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Foreword

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In this revised standard a new test is added for the determination of the shear modulus.

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Introduction

This 2010 revision replaces the test for the determination of the shear strength parallel to grain.

The revised edition of 2003 added a global bending modulus of elasticity, whilst renaming the existing test as the local modulus of elasticity. It also includes the methods for determination of shear strength and mechanical properties perpendicular to the grain, previously given in EN 1193, which has now been withdrawn.

The values obtained in any determination of the properties of timber depend upon the test methods used. It is therefore desirable that these methods be standardized so that results from different test centres can be correlated. Moreover, with the adoption of limit state design and with the development of both visual and machine stress grading, attention will be increasingly centred on the determination and monitoring of the strength properties and variability of timber in structural sizes. Again, this can be more effectively undertaken if the basic data are defined and obtained under the same conditions.

This European Standard, which is based originally on ISO 8375, specifies laboratory methods for the determination of some physical and mechanical properties of timber in structural sizes. The methods are not intended for the grading of timber or for quality control.

For the determination of shear modulus, alternative methods have been specified. The choice of which to use will depend upon the objective of the investigation and, to some extent, on the equipment available. Following testing to this standard it is intended that the determination of characteristic values will normally be obtained according to procedures specified in other European Standards.

Attention is drawn to the advantages that may be gained, often with little extra effort, in extending the usefulness of test results by recording additional information on the growth characteristics of the pieces that are tested, particularly at the fracture sections. Generally, such additional information should include grade-determining features such as knots, slope of grain, rate of growth, wane, etc., on which visual grading rules are based, and strength indicating parameters such as localized modulus of elasticity, on which some machine stress grading is based.

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