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contact with foodstuffs - Determination of  
colour fastness of dyed paper and board**

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avec les denrées alimentaires - Détermination de la  
solidité de la couleur des papiers et cartons colorés

Papier und Pappe vorgesehen für den  
Kontakt mit Lebensmitteln - Bestimmung der  
Farbechtheit von gefärbtem Papier und Pappe

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## European foreword

This document (EN 646:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 172 “Pulp, paper and board”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This document supersedes EN 646:2006.

With regard to EN 646:2006 the following changes have been made:

- a) [Clause 1](#) “Scope” has been revised and extended;
- b) in [Clause 6](#) “Reagents” the test fluid “saliva simulant ” has been removed and the test fluid “alkaline salt solution” has been introduced;
- c) new test conditions, matching the use of the tested papers and boards have been included;
- d) new definition for the glass fibre papers has been included;
- e) evaluation against a grey scale only has been included;
- f) editorial changes.

Attention shall be drawn to the fact that the glassfibre papers have not been duly validated before the publication of this standard.

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## 1 Scope

This document describes procedures for the testing of dyed paper and board intended to come into contact with foodstuffs. Some procedures depending on the foreseeable use of the material are given.

Visual evaluation against a grey scale provides grading of the bleeding.

For samples having significant different sides, a migration can occur from one glass fibre to the other and could lead to wrong interpretation of the fastness of one side. It is advisable to check these samples using large sampling procedure to prevent cross contamination of the glass fibre during the migration procedure. The procedure is described in [Annex A](#). If lower limit of detection is required, this procedure could also be used.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 20105-A03, *Textiles - Tests for colour fastness – Part A03: Grey scale for assessing staining (ISO 105-A03)*

EN ISO 186, *Paper and board - Sampling to determine average quality (ISO 186)*

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

ISO 6588-2, *Paper, board and pulps - Determination of pH of aqueous extracts – Part 2: Hot extraction*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following term and definition applies.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1 colour fastness

lack of transfer of colour from a paper to a non-stained glass-fibre paper, saturated with a test fluid and evaluated visually for staining against a grey scale

## 4 Principle

A sample is brought into contact with glass fibre papers which have been saturated with a test fluid and placed under load for a given time and temperature. The staining of the glass fibre paper is evaluated against a grey scale. The test fluids used are distilled or deionized water, diluted acetic acid, alkaline salt solution and olive oil depending on the type of contact expected.

## 5 Materials and equipment

**5.1 Unstained glass fibre papers**<sup>1)</sup> of 60 mm × 90 mm. The glass fibre papers shall meet the following conditions:

- a) grammage 70 g/m<sup>2</sup>;

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1) A source for examples of glass fibre papers can be obtained at DIN Standards Committee Paper, board and pulps (NPa) [npa@din.de]. <http://www.din.de/en/getting-involved/standards-committees/npa>.