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Standard Specification for High-Purity Dense Magnesia Partially Stabilized Zirconia (Mg-PSZ) for Surgical Implant Applications¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers material requirements for high-purity, dense zirconium oxide partially stabilized by magnesium oxide (magnesia partially stabilized zirconia (Mg-PSZ)) for surgical implant applications.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory requirements prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- C373 Test Method for Water Absorption, Bulk Density, Apparent Porosity, and Apparent Specific Gravity of Fired Whiteware Products
- C1145 Terminology of Advanced Ceramics
- C1161 Test Method for Flexural Strength of Advanced Ceramics at Ambient Temperature
- C1198 Test Method for Dynamic Young's Modulus, Shear Modulus, and Poisson's Ratio for Advanced Ceramics by Sonic Resonance
- C1239 Practice for Reporting Uniaxial Strength Data and Estimating Weibull Distribution Parameters for Advanced Ceramics
- C1259 Test Method for Dynamic Young's Modulus, Shear Modulus, and Poisson's Ratio for Advanced Ceramics by Impulse Excitation of Vibration
- C1327 Test Method for Vickers Indentation Hardness of Advanced Ceramics
- E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size
- F748 Practice for Selecting Generic Biological Test Methods for Materials and Devices
- F981 Practice for Assessment of Compatibility of Biomate-

rials for Surgical Implants with Respect to Effect of Materials on Muscle and Bone

2.2 American Society for Quality Standard (ASQ):

C1 Specification of General Requirements for a Quality Program³

3. Chemical Requirements

3.1 The chemical composition shall be as follows, measured by ICP-AAS, XRF, or mass spectroscopy:

	Weight percent
ZrO ₂ + HfO ₂ + MgO	≥99.9
MgO	3.1-3.4
HfO ₂	≤2.0
Other Oxides	
Total	<0.1
Al ₂ O ₃	<0.05
SiO ₂	<0.05
CaO	<0.02
Fe ₂ O ₃	<0.002

NOTE 1—The radioactivity, defined as the sum of the massic activity of U238, Ra226, Th232, and determined by γ -spectroscopy on the ready-to-use powder, should be less than 200 Bq/Kg.

4. Physical Requirements

4.1 The minimum bulk density of magnesia partially stabilized zirconia shall be 5.820 g/cm³ or greater as determined by Test Method C373 as supplied with the following modifications.

4.1.1 Weight determination in sections 3.1 and 5.1 of Test Method C373 shall be made such that it can be calculated and reported to four significant figures.

4.1.2 The calculation of bulk density in section 12.1 of Test Method C373 shall be calculated as follows:

$$B = (D-d)/(M-S) \quad (1)$$

where:

- B = bulk density, g/cm³,
- D = dry weight, g,
- M = saturated weight, g,
- S = suspended weight, g, and

³ Available from American Society for Quality (ASQ), 600 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203.

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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.