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Foreword

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Part 1: *Determination of resistance to chemical corrosion by acids at room temperature*

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Introduction

Corrosion of vitreous and porcelain enamel by aqueous solutions is a dissolution process. The main component of the vitreous and porcelain enamel, SiO_2 , forms a three-dimensional silica network. After hydrolysis it decomposes and forms silicic acid or silicates, respectively. These are released into the attacking medium. Other components, mainly metal oxides, are hydrolyzed as well and form the corresponding hydrated metal ions or hydroxides, respectively. All corrosion products are more or less soluble in the attacking medium. The whole process results in a loss in mass per unit area.

For some aqueous solutions, the attack of the vitreous and porcelain enamel proceeds linearly during the corrosion time, for other aqueous solutions, the attack of the vitreous and porcelain enamel proceeds in a logarithmic manner during the corrosion time. Only for the first series of solutions, a scientific exact rate of loss in mass per unit area ($\text{g/m}^2\cdot\text{h}$) can be calculated as well as a corrosion rate (mm/a).

The most important parameters influencing aqueous corrosion of vitreous and porcelain enamel are vitreous and porcelain enamel quality, temperature and pH-value. Besides, inhibition effects resulting from limited solubility of silica can contribute. The following list describes different types of enamel attack for different corrosion conditions.

- a) In aqueous alkali solutions like 0,1 mol/l NaOH (see clause 9 of EN 14483-4:2004) the silica network of the vitreous and porcelain enamel is considerably attacked at 80 °C. Silicates and most of the other hydrolyzed components are soluble in the alkali. Attack proceeds linearly during regular testing times. Therefore test results are expressed in terms of a rate of loss in mass per unit area (weight loss per unit area and time) and a corrosion rate (millimetres per year).
- b) At room temperature, in weak aqueous acids like citric acid (see clause 9 of EN 14483-1:2004) or also in stronger acids like sulfuric acid (see clause 10 of EN 14483-1:2004), there is only minor attack on the silica network of the vitreous and porcelain enamel. Other constituents are leached to some extent from the surface. High resistant vitreous and porcelain enamels will show no visual change after exposure. On less resistant vitreous and porcelain enamels some staining or surface roughening will occur.
- c) In boiling aqueous acids (see EN 14483-2) the silica network of the vitreous and porcelain enamel is being attacked, and silica as well as the other vitreous and porcelain enamel components are released into solution. However, solubility of silica in acids is low. Soon the attacking solutions will become saturated with dissolved silica and will then only leach the surface. The acid attack is inhibited, corrosion markedly drops.

NOTE The test equipment made of glass also releases silica by acid attack and contributes to the inhibition.

Inhibition is effectively prevented in vapour phase tests. The condensate formed on the test specimen is free of any dissolved vitreous and porcelain enamel constituents.

Examples for enamel corrosion proceeding in a logarithmic manner c.1) and linearly c.2) are:

- **c.1) Boiling citric acid (see clause 10 of EN 14483-2:2004) and boiling 30 % sulfuric acid (see clause 11 of EN 14483-2:2004):**

Since only minute amounts of these acids are found in their vapours the test is restricted to the liquid phase. The attack is influenced by inhibition effects and corrosion depends on time of exposure. Therefore test results are expressed in terms of loss in mass per unit area, no rate of loss in mass per unit area is calculated.

- **c.2) Boiling 20 % hydrochloric acid (see clause 12 of EN 14483-2:2004):**

Since this is an azeotropic boiling acid, acid concentration in liquid and vapour phase are identical and liquid phase testing need not be performed. Vigorous boiling supplies an uninhibited condensate and the attack proceeds linearly with time of exposure. Therefore test results are only expressed in terms of rate

of loss in mass per unit area (weight loss per unit area and time) and the corrosion rate (millimetres per year).

- d) At high temperatures, with tests in the liquid phase under autoclave conditions (see EN 14483-5), aqueous acid attack is severe. To avoid inhibition testing time is restricted to 24 h and the ratio of attacking acid versus attacked vitreous and porcelain enamel surface is chosen comparatively high (similar to a chemical reaction vessel). In addition, only low silica water is taken for the preparation of test solutions. Under these provisions attack will proceed linearly with time of exposure. Therefore, test results, either with 20 % hydrochloric acid (see clause 8 of EN 14483-5:2004), artificial test solutions (see clause 9 of EN 14483-5:2004), or process fluids (see clause 10 of EN 14483-5:2004) are also expressed in terms of a rate of loss in mass per unit area (loss in mass per unit area and time).
- e) In boiling water (see clause 13 of EN 14483-2:2004) the silica network is fairly stable. The vitreous and porcelain enamel surface is leached, silica is dissolved only to a small extent. This type of attack is clearly represented by the vapour phase attack. In the liquid phase some inhibition may be observed with high resistant vitreous and porcelain enamels. Or, if the vitreous and porcelain enamel in test is weak, leached alkali from the vitreous and porcelain enamel may raise pH-values to alkaline levels increasing the attack by the liquid phase. Both liquid and vapour phase test may give valuable information.
- f) Since the attack can be linear or not, results are only expressed in terms of loss in mass per unit area and the testing time should be indicated.
- g) For the standard detergent solution (see clause 9 of EN 14483-3:2004) it is not certain if the linear part of the corrosion curve is reached during the testing for 24 h or 168 h. Calculation of the corrosion rate is therefore not included in the test report.
- h) For the undefined acids (see clause 14 of EN 14483-2:2004) and undefined alkaline solutions (see clause 10 of EN 14483-3:2004 and clause 10 of EN 14483-4:2004), it also is not known if a linear corrosion will be reached during the testing period. Calculation of the corrosion rate is therefore not included in those test reports.

For vitreous enamels fired at temperatures below 700 °C, the testing parameters (media, temperatures, and times) of this standard are not appropriate. For such enamels, for example aluminium enamels, other media, temperatures, and/or times should be used. This can be done following the procedures described in the clauses for "Other test solutions and/or conditions" of the parts 1, 2, 3, or 4 of this standard.

EN 14483 Part 1 to Part 5 has been developed from EN ISO 4535, EN ISO 8290, ISO 2722, ISO 2733, ISO 2734, ISO 2742, ISO 2743, ISO 2745, ISO 4533 and ISO 13806.

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1 Scope

This part of EN 14483 describes a test method for the determination of vitreous and porcelain enamelled articles to resistance to attack by alkaline liquids at temperatures between 25 °C and 95 °C. The apparatus used is a cylindrical vessel in which only one enamelled specimen is tested.

NOTE 1 The test method was initially set up for determination of the resistance of vitreous and porcelain enamels to a hot sodium hydroxide solution. Within the scope of this standard the resistance of other alkaline liquids can be tested.

NOTE 2 This part of EN 14483, which uses a cylindrical vessel is generally used for tests carried out on vitreous and porcelain enamel coatings for the chemical industry.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 10088-1, *Stainless steels — List of stainless steels*.

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*.

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*.

ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*.

ISO 2723, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels for sheet steel — Production of specimens for testing*.

ISO 2724, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels for cast iron — Production of specimens for testing*.

ISO 13804, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels for aluminium — Production of specimens for testing*.

3 Principle

An enamelled specimen is exposed to attack by an alkaline liquid under specified conditions of temperature and time. The solution is not stirred during the test.

The loss in mass is determined and used to calculate the rate of loss in mass per unit area and, if necessary, the corrosion rate.

4 Reagents

During the determination use only reagents of recognised analytical grade, unless otherwise specified.

4.1 Water, conforming to the requirements of grade 3 of EN ISO 3696, i.e. distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

4.2 Acetic acid solution, 50 ml/l, for cleaning the test specimens.

4.3 Grease solvent, for example ethanol, (C₂H₅OH), or water containing a few drops of liquid detergent, for cleaning and degreasing the test specimens.

4.4 Sodium hydroxide, NaOH.

5 Apparatus and material

5.1 Test apparatus : cylindrical vessel

5.1.1 General

The assembled testing apparatus is shown in Figure 1. It is composed of the cylinder with the following welded-on elements as shown in Figure 2:

- a plate on one end;
- a flange with six welded-on screw bolts at the other end;
- a foot opposite to the flange;
- two lifting rings;
- a filling nozzle.

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