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This first edition International Standard cancels and replaces the first edition Technical Specification (ISO/TS 20836:2005), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

- the Scope has been extended to include both thermal cyclers and real-time thermal cyclers;
- the physical performance testing method has been described in more detail, and the biochemical performance testing method has been taken out;
- information for laboratories regarding ISO/IEC 17025 has been included;
- the performance testing method has been aligned with ISO/IEC 17025;
- compliancy testing has been added;
- in [Annex C](#), two procedures to set PCR-method-based specifications have been added.

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Introduction

This document is part of a family of International Standards under the general title *Microbiology of the food chain — Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for the detection of food borne pathogens*:

- ISO 22174, *General requirements and definitions*;
- ISO 20837, *Requirements for sample preparation for qualitative detection*;
- ISO 20836, *Thermal performance testing of thermal cyclers*;
- ISO 20838, *Requirements for amplifications and detection for qualitative methods*.

This document describes a method for performance testing for standard thermal cyclers and real-time thermal cyclers that allows laboratories to evaluate if the thermal cycler used is suitable for the intended use and meets the specifications set by the laboratory.

The described method is based on a physical method that measures directly in the thermal cycler block in block-based thermal cyclers and in tubes in heated-chamber-based thermal cyclers. The described method provides a measurement uncertainty that is sufficiently low to allow meaningful comparison to specifications.

Furthermore, the method does meet the criteria of a metrological traceable calibration method in case it is used by ISO/IEC 17025-compliant laboratories.

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