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Foreword

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- *Part 1: General principles of testing*
- *Part 2: Ternary fibre mixtures*
- *Part 3: Mixtures of acetate and certain other fibres (method using acetone)*
- *Part 4: Mixtures of certain protein and certain other fibres (method using hypochlorite)*
- *Part 5: Mixtures of viscose, cupro or modal and cotton fibres (method using sodium zincate)*
- *Part 7: Mixtures of polyamide and certain other fibres (method using formic acid)*
- *Part 8: Mixtures of acetate and triacetate fibres (method using acetone)*
- *Part 9: Mixtures of acetate and triacetate fibres (method using benzyl alcohol)*
- *Part 10: Mixtures of triacetate or polylactide and certain other fibres (method using dichloromethane)*
- *Part 11: Mixtures of cellulose and polyester fibres (method using sulfuric acid)*
- *Part 12: Mixtures of acrylic, certain modacrylics, certain chlorofibres, certain elastanes and certain other fibres (method using dimethylformamide)*
- *Part 13: Mixtures of certain chlorofibres and certain other fibres (method using carbon disulfide /acetone)*
- *Part 14: Mixtures of acetate and certain chlorofibres (method using acetic acid)*
- *Part 15: Mixtures of jute and certain animal fibres (method by determining nitrogen content)*

- *Part 16: Mixtures of polypropylene fibres and certain other fibres (method using xylene)*
- *Part 17: Mixtures of chlorofibres (homopolymers of vinyl chloride) and certain other fibres (method using sulfuric acid)*
- *Part 18: Mixtures of silk and wool or hair (method using sulfuric acid)*
- *Part 19: Mixtures of cellulose fibres and asbestos (method by heating)*
- *Part 21: Mixtures of chlorofibres, certain modacrylics, certain elastanes, acetates, triacetates and certain other fibres (method using cyclohexanone)*

The following parts are under preparation:

- *Part 6: Mixtures of viscose or certain types of cupro or modal or lyocell and cotton fibres (method using formic acid and zinc chloride)*
- *Part 20: Mixtures of elastane and certain other fibres (method using dimethylacetamide)*
- *Part 22: Mixtures of viscose or certain types of cupro or modal or lyocell and flax fibres (method using formic acid and zinc chlorate)*
- *Part 23: Mixtures of polyethylene and polypropylene (method using cyclohexanone)*
- *Part 24: Mixtures of polyester and some other fibres (method using phenol and tetrachloroethane)*

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Introduction

The methods of quantitative analysis of mixtures of textile fibres are based on two processes: the manual separation and the chemical separation of fibre types.

The method of manual separation should be used whenever possible, since it generally gives more accurate results than the chemical method. It can be used for all textiles whose component fibres do not form an intimate mixture, as, for example, in the case of yarns composed of several elements each of which is made up of one type of fibre, or fabrics in which the warp is of a different type of fibre from the weft, or knitted fabrics capable of being unravelled and made up of yarns of different types.

In general, the methods for quantitative chemical analysis of ternary fibre mixtures are based on the selective solution of the individual components of the mixture. Four variants of this procedure are possible.

- Variant 1: Using two different test specimens, component (a) is dissolved from the first test specimen and component (b) from the second test specimen. The insoluble residues of each test specimen are weighed and the percentage of each soluble component is calculated from the respective losses in mass. The percentage of the third component (c) is calculated by difference.
- Variant 2: Using two different test specimens, a component (a) is dissolved from the first test specimen, and two components (a and b) from the second test specimen. The insoluble residue of the first test specimen is weighed and the percentage of the component (a) is calculated from the loss in mass. The insoluble residue of the second test specimen is weighed; it corresponds to component (c). The percentage of the third component (b) is calculated by difference.
- Variant 3: Using two different test specimens, two components (a and b) are dissolved from the first test specimen and two components (b and c) from the second test specimen. The insoluble residues correspond to the two components (c) and (a) respectively. The percentage of the third component (b) is calculated by difference.
- Variant 4: Using only one test specimen, one of the components is removed, after which the insoluble residue formed by the two other fibres is weighed and the percentage of the soluble component is calculated from the loss in mass. One of the two fibres of the residue is dissolved, the insoluble component is weighed and the percentage of the second soluble component is calculated from the loss in mass.

Where a choice is possible, it is advisable to use one of the first three variants. Where chemical analysis is used, take care to choose methods prescribing solvents which dissolve only the required fibre or fibres, and leave undissolved the other fibre or fibres.

By way of example, Annex B contains a certain number of ternary mixtures, together with methods for analysing binary mixtures which can, in principle, be used for analysing these ternary mixtures.

In order to reduce the possibility of error to a minimum, it is recommended that, whenever possible, chemical analysis using at least two of the four above-mentioned variants should be made.

Mixtures of fibres used during processing and, to a lesser extent, in finished textiles may contain non-fibrous matter such as fats, waxes or dressings, or water-soluble matter either occurring naturally or added to facilitate processing. Non-fibrous matter should be removed before analysis. A method of pre-treatment for removing oils, fats, waxes and water-soluble matter is given in ISO 1833-1:2006, Annex A.

In addition, textiles may contain resins or other matter added to confer special properties. Such matter, including dyestuffs in exceptional cases, may interfere with the action of the reagent on the soluble components and/or it may be partially or completely removed by the reagents.

This type of added matter may thus cause errors and should be removed before the sample is analysed. If it is impossible to remove such added matter, the methods for quantitative chemical analysis given in Annex B are no longer applicable.

Dye in dyed fibre is considered to be an integral part of the fibre and is not removed.

Analyses are conducted on the basis of dry mass and a procedure is given for its determination.

The result is expressed by reference to the dry mass or by reference to this mass after application of the conventional recovery rate.

Before proceeding with any analysis, all the fibres present in the mixture should be identified. In some chemical methods, the insoluble components of a mixture may be partially dissolved in the reagent used to dissolve the soluble component or components. Whenever possible, reagents have been chosen that have little or no effect on the insoluble fibres. If a loss in mass is known to occur during the analysis, the result should be corrected; correction factors are given for this purpose. These factors have been determined in several laboratories by treating, with the appropriate reagent as specified in the method of analysis, fibres cleaned by the pre-treatment. These correction factors apply only to undegraded fibres and different correction factors may be necessary if the fibres have been degraded before or during processing. If the fourth variant, in which a textile fibre is subjected to the successive action of two different solvents, should be used, correction factors should be applied for possible losses in mass undergone by the fibre in the two treatments.

At least two determinations should be made, both in the case of manual separation and in the case of chemical separation.

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Textiles — Quantitative chemical analysis —

Part 2: Ternary fibre mixtures

1 Scope

This part of ISO 1833 specifies methods of quantitative chemical analysis of various ternary mixtures of fibres.

The field of application of each method for analysing binary mixtures, specified in the parts of ISO 1833, indicates the fibres to which the method is applicable.

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 1833-1:2006, *Textiles — Quantitative chemical analysis — Part 1: General principles of testing*

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3 Principle

After identification of the components of a mixture, the non-fibrous matter is removed by a suitable pre-treatment, and then one or more of the four variants of the process of selective solution described in the Introduction is applied.

Except where this presents technical difficulties, it is preferable to dissolve the major fibre component so as to obtain the minor fibre component as the final residue.

4 Reagents and apparatus

Use the apparatus and reagents described in ISO 1833-1.

5 Conditioning and testing atmosphere

See ISO 1833-1.

6 Sampling and pre-treatment of sample

See ISO 1833-1.

7 Procedure

See ISO 1833-1.

8 Calculation and expression of results

8.1 General

Express the mass of each component as a percentage of the total mass of fibre present in the mixture. Calculate the result on the basis of clean dry mass, to which is applied firstly the agreed conventional recovery rate and secondly the correction factor necessary to take account of loss of matter during pre-treatment and analysis.

8.2 Calculation of percentages of mass of clean dry fibres, disregarding loss of fibre mass during pre-treatment

NOTE Some examples of calculations are given in Annex A.

8.2.1 Variant 1

Formulae to be applied where a component of the mixture is removed from one specimen and another component from a second specimen:

$$P_1 = \left[\frac{d_2}{d_1} - d_2 \times \frac{r_1}{m_1} + \frac{r_2}{m_2} \times \left(1 - \frac{d_2}{d_1} \right) \right] \times 100$$

$$P_2 = \left[\frac{d_4}{d_3} - d_4 \times \frac{r_2}{m_2} + \frac{r_1}{m_1} \times \left(1 - \frac{d_4}{d_3} \right) \right] \times 100$$

$$P_3 = 100 - (P_1 + P_2)$$

where

- P_1 is the percentage of the first clean dry component (component in the first specimen dissolved in the first reagent);
- P_2 is the percentage of the second clean dry component (component in the second specimen dissolved in the second reagent);
- P_3 is the percentage of the third clean dry component (component undissolved in both specimens);
- m_1 is the dry mass of the first specimen after pre-treatment;
- m_2 is the dry mass of the second specimen after pre-treatment;
- r_1 is the dry mass of the residue after removal of the first component from the first specimen in the first reagent;
- r_2 is the dry mass of the residue after removal of the second component from the second specimen in the second reagent;

- d_1 is the correction factor for loss in mass, in the first reagent, of the second component undissolved in the first specimen ¹⁾;
- d_2 is the correction factor for loss in mass, in the first reagent, of the third component undissolved in the first specimen ¹⁾;
- d_3 is the correction factor for loss in mass, in the second reagent, of the first component undissolved in the second specimen ¹⁾;
- d_4 is the correction factor for loss in mass, in the second reagent, of the third component undissolved in the second specimen ¹⁾.

8.2.2 Variant 2

Formulae to be applied in the case where a component (a) is removed from the first test specimen, leaving as residue, the other two components (b + c), and the two components (a + b) are removed from the second test specimen, leaving as residue the third component (c):

$$P_1 = 100 - (P_2 + P_3)$$

$$P_2 = 100 \times \frac{d_1 r_1}{m_1} - \frac{d_1}{d_2} \times P_3$$

$$P_3 = \frac{d_4 r_2}{m_2} \times 100$$

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where

- P_1 is the percentage of the first clean dry component (component of the first specimen soluble in the first reagent);
- P_2 is the percentage of the second clean dry component (component soluble, at the same time as the first component of the second specimen, in the second reagent);
- P_3 is the percentage of the third clean dry component (component insoluble in both specimens);
- m_1 is the dry mass of the first specimen after pre-treatment;
- m_2 is the dry mass of the second specimen after pre-treatment;
- r_1 is the dry mass of the residue after removal of the first component from the first specimen in the first reagent;
- r_2 is the dry mass of the residue after removal of the first and second components from the second specimen in the second reagent;
- d_1 is the correction factor for loss in mass in the first reagent, of the second component undissolved in the first specimen ¹⁾;
- d_2 is the correction factor for loss in mass, in the first reagent, of the third component undissolved in the first specimen ¹⁾;
- d_4 is the correction factor for loss in mass, in the second reagent, of the third component undissolved in the second specimen ¹⁾.

1) The values of d are indicated in the relevant parts of ISO 1833.