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## European foreword

This document (EN 12814-4:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 249 “Plastics”, the secretariat of which is held by NBN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2018, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2018.

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This document supersedes EN 12814-4:2001.

In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- the procedures in the Clauses “T-peel test”, “Decohesion test”, “Crush test” have been detailed with specifications and consequently with the reference figures.

EN 12814, *Testing of welded joints of thermoplastics semi-finished products*, is composed with the following parts:

- *Part 1: Bend test;*
- *Part 2: Tensile test;*
- *Part 3: Tensile creep test;*
- *Part 4: Peel test;*
- *Part 5: Macroscopic examination;*
- *Part 6: Low temperature tensile test;*
- *Part 7: Tensile test with waisted test specimens;*
- *Part 8: Requirements.*

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the dimensions, the method of sampling and the preparation of the test specimens, and also the conditions for performing the peel test perpendicular to the weld in order to determine the peel resistance and the failure behaviour.

A peel test can be used in conjunction with other tests (e.g. tensile creep, macroscopic examination...) to assess the performance of welded assemblies, made from thermoplastics materials.

Peel tests are applicable to overlap welded assemblies made from thermoplastics materials.

The T-peel test as defined in [Clause 5](#) will be used only for assessing welded sheet assemblies. This test is not applicable to welded test pieces containing sheets of different nominal thickness.

The decohesion test as defined in [Clause 6](#) will be used only for assessing electrofusion joints with nominal thickness of pipe/fitting greater than 10 mm.

For socket fusion and for electrofusion socket joints with nominal outside diameter less than or equal to 90 mm, a crush test will be used, as defined in [Clause 7](#).

The crush test can also be used for electrofusion joints with outside diameters greater than 90 mm.

The crush test for electrofusion saddle joints will be performed in accordance with ISO 13955 [\[1\]](#).

NOTE A decohesion test is also defined in ISO 13954 [\[2\]](#).

The tests defined in this standard are not intended to be used for assessment and/or qualification of thermoplastic fittings that already have their own requirements, e.g. polyethylene fittings according to EN 1555-3 [\[3\]](#) and EN 12201-3 [\[4\]](#).

## 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 5893, *Rubber and plastics test equipment — Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse) — Specification*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

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 peel resistance

$P_1$

arithmetic mean of the force values divided by the width of the test specimen (only relevant for T-peel test)

## 4 Symbols and designations

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