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nulle en solvant après application - Partie 1 : Mode  
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## Foreword

This document (EN 13999-1:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 193 “Adhesives”, the secretariat of which is held by AENOR.

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EN 13999-1:2013 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 13999-1:2006:

- a) In general, the text is adapted to the new CLP Regulation No 1272/2008 [11].
- b) In 6.3, a new Note 2 is added, emphasizing the need that materials be tested under same conditions using the spreading techniques and the coat weights specific for each application.
- c) In 7.5, the sampling time is changed (the sampling time at 24 h is eliminated, a sampling time at 72 h is added), and a note is added concerning the possibility of other sampling times, e.g. after 28 days.
- d) “Specific cumulative emission” (previous 8.3.3) is eliminated.
- e) The examples from Note to Annex A are eliminated.

EN 13999, under the general title *Adhesives — Short-term method for measuring the emission properties of low-solvent or solvent-free adhesives after application*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: General procedure*
- *Part 2: Determination of volatile organic compounds*
- *Part 3: Determination of volatile aldehydes*
- *Part 4: Determination of volatile diisocyanates*

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## **Introduction**

Solvent-free and low-solvent adhesives may release considerable long-term emissions of volatile chemical compounds. Any documentation of emission characteristics requires a test method that includes all relevant and potentially hazardous substances.

It is essential that the test

- be reliable and reproducible,
- give results in a short time to be useful for decisions for development projects,
- verify that carcinogenic or sensitizing volatile substances are substantially absent,
- characterize the emission properties of the adhesive.

This can be achieved by sampling the atmosphere around the applied adhesive kept in an environmental test chamber at controlled ambient conditions.

**EN 13999-1:2013 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard describes a conventional standard method for assessing potential emissions from adhesives after their application.

This European Standard applies only to “solvent-free” and “low-solvent” adhesives as they are defined in EN 923:2005+A1:2008. The adhesives shall be applicable at room temperature.

**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.

EN 923:2005+A1:2008, *Adhesives — Terms and definitions*

EN 1067, *Adhesives — Examination and preparation of samples for testing*

EN 13999-2, *Adhesives — Short term method for measuring the emission properties of low-solvent or solvent-free adhesives after application — Part 2: Determination of volatile organic compounds*

EN 13999-3, *Adhesives — Short term method for measuring the emission properties of low-solvent or solvent-free adhesives after application — Part 3: Determination of volatile aldehydes*

EN 13999-4, *Adhesives — Short term method for measuring the emission properties of low-solvent or solvent-free adhesives after application — Part 4: Determination of volatile diisocyanates*

EN ISO 15605, *Adhesives — Sampling (ISO 15605)*

EN ISO 16000-9:2006, *Indoor air — Part 9: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing — Emission test chamber method (ISO 16000-9:2006)*

ISO 554, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications*

ISO 16000-6:2011, *Indoor air — Part 6: Determination of volatile organic compounds in indoor and test chamber air by active sampling on Tenax TA® sorbent, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS or MS-FID*

**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 923:2005+A1:2008, EN ISO 16000-9:2006 and ISO 16000-6:2011 and the following apply.

**3.1****volatile organic compounds**

VOC

all volatile organic compounds eluting between and including n-hexane and n-hexadecane on a gas chromatographic column

Note 1 to entry: The measurement is carried out using a capillary column coated with 5 % phenyl / 95 % methyl-poly-siloxane.

**4 Principle**

The test determines the emissions of volatile organic substances from adhesive coatings. Very volatile and mainly particle bound compounds are not detected with the described procedures. The test is performed in an



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