
**Abrasive products — Checking the grit
size of superabrasives**

*Produits abrasifs — Vérification de la dimension des grains des
superabrasifs*

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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining or checking the grit size of superabrasives (diamond or cubic boron nitride) as used for the manufacture of industrial products such as grinding wheels and saws. It is applicable to grit size designations as defined in Tables 2 and 3.

This International Standard describes the grit size designations, the size limits, the sieves to be used in determining them and the procedure to be adopted for checking the grit size exclusive of any coating.

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 554:1976, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing* — Specifications

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

grit

product whose size is defined by sieving

NOTE The smallest grit designation is D or B46.

3.2

grit size

designated on-size fraction located between the upper and a lower control sieve as specified in this International Standard

NOTE The grit may include oversize and undersize factors as specified.

4 Apparatus

4.1 Sieving machine

The test shall only be carried out with test sieving machines giving reproducible and comparable results, e.g. RO-TAP¹⁾ test sieving machines in accordance with ISO 9284.

4.2 Sieves

Electroformed sieves with standard 200 mm to 75 mm diameter stainless frame nested sieves, half-height (nominal 25 mm) shall be used. A cover and pan are required. The precision electroformed sieves with square apertures to be used in the size checking procedure described in this specification must have a supporting grid of 2,2 lines per cm bonded to the top surface of the sieve. Unless this is done, the superabrasive slides over the smooth top surface of the sieve and sieving efficiency is drastically reduced. It is the user's responsibility to ensure continuous compliance of the test sieve to the aperture sizes which shall be in accordance to Table 1.

Table 1 — Apertures sizes and ruling lines of electroformed sieves

Aperture size µm	Ruling lines/cm	Aperture size µm	Ruling lines/cm
1 830	4,97	227	30,3
1 520	5,8	213	30,3
1 280	6,5	197	35,8
1 080	7,9	181	35,8
915	8,5	165	39,4
850	9,2	151	43,7
770	10,9	139	46,3
710	11,8	127	49,2
645	12,2	116	49,2
600	13,4	107	59,1
541	15,0	97	65,6
505	15,7	90	65,6
455	16,4	85	71,6
425	17,9	75	78,7
384	18,7	65	78,7
360	20,3	57	87,5
322	21,9	49	98,4
302	24,6	41	98,4
271	26,2	37	98,4
255	26,2	32	98,4

1) RO-TAP is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

4.3 Sample splitter

A sample splitter which will produce a representative sample shall be used.

4.4 Balance

A laboratory balance shall be used which has a precision of at least 0,01 g if using 200 mm sieves or at least 0,001 g if using 75 mm sieves.

4.5 Timer

A timer with an accuracy of $\pm 1\%$ in 15 min shall be used.

5 Test conditions

The test shall be performed under the following conditions:

Temperature: $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	} in accordance with ISO 554
Relative humidity: $50\% \pm 5\%$	

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6 Test sieving

6.1 Sampling

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The material to be tested should preferably be blended and divided utilizing a sample splitter (4.3) so as to obtain a representative sample.

The resulting sample shall be spread out on a pan and allowed to acclimatize at a relative humidity and temperature as specified in Clause 5.

The mass of the sample, measured with the precision specified in 4.4, shall fall within the required range indicated in Tables 2 and 3.

6.2 Preparation for sieving

Assemble the desired stack of sieves (4.2) in the order of aperture sizes with the coarsest sieve on top and with a receiver pan on the bottom. Pour the test sample onto the top sieve and place a lid over it. Place the entire unit into the sieving machine (4.1). The sieve stack must be free to rotate during the sieving cycle, otherwise incomplete sieving and erratic results may occur. To facilitate rotation, maintain a clearance of 3 mm between the sieve stack lid and head yoke of the machine, and ensure that the receiver spring clip does not bind on the bottom pan.

Adaptors for 75 mm sieves are specified in Annex A.

6.3 Sieving procedure

Set the timer (4.5) controlling the sieve shaker to 15 min and turn on the shaker. At the completion of the cycle, remove the stack of sieves from the shaker. Beginning with the top (coarsest) sieve, empty the portion of the superabrasive retained onto a clean piece of glossy paper and tap the frame lightly to aid particle removal. This procedure should be repeated with each subsequent sieve, care being taken not to damage the sieves. Electroformed sieves should not require brushing, but should be cleaned periodically by ultrasonic methods.

7 Evaluation

7.1 Weighing sieved fractions

Oversize, on-size and undersize shall be weighed to the precision specified in 4.4.

If the sum of the masses of all fractions is less than 99 % of the original mass, this procedure shall be repeated on a new sample.

7.2 Calculation of results

Calculate the percentage retained on each sieve and the pan, relative to the cumulative final mass of the sample.

8 Designation and grading limits

8.1 General

The standard grit size designation and allowable limits for each size of superabrasive labelled, designated or otherwise represented as complying with this International Standard are given in Tables 2 and 3 in accordance with Clauses 4 to 6.

8.2 Grit sizes

Tables 2 and 3 present the ISO designations of the superabrasive grit sizes together with the allowable limits for the particle size distribution of each grit size. The numerical designation in Tables 2 and 3 are based upon the requirements specified in Table 1.

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8.3 Designation

Superabrasives conforming to this International Standard shall be designated by

- a) "Superabrasives",
- b) reference to this International Standard, i.e. ISO 6106,
- c) the type of superabrasive, D (diamond) or B (cubic boron nitride), and
- d) the ISO grit designation according to Table 2 or 3.

EXAMPLE Superabrasive with D and grit size 151 is designated as follows:

Superabrasive ISO 6106 - D 151

9 Example showing the use of Table 2

The following is an example of the use of this International Standard. Consider ISO size D 151. At least 99,9 % of superabrasive must pass through the oversize limiting sieve — in this case 227 µm. All superabrasive may pass through the upper control sieve — in this case the 165 µm sieve — but not more than 7 % is permitted to be retained on it. It is permissible to have 100 % pass through the upper control sieve, and remain on the lower control sieve (127 µm), the requirement being that the grit passing through the upper control sieve, and retained on the lower control sieve, must be at least 90 %. No more than 7 % shall pass through the lower control sieve, and not more than 0,5 % is permitted to pass through the undersize limiting sieve (90 µm). As further clarification, if 100 % of a superabrasive claimed to be D 151 passes both the oversize limiting and upper control sieves, and 90 % is retained on the lower control sieve, the superabrasive shall be rejected because 10 % of the superabrasive passing through the lower nominal sieve exceeds the maximum 7 % allowed for this grit size.

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