



Testing and evaluation of interior materials for the Austrian market

Since May, 3rd 2010 fire resistance tests in accordance with *ÖNORM* are no longer accepted. The proof of a specific fire resistance class is now based on *European Standards' (EN)* testing.

This change has led to the misunderstanding and misinterpretation that all products must be tested in accordance with *EN*, especially *EN 13501-1*.

This view is fundamentally wrong as *EN 13501-1* exclusively relates to construction products (all products which are permanently installed in buildings). It is not meant, however, for the testing and evaluation of other interior materials' (such as curtains and furniture) fire performance .

The table below shows the current state of classification and testing regulations applicable in Austria for the certification of fire, smoke and dripping behaviour of specific interior materials.

Interior design materials	Burning behaviour	Smoke emission	Dripping
Construction products ¹⁾	EN 13501-1	EN 13501-1	EN 13501-1 ²⁾
Curtains and curtain-like products	EN 13773	ÖNORM A 3800-1	EN 13772
Upholstery fabrics	ÖNORM B 3825	ÖNORM A 3800-1	not applicable
Decoration materials	ÖNORM B 3822	ÖNORM A 3800-1	ÖNORM B 3822
Other materials	ÖNORM A 3800-1 ³⁾	ÖNORM A 3800-1	ÖNORM A 3800-

¹⁾ Includes all floor, wall and ceiling coverings

²⁾ Not applicable for floor coverings

³⁾ Excludes construction products and product types for which specific fire behaviour testing standards exist

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