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Standard Specification for Glass Serological Pipets (General Purpose and Kahn)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers glass serological pipets, used in measuring volumes of liquids.

1.2 *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:*²

E438 Specification for Glasses in Laboratory Apparatus

E542 Practice for Gravimetric Calibration of Laboratory Volumetric Instruments

E671 Specification for Maximum Permissible Thermal Residual Stress in Annealed Glass Laboratory Apparatus

E694 Specification for Laboratory Glass Volumetric Apparatus

E920 Specification for Commercially Packaged Laboratory Apparatus

E921 Specification for Export Packaged Laboratory Apparatus

E1133 Practice for Performance Testing of Packaged Laboratory Apparatus for United States Government Procurements

E1157 Specification for Sampling and Testing of Reusable Laboratory Glassware

3. Classification

3.1 *Style and Capacity*—Pipets covered by this specification shall be of the following styles and capacities:

3.1.1 *Style I*—General purpose top end.

3.1.2 *Style II*—Cotton plugging top end.

3.1.3 *Style III*—Cotton plugging top end, large tip opening.

3.1.4 *Capacities* (mL)—0.1; 0.1 (Kahn); 0.2; 0.2 (Kahn); 0.25 (Kahn); 0.5; 0.60 (Kahn); 1.0; 2.0; 5.0; 10.0; and 25.0.

4. General Requirements

4.1 *Borosilicate Glass*—Borosilicate glass for pipets shall conform to the glass requirements of Type 1, Class A or B of Specification E438.

4.2 *Calibration*—Pipets shall be calibrated in accordance with Practice E542 to deliver (*TD*) the intended capacity of distilled water at 20 °C when the last drop is blown out, except the 0.25 mL Kahn pipet; this Kahn pipet shall have a clear ungraduated space of not less than 63 mm between the lowermost graduation mark and the tip of the pipet. The pipet shall be filled about 10 mm above the capacity line. Remove any water on the outside of the tip by a downward wipe with filter paper. Next, place the tip in contact with the wetted wall of a beaker and slowly lower the meniscus to the capacity line. Do not remove any water remaining on the tip at this time. Delivery of the contents into a receiving vessel is made with the tip in contact with the wall of the vessel. When the water has ceased to flow, the water remaining in the tip is then blown out with one firm puff with the tip in contact with the wall of the vessel, if possible. No after-drainage period is allowed. Capacity tolerances shall be within the limits given in Table 1.

4.3 *Annealing*—The maximum residual thermal stress shall be such as to conform to Specification E671, except that tempered tips or tempered tops, or both, may be supplied at the option of the manufacturer. The tempered tip, when examined in index oil that matches the refractive index of the glass being used, shall have a temper between 75 nm and 220 nm.

5. Design

5.1 *Shape*—The pipets shall be straight and of one-piece construction. Any cross section of a pipet taken in a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis shall be circular.

5.2 *Delivery Tips*—Delivery tips shall be made with a gradual taper of 15 mm to 30 mm for capacities up to 5 mL inclusive, and 20 mm to 35 mm for 10 mL and 25 mL capacity pipets. The end of the tip shall be perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the pipet. Sudden constriction at the orifice

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² 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.