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## Standard Practice for Basic Storage Stability of a Mechanical Pump Dispenser<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the determination of the basic storage stability of a mechanical pump dispenser with a product.

1.2 This practice covers an evaluation of the weight lost during storage of mechanical pump dispensers (spray or flow types) with a product.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

- D2063 Test Methods for Measurement of Torque Retention for Packages with Continuous Thread Closures
- D3890 Test Method for Number of Strokes to Prime a Mechanical Pump Dispenser
- D4336 Test Methods for Determination of the Output Per Stroke of a Mechanical Pump Dispenser
- E122 Practice for Calculating Sample Size to Estimate, With Specified Precision, the Average for a Characteristic of a Lot or Process

### 3. Significance and Use

3.1 Determining the storage of a mechanical pump dispenser for consumer usage. Products of consumer usage are of

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

the personal care, household, insecticides, food, automotive, and institutional nature. Pharmaceutical and cosmetic products including perfume are not covered under this practice.

### 4. Apparatus

4.1 *Containers*, that will allow the mechanical pump dispenser to be affixed to them (see **Note 1**) and also be capable of containing product for a period of time at various environmental conditions (see **Note 2**).

**NOTE 1**—If possible, the actual container to be marketed should be used.

4.2 *Product*, a sufficient amount to fill the number of containers in accordance with 4.1, reference 10.2.

4.3 *Balance*, with direct reading to 0.01 g. Top loading or analytical style is recommended.

4.4 *Environments*, where the mechanical pump dispenser and product will be kept during the test period.

4.4.1 *Ambient Area*, maintained at  $23 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  ( $73 \pm 5.4^\circ\text{F}$ ).

4.4.2 *Oven (45°C)*, maintained at  $45 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  ( $113 \pm 5.4^\circ\text{F}$ ).

**NOTE 2**—The oven temperature can be changed according to product formulation. If different temperatures are used, this should be noted in the test report discussed in 11.1.

4.4.3 *Cycle Chamber*, optional, alternating 5 to  $50^\circ\text{C}$  (41 to  $122^\circ\text{F}$ ) every 24 h.

4.5 *Oven-Safe Tray*, with absorbent paper towels laid in the tray.

4.6 *Food Coloring or Dye*, optional.

### 5. Precautions

5.1 Appropriate handling considerations should be given to flammable, toxic, caustic, or other potentially hazardous material used. When testing at any temperature, safety should be the number one consideration and special attention should be used on the flash points of the products tested.

### 6. Sampling

6.1 Based upon the desired precision, sampling shall be performed in accordance with Practice E122.

6.2 In the absence of any special sampling plan, performance shall be based on not less than the number of representative specimens exposed to any of the environmental conditions as specified in Section 9.