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ISO 22975 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Solar energy — Collector components and materials*:

— *Part 3: Absorber surface durability*

The following parts are under preparation:

— *Part 1: Evacuated tubes – Durability and performance*

— *Part 2: Heat-pipe for solar thermal application — Durability and performance*

## Introduction

To effectively select, use and maintain a material in a given application, its degradation under service conditions must be predicted prior to use. Preferably, the durability of the material should be expressed quantitatively in terms of an expected service life. Durability in this case is the ability of a material to withstand deterioration caused by external factors in the environment, which may influence the performance of the material under service conditions. Service life is defined as the period of time after installation during which specific material properties important for the performance of the material meet or exceed minimum acceptable values.

The service life of a material is, thus, not solely dependent on its physical and chemical properties, but also on its performance requirement in the application considered, and on the external environmental factors, which influence performance under service conditions. In design work, the important question is if a specific material can be expected to have a service life longer than a certain value, the so-called design service life; the latter dictated by life cost considerations taking into account the total system. Service life assessment may be based on feed-back data from practice or on results from so-called qualification or acceptance durability tests.

The present recommended qualification procedure for solar absorber surface durability is based on the conduct of a series of short-term durability tests. During a test the optical performance of the absorber surface tested is determined by measuring its solar absorptance and thermal emittance. From the loss in optical performance of the absorber surface, its failure time in the test performed is assessed and compared with the shortest acceptable failure time set by the design service life of the absorber. Design service life, performance requirement defining failure time in terms of loss in optical performance, classification of type and levels of environmental stress are set under the assumption, that the absorber surface tested will be installed in a vented flat plate solar collector for use in domestic hot water systems and combisystems or under similar operating conditions.

The recommended qualification procedure may favourably be used in the development and validation of new kinds of absorber surfaces. From the results of tests, it can be concluded whether it is likely that an absorber surface tested may meet the requirement for an acceptable service life also in practice. The recommended durability testing procedure has proved to give results in fairly good agreement, both qualitatively and quantitatively, with what has actually been observed on absorber surfaces tested for longer time periods in solar collectors working under conditions corresponding to that in a typical domestic solar hot water system or combisystem. Nevertheless, if the tested absorber could not be qualified by present procedure, a more comprehensive investigation on durability is recommended and can still lead to a qualification.

The present procedure consists of three parts to test the absorber with respect to its stability against high temperature, against high humidity and condensation and against corrosion caused by atmospheric sulfur dioxide. The three parts are independent and can be assessed individually.

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# Solar energy — Collector components and materials —

## Part 3: Absorber surface durability

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 22975 is applicable to the determination of the long term behaviour and service life of selective solar absorbers for use in vented flat plate solar collectors working under conditions corresponding to that in a typical solar domestic hot water system or combisystem.

This part of ISO 22975 specifies a failure criterion of a solar absorber based on changes in optical performance of the absorber. The optical properties of interest are solar absorptance and thermal emittance.

This part of ISO 22975 specifies durability testing procedures focused on resistance to high temperatures and condensation of water on the absorber surface as well as high humidity in the presence of sulfur dioxide.

### 2 Normative references

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ISO 4624, *Paints and varnishes — Pull-off test for adhesion*

ISO 8407, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Removal of corrosion products from corrosion test specimens*

ISO 9050, *Glass in building — Determination of light transmittance, solar direct transmittance, total solar energy transmittance, ultraviolet transmittance and related glazing factors*

ISO 10062, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmosphere at very low concentrations of polluting gas(es)*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1 design service life

time period of exposure under service conditions after installation during which the absorber surface is expected to meet the performance requirement

#### 3.2 failure time

time period of exposure in the test at which the performance requirement limit is reached

#### 3.3 solar absorptance, $\alpha_s$

fraction of solar radiation energy absorbed by an absorber surface