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The main changes are as follows:

— the title has been changed from "*Textiles — Test methods for nonwovens — Part 6: Absorption*" to "*Nonwovens — Test methods — Part 6 Absorption*;

— Clause 1, the scope has been corrected;

— Clause 2, the normative references has been updated;

— a sentence regarding to SI values has been added in the test report.

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1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the evaluation of some aspects of the behaviour of nonwoven fabrics in the presence of liquids. In particular:

— the liquid absorbency time;

— the liquid absorptive capacity;

— the liquid wicking rate (capillarity).

The different aspects of absorbency can relate to various end uses of the tested products.

The tests do not apply to any fabric containing super absorbent materials.

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 139, *Textiles — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 186, *Paper and board — Sampling to determine average quality*

ISO 565, *Test sieves — Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings*