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Question:

Is it acceptable to restore samples following reversible damage before performing the next test in the test sequence?

Solution:

No, samples should be tested without restoration.

Rationale:

Reversible damage can occur during testing which could influence the outcome of tests later in the test sequence, e.g. detachment of ventilation covers might have a detrimental effect on penetration resistance.

Some standards specify a sequence of testing just to minimise the number of samples required for a test programme.

However, it was interpreted in this case that the sequence of testing was not just intended to reduce sample quantities, therefore samples should be left unchanged following each test before moving on to the next test in the sequence.