured, recorded and indicated at least once within 2 min as detailed in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Parameter-recording requirements

Number according to Figure 1	Parameter	Measurement, indication and recording
1	Water temperature at test specimen, inlet	X
2	Water temperature at test specimen, outlet	X
3	Flame temperature below test specimen outlet	X
4	Flame temperature below centre of test specimen	X
5	Volume flow rate of water	X
6	Working pressure during test	X
17	Test duration	X

NOTE Additional warning lights may be provided for exceeding or falling below permissible temperatures, pressures, etc.

The instruments shall correspond to the following precision classes, or have the following tolerances:

Pressure gauges: $\pm 1,0$ % of max. scale value

Electrical measuring instruments: Class 1 according to IEC 60051-1:1997

Non-electrical measuring instruments: $\pm 1,0$ % of max. scale value

Flow meter: $\pm 1,0$ % of max. scale value

The survey of the testing equipment shall be carried out according to a recognized quality control system, for example, based on International Standards from the ISO 9000 series.[\[2\]](#) [\[3\]](#) [\[4\]](#)

4.4.3 Safety facilities

4.4.3.1 Requirements

The following requirements apply to the test bench setup:

- a) the gas supply to the burner shall be protected by a thermo-electrical ignition safety feature. The gas supply to the burner shall automatically be switched off when
 - the flame goes out by itself,
 - the pressure drops in the test specimen,
 - the pressure or flow drops in the test specimen,
 - the test box is opened,
 - the gas exhaust is insufficient, and
 - an emergency stop occurs;
- b) in the case of switching off for safety reasons, quick-closing valves shall cut off at the test specimen inlet and outlet. The circuit shall be pressure-released,
- c) in case the test specimen is destroyed, the evacuation of leakage water from the burner shall be ensured,
- d) the working pressure in the water circuit shall be limited to 1,1 times by a safety valve,
- e) it shall be ensured that the heating for warming up to the water can only be switched on when the circulation pump is working. Additionally, a thermostatic limitation of the maximum admissible temperature in the boiler shall be provided.

4.4.3.2 Tests

The conditions specified in [4.4.3.1 a\)](#) for a switch-off of the gas supply shall be set. The gas supply shall be disconnected.

After switching off according to [4.4.3.1 a\)](#), proof shall be established that the requirements according to [4.4.3.1 b\)](#) are met.

The burner shall be flooded once, while the gas supply is switched off. Proof shall be established that the water is evacuated as required by [4.4.3.1 c\)](#).

Proof shall be established that the safety valve limits the working pressure in the system to 1,1 times as required by [4.4.3.1 d\)](#). This shall be checked by a pressure test of the entire piping system.

Proof shall be established that it is not possible to switch on the heating while the circulation pump is switched off, as described in [4.4.3.1 e\)](#). Additionally, proof shall also be established that the water temperature in the boiler does not exceed the maximum admissible temperature.

4.5 Pressure-producing equipment

Pressure-producing equipment shall be provided, which can load the test specimen with an internal working pressure up to its test pressure according to standard or other specification at the end of the flame application.

This pressure-producing equipment can be arranged outside the actual test bench.

Annex A (informative)

Flame appearance



Figure A.1 — Arrangement of a burner chamber



Figure A.2 — Arrangement of a burner chamber

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