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Part 6: *Determination of specific surface area*

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard provides guidelines for the determination of the total specific external and internal surface area of disperse or porous (pore diameter  $> 2$  nm) fine ceramic materials by measuring the amount of physically adsorbed gas according to the method of Brunauer, Emmet and Teller (BET method) [1]. General guidelines of the method are described in ISO 9277. This International Standard only focuses on specific details relevant to fine ceramic materials. It should further be noted that the BET method cannot be applied to type I isotherms (microporous materials or chemisorption behaviour) or when the solid absorbs the measuring gas.

NOTE For further details on those subjects please see IUPAC references [2], [3] or the textbook by Gregg and Sing [4].

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 9277:1995, *Determination of the specific surface area of solids by gas adsorption using the BET method*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **adsorption**

enrichment of the adsorbate at the external and accessible internal surfaces of a solid

### 3.2

#### **physisorption**

weak bonding of the adsorbate, reversible by small changes in pressure or temperature

### 3.3

#### **adsorbate**

measuring gas to be adsorbed

### 3.4

#### **adsorbent**

solid, which adsorbs the measuring gas

### 3.5

#### **surface area**

area of external surface of a fine ceramic powder plus the internal surface of its accessible macro- and mesopores