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## Atmospheric icing of structures

*Charges sur les structures dues à la glace*



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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12494:2001), of which it constitutes a minor revision. The changes made are the following:

- 8.1, line 2, replaced “ISO 4355” by “ISO 4354”;
- 8.3, Figure 7, revised the right figure;
- 9.1, line 2, 9.2, line 2 to 4, replaced “exceedence” by “exceedance”;
- 9.2, line 11, replaced “to day’s” by “today’s”;
- Clause 10, line 15, replaced “5.3” by “5.4”;
- A.2, Table 3, line 1, replaced “the glaze mass” by “the mass of the ice, glaze or rime”;
- A.2, Table 3, line 2, replaced “the glaze thickness” by “the thickness of the ice, glaze or rime”;
- A.2, Table 3, line 4, replaced “the glaze density” by “the density of the ice, glaze or rime”;
- A.2, Table 3, line 4, replaced “ $r$ ” by “ $\gamma$ ”;
- A.2, Table 3, line 1 to 4, moved before Table 3,
- B.3.2, c), replaced “see Table 2 and 2.3” by “see Table 1 in 6.2.1”;
- B.3.3, line 5, replaced “definitions 3.1 and 3.2” by “definitions B.3.1 and B.3.2”;
- B.3.3, line 6, replaced “Table 4 or 5” by “Table 3 or 4”;
- C.3, paragraph 6, line 4, replaced “0,7 cm<sup>-3</sup>” by “0,7 g cm<sup>-3</sup>”;
- E.4, b), line 1, replaced “ICGx” by “ICRx”.

[Annexes A](#) to [E](#) of this document are for information only.

## Introduction

This document describes ice actions and can be used in the design of certain types of structures.

It should be used in conjunction with ISO 2394 and also in conjunction with relevant CEN standards.

This document differs in some aspects from other International Standards, because the topic is poorly known and available information is inadequate. Therefore, it contains more explanations than usual, as well as supplementary descriptions and recommendations in the annexes.

Designers might find that they have better information on some specific topics than those available from this document. This may be true, especially in the future. They should, however, be very careful not to use only parts of this document partly, but only as a whole.

The main purpose of this document is to encourage designers to think about the possibility of ice accretions on a structure and to act thereafter.

As more information about the nature of atmospheric icing becomes available during the coming years, the need for updating this document is expected to be more urgent than usual.

Guidance is given as a NOTE, after the text for which it is a supplement. It is distinguished from the text by being in smaller typeface. This guidance includes some information and values which might be useful during practical design work, and which represents results that are not certain enough for this document, but may be useful in many cases until better information becomes available in the future.

Designers are therefore welcome to use information from the guidance notes, but they should be aware of the intention of the use and also forthcoming results of new investigations and/or measurements.