
**Laboratory glassware — Borosilicate
glass tubing**

Verrerie de laboratoire — Tubes en verre borosilicaté

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4803:1978), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- update of the dimensions and tolerances;
- inclusion of a comprehensive and precise description of the mentioned quality characteristics and determination methods.

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Introduction

Borosilicate glass is a class of glass, which is classified in ISO 12775. Borosilicate glasses show properties such as a very high hydrolytic resistance, a very high acid resistance and a medium alkali resistance. Borosilicate glasses can contain alkali earths or be free of alkali earths. The alkali-earth free borosilicate glasses have a very low coefficient of mean linear thermal expansion α of $3,3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (in the temperature range from 20 °C to 300 °C). They were first developed in 1887 and constitute since then an industrial standard, which is reflected by the standardization of the composition, chemical and physical properties of the material in ISO 3585.

These special characteristics make this glass preferable for technical purposes with high chemical and thermo shock resistance. The field of application is mainly laboratories for chemical, pharmaceutical and food industries as well as other technical applications where these properties are needed.

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