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## Foreword

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# Textiles — Tests for colour fastness —

## Part X04:

### Colour fastness to mercerizing

#### 1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 105 specifies a method for determining the resistance of the colour of textiles to the action of concentrated solutions of sodium hydroxide used in mercerizing. The method is mainly applicable to cotton and to mixtures containing cotton.

#### 2 References

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

*Part A01 : General principles of testing.*

*Part A02 : Grey scale for assessing change in colour.*

*Part A03 : Grey scale for assessing staining.*

#### 3 Principle

**3.1** A specimen of the textile in contact with a specified adjacent fabric is treated with sodium hydroxide solution, rinsed, acidified, rinsed again and dried. The change in colour of the specimen and the staining of the adjacent fabric are assessed with the grey scales.

**3.2** As completely resistant specimens may show an apparent increase in depth of colour, these cannot be rated 5 by the normal method of assessment. In such cases, therefore, only the changes in hue and brightness can be assessed using the grey scale, without consideration of the increase in depth, and such assessments should be marked with an asterisk (\*). The meaning of the asterisk should be explained in a foot-note.

##### Examples

5\* : Increase in depth (not considered); no change in hue and brightness.

3-4 redder\* : Increase in depth (not considered); the hue became redder matching grey scale 3-4.

2 bluer, duller\* : Increase in depth (not considered); the shade changed in hue and brightness corresponding to grey scale 2.

**3.3** Specimens the colour of which does not increase in depth shall be assessed in the normal manner and the results shall not be marked with an asterisk.

##### Example

2 weaker, bluer, duller : Loss in depth (considered) and change in both hue and brightness corresponding to grey scale 2.

#### 4 Apparatus and reagents

**4.1** Cotton adjacent fabric, at least 10 cm × 10 cm, for evaluating staining.

**4.2** Frame, for holding specimen (see clause 8).

**4.3** Sodium hydroxide (NaOH), solution, 300 g/l.

**4.4** Sulfuric acid, solution containing 5 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid ( $\rho$  1,84 g/ml) per litre.

**4.5** Acetic acid, solution containing 10 ml of glacial acetic acid per litre.

**4.6** Grey scales for assessing change in colour and staining (see clause 2).

#### 5 Test specimen

**5.1** If the textile to be tested is fabric, sew a specimen measuring at least 10 cm × 10 cm to an equal sized piece of the adjacent fabric (4.1) around all four sides. Fasten this composite specimen to the frame (4.2) firmly, but without excessive tension.

**5.3** If the textile to be tested is yarn or thread, wind an amount of it equal to the mass of the adjacent fabric on a rigid frame firmly, but without excessive tension, with the strands close together and parallel to provide an area at least 10 cm × 10 cm. Sew an equal sized piece of the adjacent fabric (4.1) to this area along the two sides which cross the strands.

## 6 Procedure

**6.1** Immerse the composite specimen with the coloured material uppermost in the sodium hydroxide solution (4.3) at  $20 \pm 2$  °C for 5 min. Rinse the composite specimen in the frame by pouring on it 1 litre of water at  $70 \pm 2$  °C over a period of 1 min and then rinsing in cold, running tap-water for 5 min.

**6.2** Remove the composite specimen from the frame and immerse it in the sulfuric acid solution (4.4) or in the acetic acid solution (4.5) for 5 min, at a liquor ratio of 50 : 1. Rinse the specimen in cold, running tap-water until neutral.

**6.3** Remove the stitching along three sides of the specimen (one side for yarns and threads) and dry it by hanging it in air at a temperature not exceeding 60 °C, taking care that the adjacent fabric and the coloured material are kept apart except at the remaining stitching.

**6.4** If the specimen shows increased depth of colour, assess the change in hue and/or brightness only, using the appropriate grey scale (see clause 2). Assess the staining of the adjacent fabric with the appropriate grey scale (see clause 2).

**6.5** If the specimen does not show increased depth of colour, assess the change as an overall contrast (see 3.3) and the staining of the adjacent fabric with the grey scales.

## 7 Test report

**7.1** In the case of assessments in accordance with 6.4, report and mark with an asterisk any changes in hue and/or brightness of the specimen and report the numerical rating for staining of the cotton adjacent fabric.

**7.2** In the case of assessments in accordance with 6.5, report the numerical rating for change in colour of the specimen and the numerical rating for staining of the cotton adjacent fabric.

## 8 Note

A metal frame suitable for the test would have two folding wings which can be locked in the closed position by a wing-nut. Each of the two wings is an open square of about 8 cm × 8 cm. All four sides of the frame are corrugated or contain needle bars in order to hold the composite specimen firmly during the treatment. The rigid frame for yarns and threads should be a little larger than the corrugated or needle bar frame for fabrics and fit into the latter.

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