

ASPECTS OF WOOD DEGRADATION REVEALED BY A MODIFIED L-JOINT TEST

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Abstract: *The paper presents the principle and the opportunities offered by a modified L-joint test for a complex in-field evaluation of wood behaviour in outdoors above ground exposure, corresponding to the biological hazard class 3. The main types of biotic and non-biotic degradation phenomena, occurring on unmodified or treated wood, after a period of 27 months exposure, are described and illustrated.*

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