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## Foreword

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# Refractory products — Determination of refractoriness-under-load — Differential method with rising temperature

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the deformation of dense and insulating shaped refractory products, subjected to a constant load under conditions of progressively rising temperature (or refractoriness-under-load) by a differential method, with rising temperature. The test may be carried out up to a maximum temperature of 1 700 °C.

## 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 3599, *Vernier calipers reading to 0,1 mm and 0,05 mm*

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples — Part 1: References tables*

IEC 60584-2, *Thermocouples — Part 2: Tolerances*  
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## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **refractoriness-under-load**

measure of the behaviour of a refractory material subjected to the combined effects of load, rising temperature and time

## 4 Principle

A cylindrical test piece is subjected to a specified constant compressive load and heated at a specified rate of temperature increase until a prescribed deformation or subsidence occurs. The deformation of the test piece is recorded as the temperature increase, and the temperatures corresponding to specified proportional degrees of deformation are determined.

## 5 Apparatus

### 5.1 Loading device

#### 5.1.1 General

The loading device shall be capable of applying a load centred on the common axis of the loading column, the test piece and the supporting column, and directed vertically along this axis at all stages of the test. The loading device consists of the items given in 5.1.2 to 5.1.4.

A constant compressive load is applied in a downward direction from above the test piece, resting directly or indirectly on a fixed base. The deformation of the test piece is measured by a device that passes either through the applied load or through an intermediate base.

The text and Figures 1 and 2 show the measuring device passing through the base but, by interchanging the bored column and refractory plate with the unbored column and plate, the measuring device may pass through the load, as in Figure 3.

Although both arrangements are within the scope of this International Standard, it is preferable that the measuring device should be positioned below the assembly, as shown in Figure 2. The reasons for this are outlined in Annex A.

#### 5.1.2 Fixed column

A fixed column shall be at least 45 mm in overall diameter and with an axial bore (see 5.1.5).

#### 5.1.3 Moving column

A moving column shall be at least 45 mm in overall diameter.

NOTE Arrangements can be made for the upper moving column to be fixed to the furnace, and the combination of furnace and column then forms the moveable loading device.

#### 5.1.4 Two discs

The two discs shall be 5 mm to 10 mm thick, at least 50,5 mm in diameter and not less than the actual diameter of the test pieces, and shall be of an appropriate refractory material compatible with the material under test.

NOTE For example, high-fired mullite or alumina for alumino-silicate products, and magnesia or spinel for basic products.

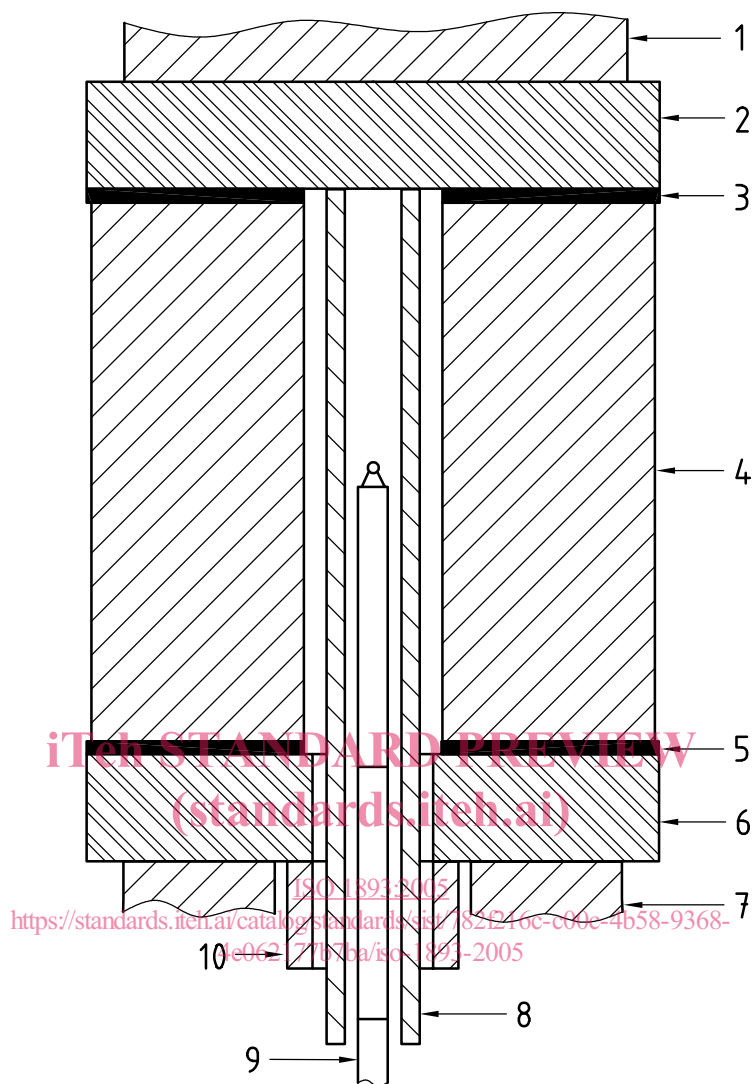
These discs are placed between the test piece and the fixed and moving columns. The disc placed between the test piece and the fixed column shall have a central bore (see 5.1.5). The ends of the fixed and moving columns shall be plane and perpendicular on their axes; the face of each disc shall be plane and parallel.

If a chemical reaction is expected between the discs and test piece, a platinum or platinum/rhodium foil (0,2 mm thick) shall be placed between them.

#### 5.1.5 Layout

The arrangement of the two columns, the two discs, the platinum sheet if used, and the test piece is shown in Figure 1, which also shows typical diameters of the bores in the fixed column and the disc between them.

Dimensions in millimetres

**Key**

- 1 moving column (5.1.3),  $\varnothing$  ext. 45 min.\*
- 2 upper disc (5.1.4),  $\varnothing$  ext. 50,5 min.
- 3 Pt-Rh sheet,  $\varnothing$  ext. 50,5\*,  $\varnothing$  int. 12
- 4 test piece (6.1),  $\varnothing$  ext.  $50 \pm 0,5$ ,  $\varnothing$  int. 12 min., 13 max.
- 5 Pt-Rh sheet,  $\varnothing$  ext. 50,5\*,  $\varnothing$  int. 10
- 6 lower disc (5.1.4),  $\varnothing$  ext. 50,5\*,  $\varnothing$  int. 10
- 7 fixed column (5.1.2),  $\varnothing$  ext. 45 min.,  $\varnothing$  int. 20 min.
- 8 inner alumina tube (5.3.2),  $\varnothing$  ext. 8\*,  $\varnothing$  int. 5\*
- 9 central thermocouple (5.4.1)
- 10 outer alumina tube (5.3.1),  $\varnothing$  ext. 15\*,  $\varnothing$  int. 10\*

NOTE Typical dimensions are marked (\*).

**Figure 1 — Example for an arrangement of test piece, columns, discs and tubes**

**5.1.6 Load**

The columns and the discs shall be capable of withstanding the applied load up to the final test temperature without significant deformation. There should be no reaction between the discs and the loading system.

The material from which the discs are made should have a  $T_1$  value greater than, or equal to, the temperature at which the test material has a  $T_5$  value (see 8.5).

## 5.2 Furnace

A furnace (preferably with a vertical axis) shall be used, capable of raising the temperature of the test piece to the final test temperature at the specified rate (see 7.3) in an atmosphere of air. The temperature of the region of the furnace occupied by the test piece, when at a stable temperature above 500 °C, shall be uniform around the test piece (12,5 mm above and below) to within  $\pm 20$  K; this shall be verified by carrying out tests using the thermocouples located at different points on the curved surface of the test piece.

The furnace design should be such that the whole of the column assembly can be easily reached, either by movement of the supporting column or, if access into the furnace is restricted, by movement of the furnace itself. The assembly should be such that the test piece and loading column stand vertically and coaxial with the support column when unrestrained.

## 5.3 Measuring device

A measuring device shall consist of the following items.

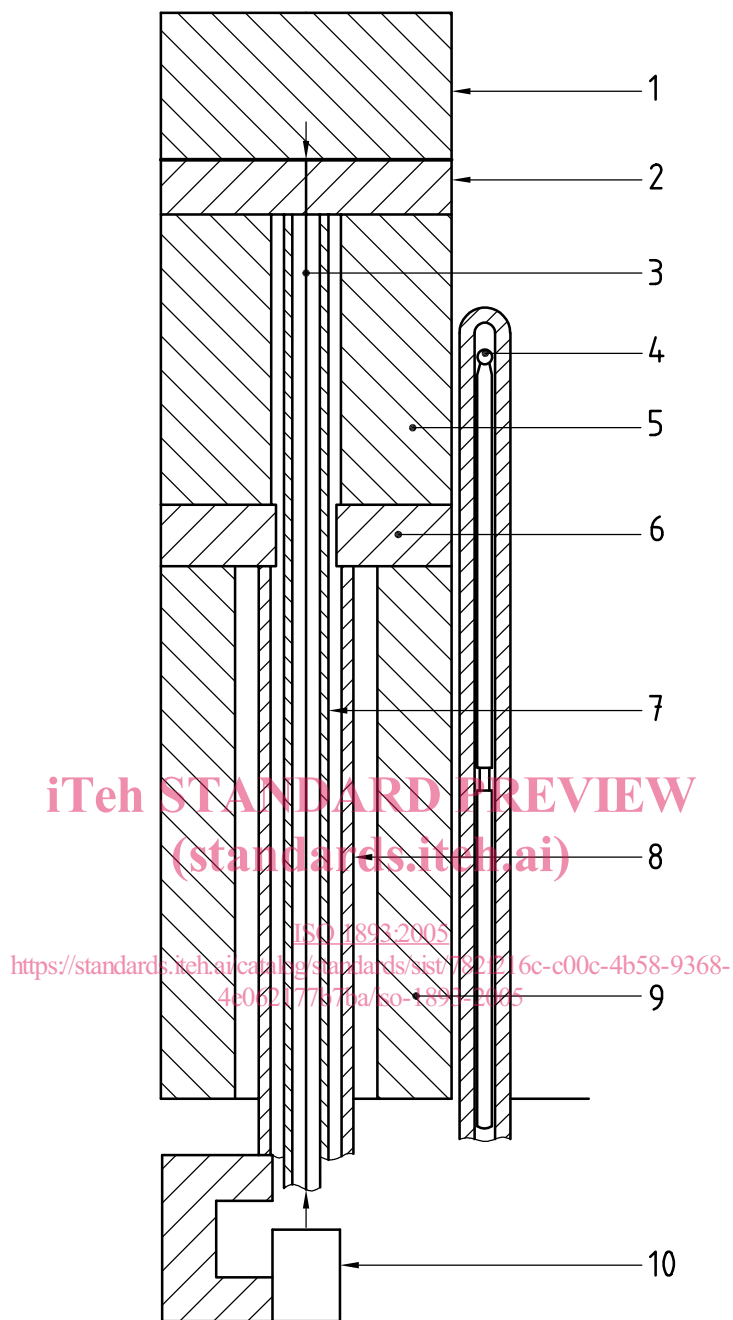
**5.3.1 Outer alumina tube**, placed inside the fixed column to abut on the lower side of the lower disc and free to move within the fixed column (see 5.3.3).

**5.3.2 Inner alumina tube**, placed inside the outer alumina tube and passing through the bores in the lower disc and in the test piece to abut on the lower face of the upper disc, and free to move within the outer alumina tube, the lower disc and the test piece (see 5.3.3).

The alumina tubes shall be capable of withstanding the load imposed on them by the measuring instrument at all temperatures up to the final test temperature, without significant distortion.

**5.3.3 The arrangements of the two tubes**, the two discs and test pieces are shown in either Figure 2 or Figure 3. Where the measuring instrument is mounted above the test piece, as shown in Figure 3, adequate precautions should be taken to protect the instrument from the effects of heat rising from the furnace.



**Key**

- 1 moving column
- 2 disc
- 2 central thermocouple
- 4 control thermocouple
- 5 test piece
- 6 disc
- 7 inner alumina tube
- 8 outer alumina tube
- 9 fixed column
- 10 measuring instrument

**Figure 2 — Test apparatus — Measuring instrument below test piece**