

**Methods of testing roof tiles****Method 5: Determination of permeability**

## PREFACE

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## METHOD

**1 SCOPE**

This Standard sets out the method to determine the permeability of roof tiles.

**2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
2049	Roof tiles
4046	Method of testing roof tiles
4046.1	Method 1: Determination of distortion

**3 PRINCIPLE**

A tile is used as the bottom of a container holding water for a given period of time to ascertain if water penetrates to the underside of the tile.

**4 APPARATUS**

The following apparatus is required:

- (a) A form, as shown in Figure 1(a), with its lower edges shaped approximately to the profile of the face of the tile and so dimensioned that when the form is sealed to the tile it will enclose an area of tile surface, as follows:

- (i) Plain tiles, not less than 25 000 mm<sup>2</sup>.  
(ii) Other than plain tiles, not less than 50 000 mm<sup>2</sup>.

Alternatively, a form as shown in Figure 1(b) may be used, in which the whole tile is sealed around its perimeter.

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