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Solvents for paints and varnishes — Demineralized water for industrial applications — Specification and test methods

1 Scope

This document specifies the properties and requirements for demineralized water used as solvent for paints and varnishes industrial applications, e.g. production of electro-deposition coating materials, water-based coating materials, water-based resins and plastics dispersions.

This document is not applicable to water for analytical use.

NOTE See ISO 3696.

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.

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4618, *Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions*

ISO 10304-1, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved anions by liquid chromatography of ions — Part 1: Determination of bromide, chloride, fluoride, nitrate, nitrite, phosphate and sulfate*

ISO 15091, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of electrical conductivity and resistance*

ISO 19396-1, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of pH value — Part 1: pH electrodes with glass membrane*

ISO 19396-2, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of pH value — Part 2: pH electrodes with ISFET technology*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4618 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1

demineralized water

water of which the mineral matter or salts have been removed by deionization

4 Requirements

Demineralized water used as a solvent for paints and varnishes for industrial applications shall conform to the requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Requirements and test methods for demineralized water

| Property | Requirement | Test method |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Appearance | clear, without foreign matter | visually |
| Electrical conductivity at 25 °C | µS/cm | max. 20 |
| pH-value at 23 °C | | 5 to 8 |
| Chloride content | mg/l | max. 3 |
| Evaporation residue | mg/kg | max. 5 |
| Colony content | CFU | without findings |
| | | to be agreed between the interested parties A suitable test-strip method is described in Clause 5 . Any other suitable method may be used. |

5 Example of the determination of the colony content

5.1 Apparatus

5.1.1 **Glass tubes with screw cap** for the determination of the bacterial count.

5.1.2 **Heating cabinet**, heatable up to 200 °C.

5.1.3 **Incubator**.

5.1.4 **Refrigerator**.

5.2 Materials

5.2.1 **Media** for the determination of the total colony count (media for liquids). Media are perishable; observe use-by date by all means.

5.3 Sterilization of the tap before sampling of water

Ensure that no contamination from the outer surface of the tap reaches the sample. Scrape off any dirt (scale slime, grease or other extraneous matter) and fully open and close the tap repeatedly to rinse out the dirt from the tap. Disinfect the tap preferentially by flaming (after flaming and opening the tap, a sizzling noise should occur). Subsequently, open the tap to half-flow and flush until constant water temperature is reached. Then place the open sample bottle in the water flow and fill it under aseptic conditions.

Only if flaming is not possible, disinfect the tap by other adequate methods. To disinfect the mouth of a plastic tap, after thorough cleaning, dip it for 2 min to 3 min in a beaker with hypochlorite solution, $\rho(\text{ClO}^-) \approx 1 \text{ g/l}$, ethanol, volume fraction of 70 %, or isopropanol, volume fraction of 70 %. Alternatively, a swap or a wash bottle or similar device may be used to disinfect the outside and as much of the inside as possible (see ISO 19458:2006, 4.4.1.3[1]).

5.4 Sampling

For the determination of the colony count, fill the samples into glass bottles with ground-in stoppers. Prior to this, sterilize the glass bottles and ground-in stoppers in the heating cabinet at 200 °C for 1 h.

After bottling, store the samples in the refrigerator and carry out the determination as soon as possible. It is easier to dip the contact slides directly into the demineralized water or to pour the demineralized water over them and to neglect sampling.

5.5 Procedure

Detach the screw cap from the tube. Either

- dip the medium holder into the demineralized water under test and move up and down several times, or
- pour the demineralized water to be tested over the medium holder in case of low sample quantities.

Put the medium holder into the tube and close. Subsequently, incubate the filled tube (contact slide) at 30 °C for three days.

Observe the instructions of use for the contact slides.

5.6 Evaluation

The incubated medium shall be compared to the figures given in [Figure 1](#). The colony-forming units (CFU) per millilitre demineralized water are given below the related figures.

The test report shall contain the total colony count in CFU/ml, the type of medium, the duration of incubation, and the incubation temperature.

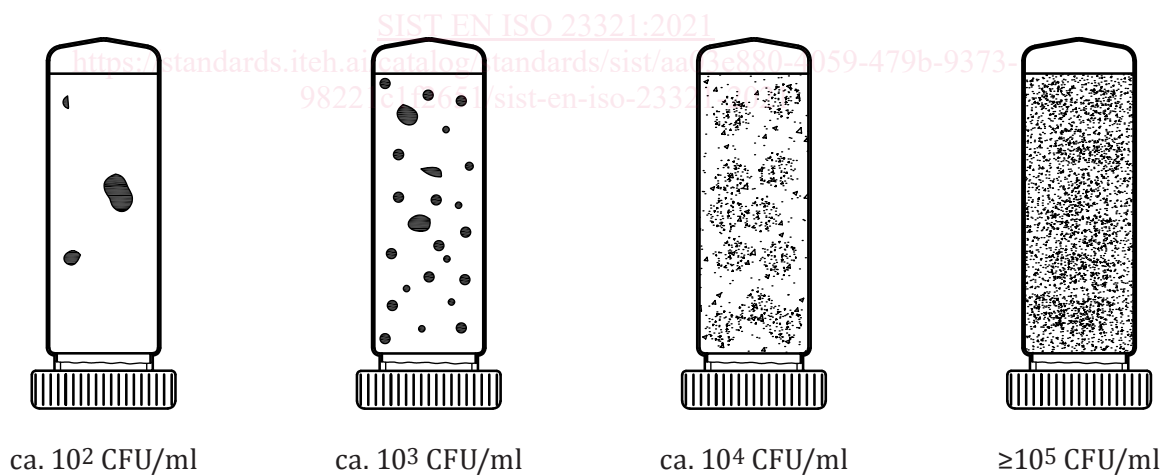


Figure 1 — Comparison of bacterial growth on the medium - Degree of contamination

5.7 Disposal of the overgrown contact slides

Overgrown contact slides shall be destroyed, e. g. autoclaving, burning, or immersing in a suitable disinfectant and let set in accordance with the directions for use.

6 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a) the type and identification of the tested water;

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- b) a reference to this document, i.e. ISO 23321:2019;
- c) the appearance;
- d) the conductivity;
- e) the pH value;
- f) the turbidity;
- g) the colony count;
- h) the chloride content;
- i) the evaporation residue;
- j) the date of the test.

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