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## European foreword

This document (prEN 246:2020) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 164 “Water supply”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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This document will supersede EN 246:2003.

In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- Update to Table 2 (dimensions);
- Update to Table 3 (dimensions);
- Addition of new Clause 8 – Test sequence;
- Addition of new Clause 11 – Performance of aerators with integrated flow regulators.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies:

- the dimensional, mechanical, hydraulic and acoustic characteristics with which sanitary tapware aerators (with and without flow regulation) should comply;
- the procedures for testing these characteristics.

This document is applicable to:

- Sanitary tapware aerators intended to be mounted on tapware used with sanitary appliances in toilets, bathrooms and kitchens (e.g. single taps, combination tap assemblies, mechanical mixing valves, thermostatic mixing valves);
- Sanitary tapware aerators used under the following pressure and temperature conditions (see Table 1).

**Table 1 — Conditions for the use of aerators**

	<b>Limits of use</b>	<b>Recommended limits for correct operation</b>
Dynamic Pressure	$0,05 \text{ MPa} \leq P \leq 0,5 \text{ MPa}$ ( $0,5 \text{ bar} \leq P \leq 5 \text{ bar}$ )	$0,1 \text{ MPa} \leq P \leq 0,5 \text{ MPa}$ ( $1 \text{ bar} \leq P \leq 5 \text{ bar}$ )
Temperature	$\leq 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	$\leq 65 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

Note 1: Sanitary tapware aerators can only be connected downstream of the obturator of the sanitary tapware product.

Note 2: For the purposes of brevity, sanitary tapware aerators will be detailed only as aerators in the rest of this document.

Note 3: The tests described in this document are type tests (laboratory tests) and not quality control tests carried out during manufacture.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN 200, *Sanitary tapware — Single taps and combination taps for water supply systems of type 1 and type 2 — General technical specification*

EN 248, *Sanitary tapware — General specification for electrodeposited coatings of Ni-Cr*

EN 817, *Sanitary tapware — Mechanical mixing valves (PN 10) — General technical specifications*

EN ISO 3822-1, *Acoustics — Laboratory tests on noise emission from appliances and equipment used in water supply installations — Part 1: Method of measurement (ISO 3822-1)*

EN ISO 3822-4, *Acoustics — Laboratory tests on noise emission from appliances and equipment used in water supply installations — Part 4: Mounting and operating conditions for special appliances (ISO 3822-4)*

ISO 49, *Malleable cast iron fittings threaded to ISO 7-1*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1

##### **sanitary tapware aerator**

device which is fitted at the outlet of a sanitary tapware product to impact the flow rate and stream appearance of the water stream

Note 1 to entry: A distinction is made between stream appearance: a) aerators without air intake (known as “laminar” stream), b) aerators with air intake and c) spray models (numerous single jets).

Note 2 to entry: Aerator swivels are to be tested in combination with a specific aerator only and are therefore considered to be sanitary tapware accessories. (Testing of the stand-alone swivels is therefore not covered by the scope of this document. Where swivels are used they are considered to be part of the tapware constructions, e.g. for bidet taps).

#### 3.2

##### **aerators with integrated flow regulators**

An aerator that incorporates an integral flow regulator – fitted to the outlet of a sanitary tapware product to impact the stream appearance of the water stream and additionally controlling the flow rate within specified limits independent from the supply pressure (see tolerances in 11.1.3)

#### 3.3

##### **flow regulator**

A device fitted to sanitary tapware to regulate the flow rate

Note to entry The key function is to achieve a flow rate – within specified limits, independent from the supply pressure

### 4 Designation

An aerator is designated by:

- its type (with/without air intake);
- its thread dimension;
- its acoustic group (where applicable);
- flow rate (either ISO classification (ISO 3822-4) or the nominal flow rate for aerators with integrated flow regulators or stand-alone flow regulators;
- reference to this document.

Examples of designation:

Aerator, with female thread: M22x1; I; A – EN 246 (cf. Figure 1 and Table 2)

Aerator laminar, with male thread: M24x1; I; A – EN 246 (cf. Figure 2 and Table 3)

Aerator, with male thread: M22x1; 6 l/min – EN 246

## 5 Marking – Identification

Aerators complying with this document shall be marked (on the insert or the housing) by any means to allow for identification e.g. embossing, colour coding, number coding etc. Aerators should be marked with:

- the mark or name or trade name of the manufacturer;
- the acoustic group (if applicable);
- coding, number coding or any appropriate combination of methods etc.).

## 6 Materials

### 6.1 Chemical and hygiene requirements

All materials coming into contact with water intended for human consumption shall present no risk to health.

They shall not cause any change of the drinking water in terms of quality, appearance, smell or taste.

### 6.2 Exposed surface conditions

Visible chromium plated surfaces and Ni-Cr coatings shall comply with the requirements of EN 248.

## 7 Dimensions

### 7.1 Aerators with female thread

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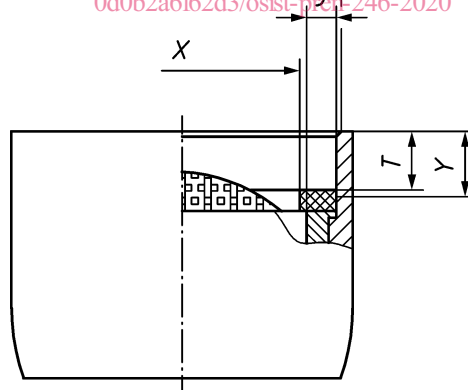


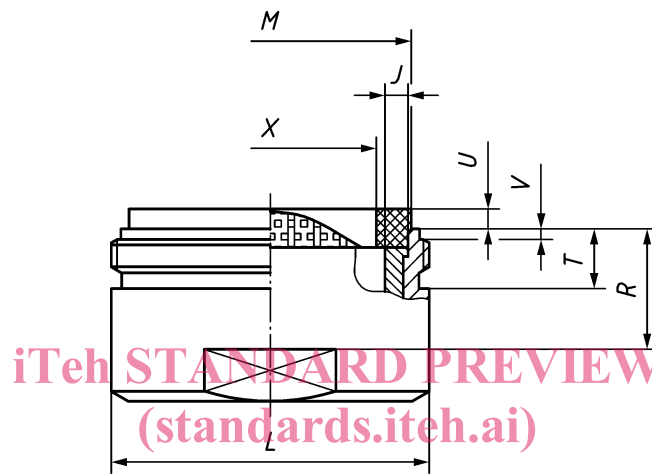
Figure 1 — Aerators with female thread



**Table 2 — Dimensions for aerator with female thread**

Symbol	Values (mm)
M	<i>M22x1 - 6H</i>
X	$14 \leq X \leq 17$
T	$3,5 \leq T \leq 4,3$
Y	$\geq 4,5$
J	$\geq 2,0$

## 7.2 Aerators with male thread



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**Figure 2 — Aerators with male thread**  
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**Table 3 — Dimensions for aerators with male thread**

Symbol	Values (mm)	
M	<i>M24x1 - 6g</i>	<i>M28x1 - 6g</i>
X	$14 \leq X \leq 17$	$15 \leq X \leq 19$
T	$4,5 \pm 0,1$	$7 \pm 0,1$
R	$\geq 9$	$\geq 14$
U	$1,5 \pm 0,5$	$1,5 \pm 0,5$
L	$24\ 0/-0,2$	$28\ 0/-0,2$
V	$0,8 \pm 0,1$	$0,8 \pm 0,1$
J	$\geq 2$	$\geq 2,5$

## 7.3 Special cases

Aerators intentionally not complying with the dimensional specifications according to subclauses 7.1 and 7.2, shall comply with all other requirements of this document. Where this is the case, the manufacturer shall provide appropriate dimensional data. (for example, aerators without housing, or with metrics different to M22, M24 and M28)

## 8 Test sequence

Aerators, depending on their type shall be tested in the following sequence:

**Table 4 — Aerators without flow regulation**

	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5
<b>Dimensions</b>		7			
<b>Hydraulic Performance</b>	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1
<b>High temperature</b>	10.2		10.2		10.2
<b>Pressure resistance</b>	12				

Note: Additional samples may be required to undertake acoustic testing – see subclause 10.3

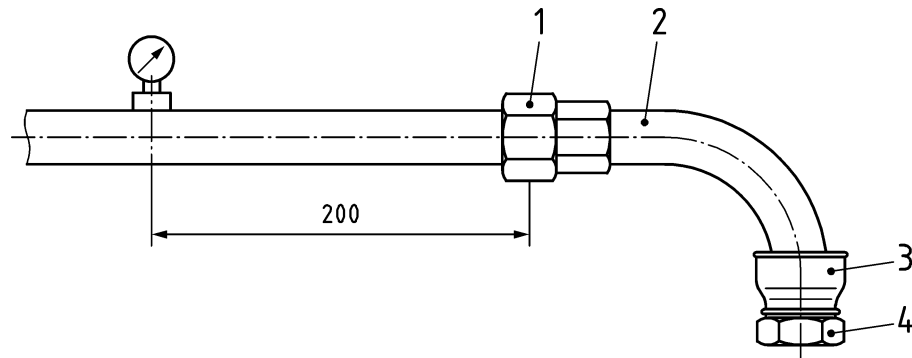
**Table 5— Aerators with flow regulation**

	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5
<b>Dimensions</b>		7			
<b>Hydraulic Performance</b>	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1
<b>Endurance</b>	11.2		11.2		11.2
<b>Hydraulic Performance</b>	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1
<b>Pressure resistance</b>	12				

## 9 Assembly

The aerators to be tested shall be connected to a test circuit as shown in Figure 3.

NOTE: Dimensions for the mounting of aerators on nozzle outlets of sanitary tapware can be found in Annex A.



### Key

- 1 Galvanized union, taper seat 1, U11, in accordance with ISO 49
- 2 Galvanized male long swept bend 1, G8, in accordance with ISO 49
- 3 Galvanized socket, 1 × 3/4 M2, in accordance with ISO 49
- 4 Adapter in accordance with ISO 3822-4 (see Figure 4 and 5)

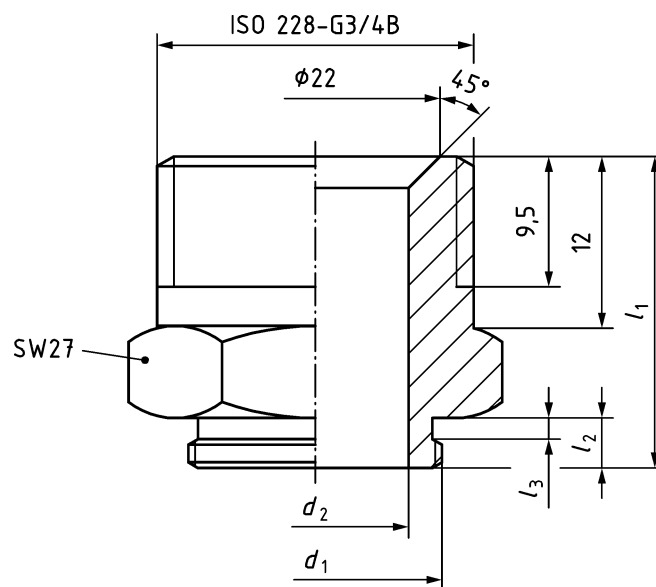
**Figure 3 — Test circuit**

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Adapters shall be of the following types: see Figure 4 and Figure 5

- a) Adapter with external thread (A<sub>3</sub>) for controlling M22X1 aerators.



**Figure 4 — Adapter A<sub>3</sub>**