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## Hygrothermal performance of building materials and products - Determination of water vapour transmission properties - Cup method (ISO 12572:2016 + Amd 1:2024) (includes Amendment :2024)

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