

Industrial, commercial and garage doors and gates — Resistance to wind load — Testing and calculation

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British Standard

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National foreword

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Users of this standard are informed that the UK submitted a vote of disapproval on the final voting stage of the draft EN for the following reasons:

- 1) The Standard does not indicate how to relate the results of testing to the wind load classifications given in EN 12424.
- 2) EN 12424 identifies wind load classes under which no permanent deformation of the door or its components that could influence the function and safety performance of the door is permitted. Beyond that point, the door is required to stay in place, even permanently distorted, under an additional 25% wind load above the classification load. EN 12444 does not indicate how to verify conformity to this requirement.
- 3) EN 12444 does not indicate how to apply the safety factors given in EN 12604 to cover the transfer of test results or calculated results (which have different factors) into classifications.
- 4) The wording of 9.2.2 is not clear and attempts are being made to have the clause rewritten as follows:
“When the product is exposed to wind pressures up to a required classification level, the seals between moving parts, such as those located on the perimeters of door panels, may be breached. Where this occurs, seals shall not be physically damaged to prevent compliance with achieved classifications for other characteristics such as air permeability, water penetration or thermal resistance.”
- 5) The issues outlined in 1, 2 and 3 are being considered in the course of the preparation of the product standard, EN 13241 to which reference should be made.
- 6) The UK mirror committee (B/538/5) is continuing to apply for amendments to EN 12444 to deal with all the issues outlined.

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