

Evaluation of the long term durability of adhesive tapes and its substrates: Requirements and testing

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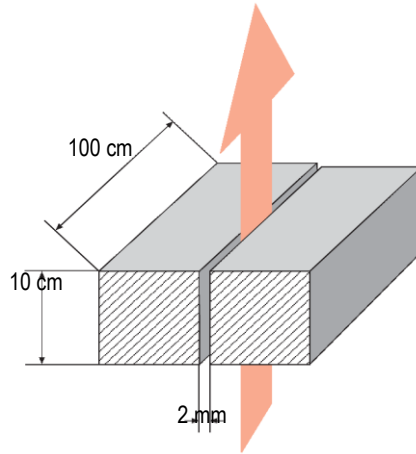
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Leakages caused by unsuitable adhesive products ...

Why airtightness is so important

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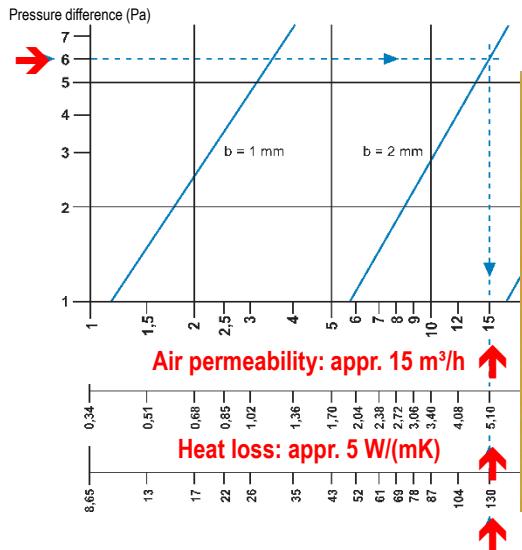


Calculation Example:

Precondition:
Air temperature: 20°C
rel. humidity: 50%

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Nomogramm according POHL

130 g water in roof construction caused by condensation of water vapour.

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Registered damages caused by wood-decaying fungi (*Serpula lacrimans*) in Germany: 200 Mio Euro/a

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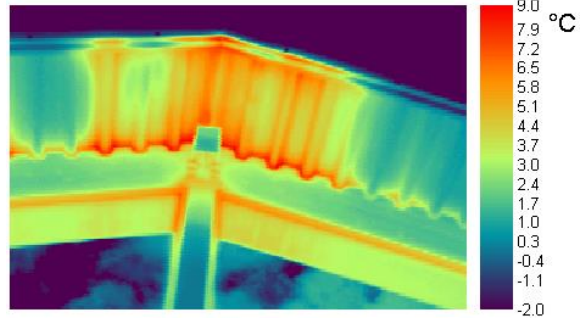


The blower-door fan is temporarily sealed into an exterior doorway using the door-panel system. The blower door fan is used to blow air into or out of the building, creating either a positive or negative pressure differential between inside and outside. This pressure difference forces air through all holes and penetrations in the building enclosure. The tighter the building (e.g. fewer holes), the less air is needed from the blower door fan to create a change in building pressure. Typically, only depressurization testing is performed.

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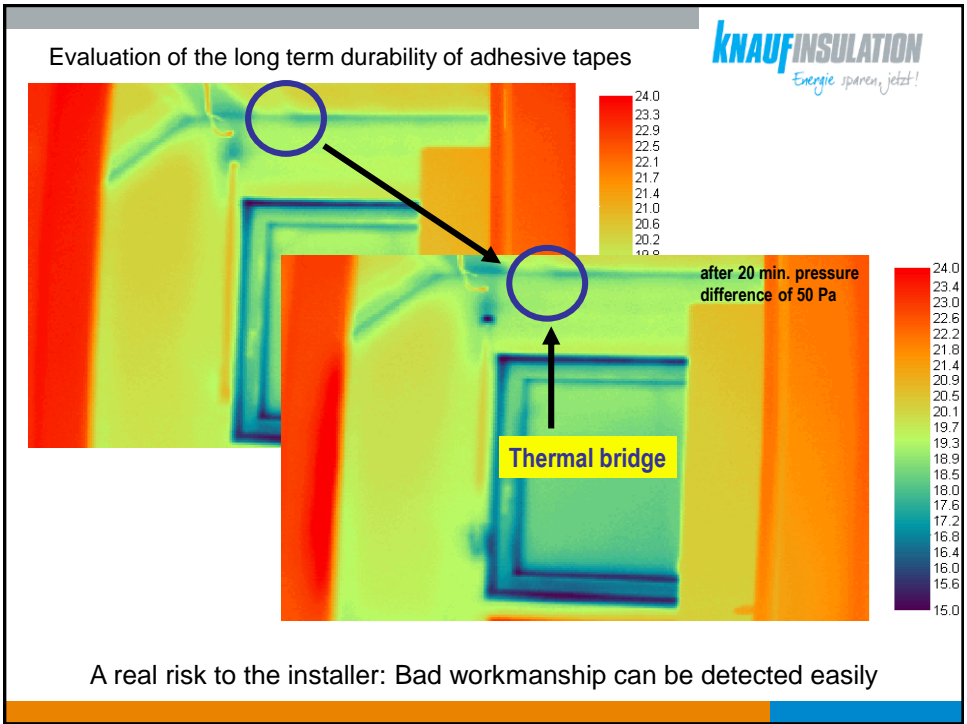
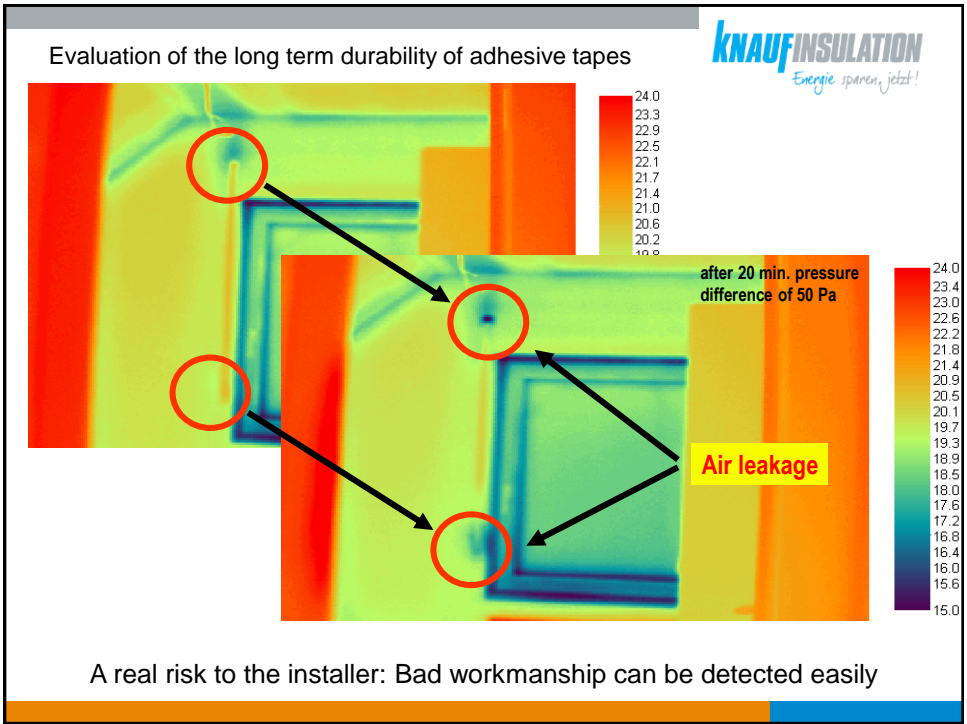
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Separating thermal bridges from air leakages

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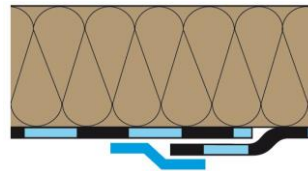
A typical pressure sensitive adhesive tape designed for sealing joints in air tightness layers:

“60 mm wide, single-sided adhesive tape for sealing overlap seams in membranes. Specially designed for use with LDS membranes.

Adhesive amount: 260 gramm/m²”



Source: Knauf Insulation



Products and their application

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- backing, carrier; kraft paper, PE
- release liner; siliconized paper
- modified acrylic adhesive, 260 g/m²

Used to create a secure and permanent seal of overlaps of membranes. Bonds overlaps between sheets of VCL and joints between wood-based panels (such as OSB). Comes supplied with release paper. Easy to tear by hand.

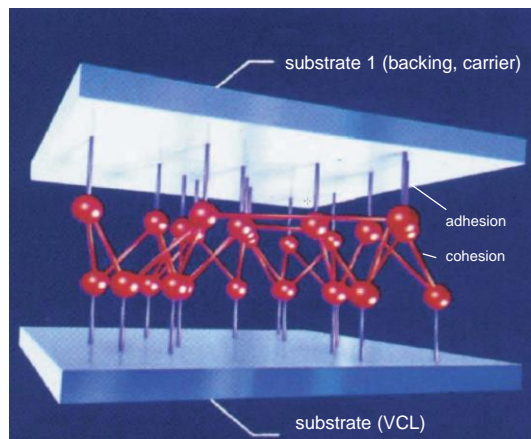
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Factors that influence durable adhesion: Balanced adhesion and cohesion forces

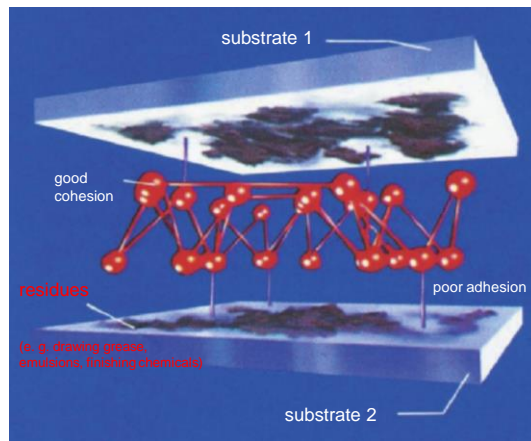
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Evaluation of

adhesive tapes



Source: Flexoplast

Within foil production (f. i. PE film extrusion), separating agents and lubricants are used to accelerate the process.

Their use have a negative impact on surface tension, wettability and adhesion.

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Easy testing of the existence of residues / wettability of films:

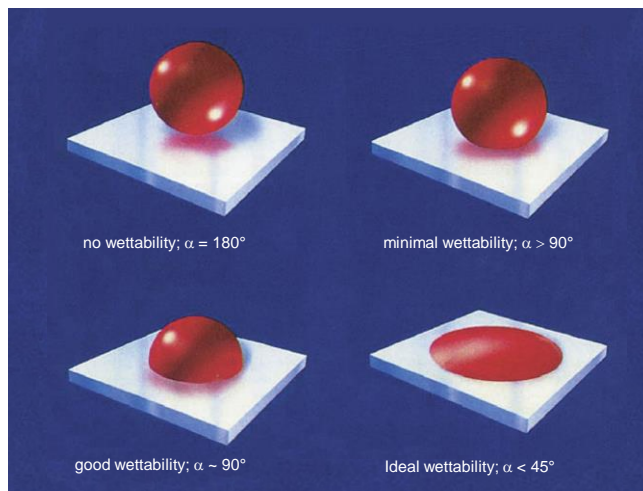
When a test pen is applied to the surface, the liquid will either form a continuous film on the surface or pull back into small droplets. If the test fluid remains as a film for 3 seconds, the substrate will have a minimum surface energy of that ink value, expressed in mN/m (dynes).

Source: Dynes-Testing

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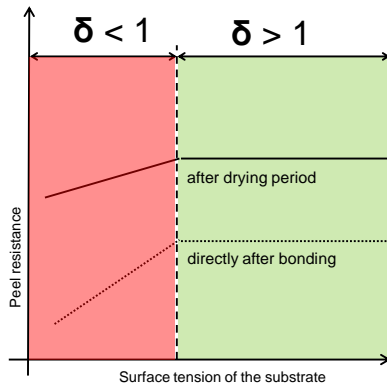


Wettability and surface tension

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Factors that influence durable adhesion: The right balance of surface tension of adhesive and substrate

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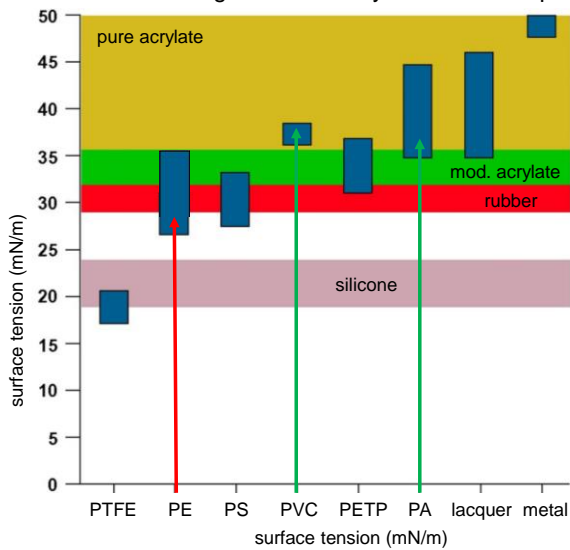
Basic rule:
The surface tension of the adhesive must be lower than or equal to the surface tension of the substrate

$$\sigma_s / \sigma_L = \delta$$

σ_L : surface tension of a liquid (adhesive)
 σ_s : surface tension of the substrate

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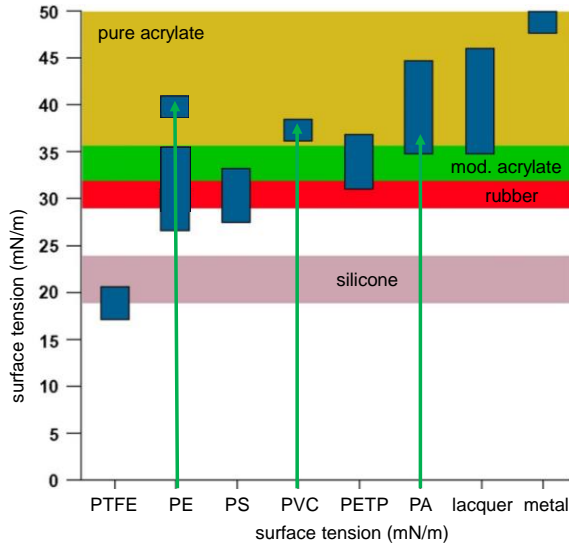
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The design of durable material connections requires extensive knowledge of the manufacturing technology of the substrate materials and the interactions of the adhesives with the substrates.

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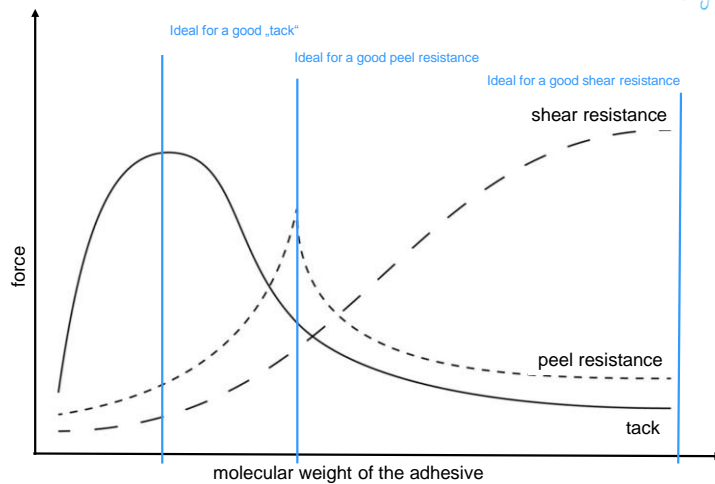
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Once the surface tension of PE can be increased to 36 to 40 mN/m, a good bonding of modified acrylates is likely

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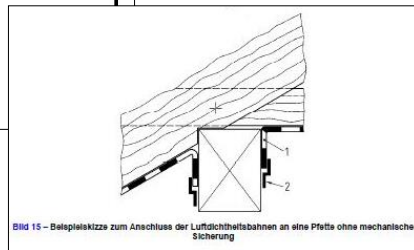


Beneath the surface tension essential in the development of acrylic bonding components: the specification of a reasonable balance between the relevant adhesive properties

Factors that influence durable adhesion: The right balance of tack, peel- and shear resistance

Durable bonding in construction; requirements of the standards

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Durable bonding in construction; requirements of the standards

Requirements of the Guideline for European Technical Approval of Timber Frame Building Kits

„(d) Working life (durability) and serviceability

*The provisions, test and assessment methods in this guideline or referred to, have been written, based upon the assumed intended working life of the **timber frame building kit for the intended use of 50 years for the loadbearing structure and for non-accessible components and materials**, and 25 years for repairable or replaceable components and materials like claddings, roofing materials, exterior trims, and integrated components like windows and doors, provided that the kit is subject to appropriate use and maintenance (cfr. ch. 7). The use of components and materials with shorter intended working life must be clearly stated in the ETA. These provisions are based upon the current state of art and the available knowledge and experience.“*

ETAG 007
Edition April 2001; GUIDELINE FOR EUROPEAN TECHNICAL APPROVAL OF TIMBER FRAME BUILDING KITS

Durable bonding in construction; requirements of the standards



Accelerated ageing of bonding samples: Exposition to climate 65°C/80% relative humidity for 60 weeks in climate chamber at Fraunhofer IBP/University of Kassel, Germany



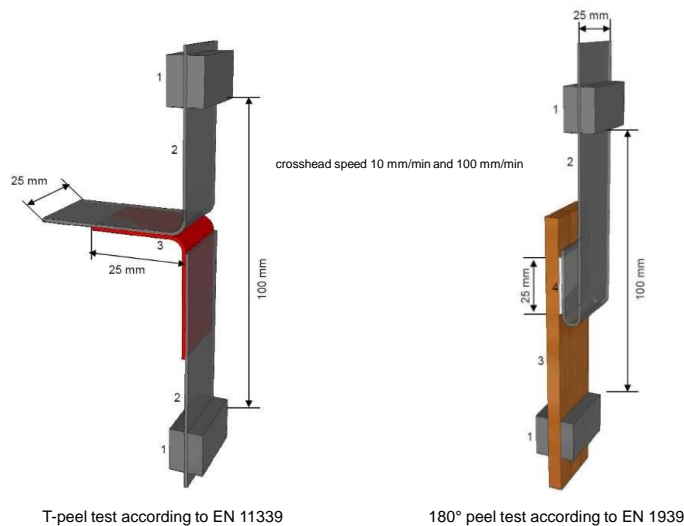
How to assess the durability of adhesives, substrates and component connections?

Scope of new standard DIN 4108-11

Examination of durability:

- Current draft of standard defines the minimum requirements for ensuring durability of adhesive joints using adhesive masses and adhesive tapes for the manufacture of an air tight building envelope.
- The requirements of adhesives refer to the manufacture of air tight joints according to DIN 4108 part 7.
- Examination of reference samples 48 h after bonding to substrate
- Examination of samples after accelerated ageing of 80 and 120 days at 65 °C und 80 % r.h.
- The assessment of adhesives designed for permanent exposition to outdoor climate and permanent exposition to UV radiation is not in the scope of this standard.

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Included in draft DIN 4108 part 11: 180° peel test according to EN 1939

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Durability tests of adhesive tapes (a brief summary of the definitions of the current draft DIN 4108 part 11)

Test Description	Reference test	Pre-conditioning of components	Thermal load/ Moisture load during sample production	Minimum duration of ageing	Thermal load/ Moisture load during artificial ageing	Thermal load/ Moisture load during test	Test speed
Peeling forces	PET with PET	24 h 23±1 °C 50±5 % r. h.	23±1 °C 50 ± 5 % r. h.	-	-	23±1 °C 50±5 % r. h.	10 mm/min; 100 mm/min
Peeling forces after artificial ageing	PET with PET		23±1 °C 50 ± 5 % r. h. 48 h conditioning	80/120 d	65±1 °C 80 % r. h.		
Static peel strength 90°	Beech with PET		23±1 °C 50 ± 5 % r. h.	-	-	24 h 40±1 °C	
Dynamic loads?	PET with PET		23±1 °C 50 ± 5 % r. h. 48 h conditioning	?	65±1 °C 80 % r. h.	23±1 °C 50±5 % r. h.	

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Certificate confirms a long term durability of more than 50 years

Applied testing standard:
ASTM 3611; „Standard Practise for Accelerated Aging of Pressure Sensitive Tapes“

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- der Dampfbremse Thermolan® LDS 100/DIN 4102-B2 (PE-Folie)

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Satas (Satas, D. (ed.) „Handbook of Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Technology“ is determining a ratio of **one week to one year** for the conversion of test duration of accelerated ageing according ASTM D 3611 into duration of natural ageing. In terms of ageing behaviour the performed testing period of 350 days equates to a real ageing at mid European testing conditions of 50 years.

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Predicted loads of material joints



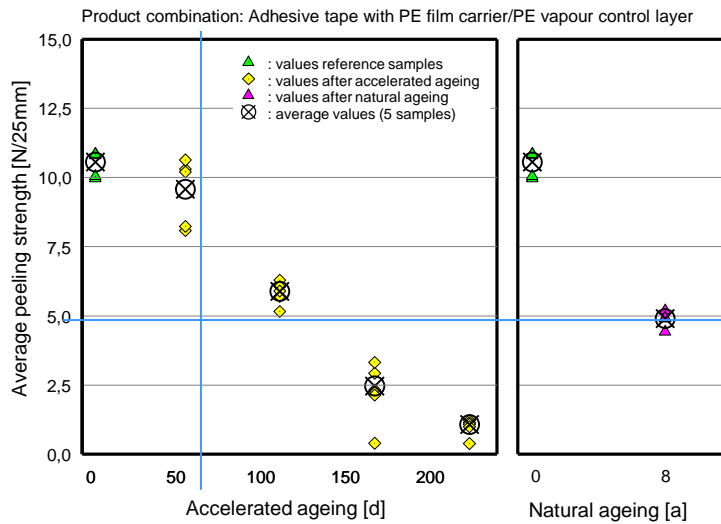
Pressure difference at VCL [Pa = N/m²]	Force per length of joint		
	[N/m]	[N/100 mm]	[N/25mm]
10	3,7	0,4	0,1
20	7,4	0,70	0,2
30	11,1	1,10	0,3
40	14,8	1,5	0,4
50	18,5	1,8	0,5
100	37	3,7	0,9
150	55,6	5,6	1,4
200	74,1	7,4	1,8
300	111,1	11,1	2,8
400	148,1	14,8	3,7
500	185,2	18,5	4,6

Measured wind loads;
recalculation to force
per length of joint

Minimum loads are defined in the standard specification, the fixed values of peel resistance are based on observations and measurements of wind loads in pitched roofs within Fraunhofer IBP research

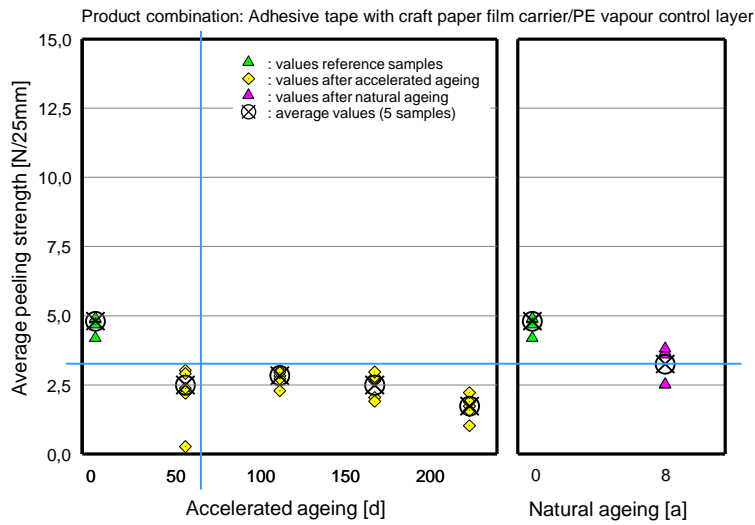
Correlation of results from accelerated ageing (according to standard) and real ageing behaviour

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Good correlation between interpretation according [Satas] and the peeling strength decrease after real ageing: According Satas 56 days of test duration equates to 8 years real ageing

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