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Foreword

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International Standard ISO 105-E03 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 38, *Textiles*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (included in ISO 105-E: 1978), clauses 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of which have been technically revised.

ISO 105 was previously published in thirteen "parts", each designated by a letter (e.g. "Part A"), with publication dates between 1978 and 1985. Each part contained a series of "sections" each designated by the respective part letter and by a two-digit serial number (e.g. "Section A01"). These sections are now being republished as separate documents, themselves designated "parts" but retaining their earlier alphanumeric designations. A complete list of these parts is given in ISO 105-A01.

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Part E03:

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1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 105 specifies a method for determining the resistance of the colour of textiles of all kinds and in all forms to the action of active chlorine in concentrations such as are used to disinfect swimming-bath water (break-point chlorination).

Three alternative test conditions are specified. The active chlorine concentrations of 50 mg/l and 100 mg/l are intended for swimwear. The active chlorine concentration of 20 mg/l is intended for accessories such as beach robes and towels.

2 References

ISO 105, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness —*

Part A01: General principles of testing.

Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour.

3 Principle

A specimen of the textile is treated with a weak chlorine solution of a given concentration and dried. The change in colour of the specimen is assessed with the grey scale. Three alternative test conditions are specified.

4 Apparatus and reagents

4.1 Suitable mechanical device (see 8.4), consisting of a water bath containing a rotatable shaft which supports, radially, glass or stainless steel containers (75 ± 5 mm in diameter \times 125 ± 10 mm high) of approximately 550 ± 50 ml capacity, the bottom of the containers being 45 ± 10 mm from the centre of the shaft. The shaft/container assembly is rotated at a frequency of 40 ± 2 min⁻¹. The temperature of the water bath is thermostatically controlled to maintain the test solution at the prescribed temperature ± 2 °C.

4.2 Sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl), solution having the following composition:

- active chlorine: 40 to 160 g/l
- sodium chloride (NaCl): 120 to 170 g/l
- sodium hydroxide (NaOH): 20 g/l maximum
- sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃): 20 g/l maximum
- iron (Fe): 0,01 g/l maximum

4.3 Sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl), solution containing 100 mg of active chlorine per litre, at pH = $7,50 \pm 0,05$ (see 8.1).

4.4 Sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl), solution containing 50 mg of active chlorine per litre, at pH = $7,50 \pm 0,05$ (see 8.2).

4.5 Sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl), solution containing 20 mg of active chlorine per litre, at pH = $7,50 \pm 0,05$ (see 8.3).

4.6 Potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH₂PO₄).

4.7 Disodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate (Na₂HPO₄·2H₂O), or **disodium hydrogen phosphate dodecahydrate** (Na₂HPO₄·12H₂O).

4.8 pH-meter, having an accuracy of 0,02 units.

4.9 Distilled water or **deionized water**.

4.10 Grey scale for assessing change in colour (see clause 2).

5 Test specimen

5.1 If the textile to be tested is fabric, use a specimen 10 cm \times 4 cm.

5.2 If the textile to be tested is yarn, knit it into fabric and use a specimen 10 cm \times 4 cm, or make a wick of parallel lengths, 10 cm long and about 0,5 cm in diameter, tied near both ends.

5.3 If the textile to be tested is loose fibre, comb and compress enough of it to form a sheet 10 cm × 4 cm. Determine the mass of the fibre and sew it on to a piece of polyester or polypropylene cloth to support the fibre. The liquor ratio (see 6.1) shall be based on the mass of fibre only.

6 Procedure

6.1 Each specimen shall be tested in a separate container in the mechanical device (4.1). Immerse the specimen in the sodium hypochlorite solution (4.3, 4.4 or 4.5), liquor ratio 100 : 1, ensuring that the specimen is thoroughly wetted. Close the container and agitate at 27 ± 2 °C for 1 h in darkness.

6.2 Remove the specimen from the container, squeeze or hydroextract it, and dry it by hanging it in air at room temperature in subdued light.

6.3 Assess the change in colour of the specimen with the grey scale.

7 Test report

Report the numerical rating for change in colour and the concentration of active chlorine used (see 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5).

8 Notes

8.1 Preparation of a sodium hypochlorite solution containing 100 mg of active chlorine per litre

All sodium hypochlorite solutions should be prepared just prior to use. Prepare solutions as follows, using distilled or deionized water:

Solution 1: Dilute 20,0 ml sodium hypochlorite solution (4.2) to 1 litre.

Solution 2: 14,35 g KH_2PO_4 per litre.

Solution 3: 20,05 g $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ per litre, or 40,35 g $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ per litre.

To 25,0 ml of solution 1 add excess potassium iodide (KI) and hydrochloric acid (HCl), and titrate the liberated iodine with a sodium thiosulphate solution, $c(\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3) = 0,1$ mol/l, using starch as indicator.

Let the volume of sodium thiosulphate solution required be V ml.

For each litre of working solution at $\text{pH } 7,50 \pm 0,05$, use:

$$\frac{705,0}{V} \text{ ml solution 1}$$

100,0 ml solution 2

500,0 ml solution 3

Dilute to 1 litre.

Before use, check the pH of the solution using the calibrated pH-meter (4.8).

If necessary, adjust the pH using either sodium hydroxide, $c(\text{NaOH}) = 0,1$ mol/l, or acetic acid, $c(\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}) = 0,1$ mol/l.

8.2 Preparation of a sodium hypochlorite solution containing 50 mg of active chlorine per litre

Follow the same procedure as in 8.1, except that for each litre of working solution at $\text{pH } 7,50 \pm 0,05$ use $\frac{705,0}{2V}$ ml of solution 1.

8.3 Preparation of a sodium hypochlorite solution containing 20 mg of active chlorine per litre

Follow the same procedure as in 8.1, except that for each litre of working solution at $\text{pH } 7,50 \pm 0,05$ use $\frac{705,0}{5V}$ ml of solution 1.

8.4 Other mechanical devices may be used for the test provided that the results are identical to those obtained with the apparatus described in 4.1.

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