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Part 5: Installation

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11855-5:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- modified [Clause 2](#) (Normative references) and the Bibliography;
- modified [Clause 4](#) (Symbols);
- added a new subclause on vapour barrier and other layers (see [5.1.2.2](#));
- modified the subclause on insulating layers, perimeter insulating strip adding a new approach and adding details for thermal resistance of insulating layer (see [5.1.2.3](#));
- added new subclauses on insulating layers for systems in new constructions (see [5.1.2.3.2](#)) and in refurbished systems (see [5.1.2.3.3](#));
- modified the subclauses on joints (see [5.1.2.8.3](#)), leak test (see [5.1.3](#)), initial heating up of the emission system (see [5.1.4](#)) and general structural preconditions (see [5.2.2](#));
- removed the subclause on maximum heating fluid flow temperatures (previously 5.2.4);
- improved wording and made editorial changes.

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## Introduction

The radiant heating and cooling system consists of heat emitting/absorbing, heat supply, distribution, and control systems. The ISO 11855 series deals with the embedded surface heating and cooling system that directly controls heat exchange within the space. It does not include the system equipment itself, such as heat source, distribution system and controller.

The ISO 11855 series addresses an embedded system that is integrated with the building structure. Therefore, the panel system with open air gap, which is not integrated with the building structure, is not covered by this series.

The ISO 11855 series is applicable to water-based embedded surface heating and cooling systems in buildings. The ISO 11855 series is applied to systems using not only water but also other fluids or electricity as a heating or cooling medium. The ISO 11855 series is not applicable for testing of systems. The methods do not apply to heated or chilled ceiling panels or beams.

The object of the ISO 11855 series is to provide criteria to effectively design embedded systems. To do this, it presents comfort criteria for the space served by embedded systems, heat output calculation, dimensioning, dynamic analysis, installation, control method of embedded systems, and input parameters for the energy calculations.

The ISO 11855 series consists of the following parts, under the general title *Building environment design — Embedded radiant heating and cooling systems*:

- Part 1: *Definitions, symbols, and comfort criteria*
- Part 2: *Determination of the design heating and cooling capacity*
- Part 3: *Design and dimensioning*
- Part 4: *Dimensioning and calculation of the dynamic heating and cooling capacity of Thermo Active Building Systems (TABS)*
- Part 5: *Installation*
- Part 6: *Control*
- Part 7: *Input parameters for the energy calculation*

ISO 11855-1 specifies the comfort criteria which should be considered in designing embedded radiant heating and cooling systems, since the main objective of the radiant heating and cooling system is to satisfy thermal comfort of the occupants. ISO 11855-2 provides steady-state calculation methods for determination of the heating and cooling capacity. ISO 11855-3 specifies design and dimensioning methods of radiant heating and cooling systems to ensure the heating and cooling capacity. ISO 11855-4 provides a dimensioning and calculation method to design Thermo Active Building Systems (TABS) for energy saving purposes, since radiant heating and cooling systems can reduce energy consumption and heat source size by using renewable energy. ISO 11855-5, this document, addresses the installation process for the system to operate as intended. ISO 11855-6 shows a proper control method of the radiant heating and cooling systems to ensure the maximum performance which was intended in the design stage when the system is actually being operated in a building. ISO 11855-7 presents a calculation method for input parameters to ISO 52031.

# Building environment design — Embedded radiant heating and cooling systems —

## Part 5: Installation

### 1 Scope

This document establishes requirements for the installation of embedded radiant heating and cooling systems. It specifies general and uniform requirements for the design and construction of heating and cooling floors, ceiling and wall structures to ensure that the heating/cooling systems are suited to the particular application. The requirements specified by this document are applicable only to the components of the heating/cooling systems and the elements which are part of the heating/cooling surface and which are installed due to the heating/cooling systems.

This document is applicable to water-based embedded surface heating and cooling systems in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. The methods apply to systems integrated into the wall, floor or ceiling construction without any open-air gaps, but are not applicable to panel systems with open-air gaps which are not integrated into the building structure.

### 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.

ISO 11855-1, *Building environment design — Design, dimensioning, installation and control of embedded radiant heating and cooling systems — Part 1: Vocabulary, symbols, and comfort criteria*

ISO 11855-3, *Building environment design — Design, dimensioning, installation and control of embedded radiant heating and cooling systems — Part 3: Design and dimensioning*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11855-1 apply.

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

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

### 4 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols in [Table 1](#) apply.

**Table 1 — Symbols**

Symbol	Unit	Quantity
<i>D</i>	m	External diameter of the pipe, including sheathing where used
<sup>a</sup>		Heating/cooling system can be work on heating mode, cooling mode or both.