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Task:

partial Testing of a paper according to ISO

16245:2012 - Type A

Material submitted:

Processors:

Documents enclosed:

- Sheets of outer cover (grey) of a corrugated

cardboard

blank corrugated board; B-flute; all layers
 170 g/m² archive board; colours: outer cover

grey, flute and inner cover white

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#### **Description of task**

Fogra received unprinted samples of the outer cover of corrugated cardboard as well as unprinted samples of the complete cardboard. The compliance of the material with DIN ISO 16245:2012 Type A should be determined.

The following test should be carried out on the complete corrugated cardboard:

- Determination of the Cobb<sub>60</sub> value according to ISO 535
- Bleeding behaviour of the paper

The following tests should be carried out on the outer cover:

- Determination of the alkali reserve according to ISO 10716
- Determination of the Kappa number according to ISO 302
- Determination of the pH value after aqueous extraction using cold water according to ISO 6588-1.

All examinations were carried out according to ISO 16245:2012 in the period from 11<sup>th</sup> December to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Tests were performed as multiple determinations and the mean values were taken for the evaluation.

The determination of the alkali reserve, the Kappa number and the pH value of the inner cover and the inner layer of the board have been determined in report 33713. These results will be stated in the conclusion.

#### Determination of the Cobb<sub>60</sub> value according to ISO 535

The covers of a corrugated cardboard must not exceed a Cobb<sub>60</sub> value of 25 g/m². The determination of the Cobb<sub>60</sub> value for the outer cover was performed using the complete corrugated cardboard as fivefold determination of the outer side.

The Cobb<sub>60</sub> value of the outer (grey) side was determined to be  $24.89 \text{ g/m}^2 \pm 0.62 \text{ g/m}^2$ .

The Cobb<sub>60</sub> value of the inner side was determined to be  $22.56 \, g/m^2 \pm 0.53 \, g/m^2$ . (report 33713).

Thus, this part of the requirements of DIN ISO 16245 is fulfilled.

### Determination of the alkali reserve according to ISO 10716

The alkali reserve of every single layer of a corrugated cardboard has to equal at least 0.4 mol acid per kg. The determination was done in duplicate using the outer cover.

The alkali reserve of the outer (grey) cover equals 1.08 *mol acid per kg*. The alkali reserve of the inner cover equals 1.56 *mol acid per kg* (report 33713).

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The alkali reserve of the inner layer equals 1.51 mol acid per kg (report 33713).

Thus, this part of the requirements of DIN ISO 16245 is fulfilled.

#### Determination of the Kappa number according to ISO 302

The dimensionless Kappa number of the paper, which represents the content of residual lignin in the paper, must be less than 5.0. The test was carried out in conformity with the standard as a double determination using the outer cover sent by the customer.

The Kappa number of the outer (grey) cover is 1.1.

The Kappa number of the inner cover is 0.8 (report 33713).

The Kappa number of the inner layer is 0.7 (report 33713).

Thus, this part of the requirements of DIN ISO 16245 is fulfilled.

# Determination of the pH value after aqueous extraction with cold water according to ISO 6588-1

The pH value of a cold water extract must be in the range of 7.5 to 10. The test was carried out in accordance with the standard using the outer cover sent by the customer. The pH value of the cold water extract corresponds to the mean value from a double determination.

The pH value of the outer (grey) cover is 8.7.

The pH value of the inner cover 9.5 (report 33713).

The pH value of the inner layer is 9.8 (report 33713).

Thus, this part of the requirements of DIN ISO 16245 is fulfilled.

## Determination of the bleeding behaviour according to DIN ISO 16245:2012

The test was performed in conformity with DIN ISO 16245:2009. No bleeding of brighteners or coloured components must be detectable.

The tested cardboard shows no bleeding:



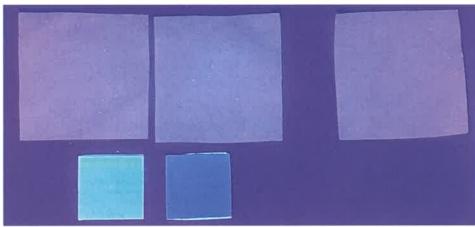


Figure 1: Test result using UV light: upper left: Filter paper of the inner (left) and the outer cover (right) after the test, upper right: Filter paper of the blank test, lower left: corrugated cardboard after test (inner and outer cover).

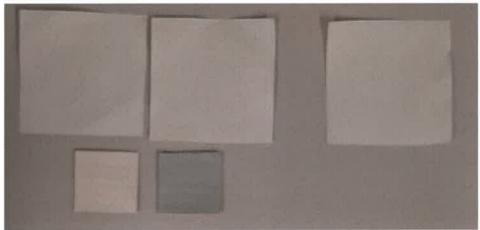


Figure 2: Test result using daylight: upper left: Filter paper of the inner (left) and the outer cover (right) after the test, upper right: Filter paper of the blank test, lower left: corrugated cardboard after test (inner and outer cover).

Thus, this part of the requirements of DIN ISO 16245 is fulfilled.



#### Conclusion

The tests of the corrugated cardboard sent for report 33713 (results written in italic) and for report 33872 (results written normal) as well as the tests on the outer cover according to DIN ISO 16245 show the following results:

Test value	Norm	Requirements DIN ISO 16245	Outer cover	Inner cover	inner layer
Cobb <sub>60</sub> value [g/m²]	ISO 535	< 25	24.89 ± 0.62	22.56 ± 0.53	Ŋ.,
Alkali reserve [mol acid/kg]	ISO 10716	> 0.4	1.08	1.56	1.51
Kappa number	ISO 302	< 5.0	1.1	0.8	0.7
pH value after cold water extraction	ISO 6588-1	7.5 – 10	8.7	9.5	9.8
Bleeding behaviour	DIN ISO 16245	No	No	No	*

Table 1: Summary of the test results.

The values for the inner cover and the inner layer have been determined on samples of corrugated cardboard sent for report 33713. According to the customer, the only difference to the corrugated cardboard in this report 33872 is the outer cover that was exchanged.

No tests concerning the mechanical resistance and stability of the boxes were performed.

The corrugated cardboard meets all <u>tested</u> requirement of DIN ISO 16245 – Type A.

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