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**Extenders for paints — Specifications and  
methods of test —**

**Part 15:  
Vitreous silica**

*Matières de charge pour peintures — Spécifications et méthodes d'essai —  
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Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this part of ISO 3262 may be the subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard ISO 3262-15 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 35, *Paints and varnishes*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Pigments and extenders*.

Together with the other parts (see below), this part of ISO 3262 cancels and replaces ISO 3262:1975, which has been technically revised. Part 1 comprises the definition of the term extender and a number of test methods that are applicable to most extenders, whilst part 2 and the following parts specify requirements and, where appropriate, particular test methods for individual extenders.

ISO 3262 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Extenders for paints — Specifications and methods of test*:

- Part 1: *Introduction and general test methods*
- Part 2: *Barytes (natural barium sulfate)*
- Part 3: *Blanc fixe*
- Part 4: *Whiting*
- Part 5: *Natural crystalline calcium carbonate*
- Part 6: *Precipitated calcium carbonate*
- Part 7: *Dolomite*
- Part 8: *Natural clay*
- Part 9: *Calcined clay*
- Part 10: *Natural talc/chlorite in lamellar form*
- Part 11: *Natural talc, in lamellar form, containing carbonates*
- Part 12: *Muscovite-type mica*
- Part 13: *Natural quartz (ground)*
- Part 14: *Cristobalite*
- Part 15: *Vitreous silica*
- Part 16: *Aluminium hydroxides*
- Part 17: *Precipitated calcium silicate*
- Part 18: *Precipitated sodium aluminium silicate*

- *Part 19: Precipitated silica*
- *Part 20: Fumed silica*
- *Part 21: Silica sand (unground natural quartz)*
- *Part 22: Flux-calcined kieselguhr*

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# Extenders for paints — Specifications and methods of test —

## Part 15:

### Vitreous silica

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 3262 specifies requirements and corresponding methods of test for vitreous silica.

#### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 3262. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 3262 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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ISO 787-2:1981, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 2: Determination of matter volatile at 105 °C.*

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ISO 787-3:—<sup>1)</sup>, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 3: Determination of matter soluble in water — Hot extraction method.*

ISO 787-5:1980, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 5: Determination of oil absorption value.*

ISO 787-7:1981, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 7: Determination of residue on sieve — Water method — Manual procedure.*

ISO 787-9:1981, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 9: Determination of pH value of an aqueous suspension.*

ISO 787-14:1973, *General methods of test for pigments — Part 14: Determination of resistivity of aqueous extract.*

ISO 3262-1:1997, *Extenders for paints — Specifications and methods of test — Part 1: Introduction and general test methods.*

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

ISO 15528:—<sup>2)</sup>, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling.*

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 787-3:1979)

2) To be published. (Revision of ISO 842:1984 and ISO 1512:1991)

### 3 Term and definition

For the purposes of this part of ISO 3262, the following term and definition applies.

#### 3.1

##### **vitreous silica**

a non-crystalline modification of silica

For use as an extender it is supplied ground to a powder.

There are two different grades of vitreous silica in use, the grade depending on the raw materials used in its manufacture:

Grade A (quartz glass): A transparent form of vitreous silica that is usually made from molten rock crystal.

Grade B (fused silica): An opaque form of vitreous silica that is made from molten silica sand. The opacity of the product is due to very small gas bubbles incorporated in it.

### 4 Requirements and test methods

For vitreous silica complying with this part of ISO 3262, the essential requirements are specified in Table 1 and the conditional requirements are listed in Table 2.

**Table 1 — Essential requirements**

Characteristic	Unit	Requirement		Test method
		Grade A (quartz glass)	Grade B (fused silica)	
Silica content, min.	% (m/m)	99,5	99	See clause 6
Quartz content, max.	% (m/m)	0,5	1,0	X-ray diffraction
Cristobalite content, max.	% (m/m)			
Matter volatile at 105 °C, max.	% (m/m)	0,2		ISO 787-2 <sup>a</sup>
Loss on ignition, max.	% (m/m)	0,1 0,5 <sup>b</sup>	0,2 0,5 <sup>b</sup>	ISO 3262-1
Matter soluble in water, max.	% (m/m)	0,1		ISO 787-3
pH value of aqueous suspension	—	5 to 7 5 to 9 <sup>b</sup>		ISO 787-9

<sup>a</sup> Another method may be agreed between the interested parties provided it gives the same results.

<sup>b</sup> These values take into account the effect on the result if the product has undergone surface treatment.

Table 2 — Conditional requirements

Characteristic	Unit	Requirement	Test method
Residue on 45 µm sieve	% ( <i>m/m</i> )	To be agreed between the interested parties	ISO 787-7
Particle size distribution (instrumental method)	% ( <i>m/m</i> )	To be agreed between the interested parties <sup>a</sup>	
Colour	—	To be agreed between the interested parties	ISO 3262-1
Lightness	—		To be agreed between the interested parties <sup>b</sup>
Resistivity of aqueous extract	Ω · m		ISO 787-14
Oil absorption value	g/100 g		ISO 787-5
<sup>a</sup> A general description of a sedimentation method using X-ray absorption is given in EN 725-5:1996, <i>Advanced technical ceramics — Methods of test for ceramic powders — Part 5: Determination of the particle size distribution</i> .			
<sup>b</sup> Test method in preparation.			

## 5 Sampling

Take a representative sample of the product to be tested, as described in ISO 15528.

## 6 Determination of silica content

### 6.1 Reagents

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only water of at least grade 3 purity as defined in ISO 3696.

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#### 6.1.1 Sulfuric acid, diluted 1 + 1.

Add 1 part by volume of concentrated sulfuric acid, approximately 96 % (*m/m*),  $\rho \approx 1,84$  g/ml, slowly to 1 part by volume of water.

#### 6.1.2 Hydrofluoric acid, approximately 40 % (*m/m*), $\rho \approx 1,13$ g/ml.

### 6.2 Apparatus

Use ordinary laboratory apparatus and glassware, together with the following:

#### 6.2.1 Platinum dish.

#### 6.2.2 Muffle furnace.

### 6.3 Procedure

Weigh, to the nearest 1 mg, approximately 2 g of the test sample (clause 5), previously dried at 105 °C in accordance with ISO 787-2, into the tared platinum dish (6.2.1), ignite in the muffle furnace (6.2.2) at  $(1\,000 \pm 25)$  °C to constant mass ( $m_1$ ) and allow to cool in a desiccator containing phosphorus pentoxide.

Add approximately 1 ml of sulfuric acid (6.1.1). Heat the platinum dish gently until fuming ceases and then continue the heating at 900 °C for 15 min in the muffle furnace. Remove from the furnace, allow to cool in a desiccator and weigh to the nearest 0,1 mg ( $m_2$ ).

Add to the residue in the platinum dish 15 ml of hydrofluoric acid (6.1.2) and 1 ml of sulfuric acid (6.1.1) and evaporate to a syrup, taking care to avoid loss by spitting. Cool the dish and wash the sides down with small quantities of

water. Then add a further 10 ml of hydrofluoric acid and evaporate to dryness. Heat the residue on a hot-plate until white fumes are no longer evolved, then ignite in the muffle furnace at 900 °C for 15 min. Remove the dish from the furnace, cool in the desiccator and weigh to the nearest 0,1 mg ( $m_3$ ).

#### 6.4 Expression of results

Calculate the silica content  $w(\text{SiO}_2)$ , expressed as a percentage by mass, using the equation:

$$w(\text{SiO}_2) = \frac{m_2 - m_3}{m_1} \times 100$$

where

$m_1$  is the mass, in grams, of the ignited residue;

$m_2$  is the mass, in grams, after treatment with sulfuric acid and igniting;

$m_3$  is the mass, in grams, after treatment with hydrofluoric acid and igniting.

#### 7 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a) all details necessary to identify the product tested;
- b) a reference to this part of ISO 3262 (ISO 3262-15);
- c) the results of the tests and whether or not the product complies with the relevant specification limits;
- d) any deviation from the test methods specified;
- e) the dates of the tests.

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