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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 9917-1:2007), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- change of the title;
- inclusion of pit and fissure sealing cements in the scope;
- adoption of ISO 13116 test method for radio-opacity;
- adoption of table-type formatting of requirements of marking and information;
- addition of declaration of components;
- addition of Annex I.

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Introduction

This document specifies the requirements and test methods for cements in which setting is achieved by an acid-base reaction.

This document does not include specific qualitative and quantitative requirements for ensuring the absence of biological hazards. It is recommended that reference be made to ISO 10993-1 and ISO 7405 when assessing possible biological or toxicological hazards.

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Part 1: Acid-base cements

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for powder-liquid acid-base dental cements intended for permanent cementation, lining and restoration. This document is not intended to address resin-modified water-based cements. This document is applicable to both hand-mixed and capsulated cements for mechanical mixing. This document specifies limits for each of the properties according to whether the cement is intended for use as a luting agent, a base or liner, a restorative material or a pit and fissure sealing cement.

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 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 2590, *General method for the determination of arsenic — Silver diethyldithiocarbamate photometric method*¹⁾

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

ISO 7491, *Dental materials — Determination of colour stability*

ISO 8601-1, *Date and time — Representations for information interchange — Part 1: Basic rules*

ISO 13116, *Dentistry — Test method for determining radio-opacity of materials*

ISO 15223-1, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with information to be supplied by the manufacturer — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 20417, *Medical devices — Information to be supplied by the manufacturer*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

1) Withdrawn.

3.1

mixing time

part of the manipulation time, measured from first contact between different components of a material, required to achieve a homogeneous mixture of the components when they have been stored, proportioned and mixed according to the manufacturer's instructions

[SOURCE: ISO 1942:2020, 3.3.1.36]

3.2

working time

period of time measured from the commencement of mixing the components of a material or otherwise activating the chemistry of the material and ending before the material has developed properties that prevent it from being manipulated as required to achieve its purpose in a subsequent procedure or in its intended end function

[SOURCE: ISO 1942:2020, 3.3.3.22]

3.3

net setting time

period of time from the end of mixing until the material has set according to the criteria and conditions specified in [Annex A](#) and [Annex I](#)

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, in view of the wide variation in mixing times of cements, the net setting time is determined from the end of mixing.

3.4

encapsulated cements

acid-base cements packaged as a unit dose whose packaging includes the powder and the liquid for mixing by the clinician at the time of use by some mechanical means other than hand apportioning

Note 1 to entry: The alternative to encapsulated cements is hand-mixed cement.

4 Classification

4.1 Chemical type

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For the purposes of this document, acid base cements shall be classified on the basis of their chemical composition as follows:

- a) zinc phosphate cements, see [Clause B.1](#);
- b) zinc polycarboxylate cements, see [Clause B.2](#);
- c) glass polyalkenoate cements, see [Clause B.3](#).

Acid-base reaction setting, water-based cements other than those listed above can fall within the scope of this document. A manufacturer shall specify whether their product shall conform to the specifications for list items a), b) or c) and [4.2](#).

NOTE Materials that do not involve an acid-base reaction (e.g., "calcium silicate-based cement") are usually not covered by this document.

4.2 Application

For the purposes of this document, the applications of water-based cements shall be classified as follows:

- a) luting;
- b) bases or lining;
- c) restoration;

d) pit and fissure sealing.

5 Material

5.1 General

The cement shall consist of a powder and liquid which, when mixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, shall conform to requirements in this clause and [Clause 8](#).

5.2 Components

5.2.1 Liquid

For non-encapsulated cements, visually inspect the liquid. It shall be free from deposits or filaments on the inside of its container. There shall be no visible signs of gelation, i.e. no formation of insoluble or solid matter.

5.2.2 Powder

For non-encapsulated cements, visually inspect the powder. It shall be free from extraneous material. If the powder is coloured, the pigment shall be uniformly dispersed throughout the powder.

5.3 Unset cement

The cement shall be mixed in accordance with [Clause 6](#), and then visually inspected. It shall be homogeneous and of a smooth consistency.

6 Preparation of test specimens

6.1 Ambient conditions

Specimens shall be prepared at $(23 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$ and a relative humidity of $(50 \pm 10) \%$.

6.2 Method of mixing

The cement shall be prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Sufficient cement shall be mixed to ensure that the preparation of each specimen is completed from one mix. A fresh mix shall be prepared for each specimen.

NOTE For encapsulated cements, more than one capsule simultaneously mixed can be required for certain specimens.

7 Sampling

7.1 Hand-mixed cements

A sample drawn from one batch shall provide sufficient material to complete all the prescribed tests and any necessary repeats.

NOTE Approximately 50 g of powder can be necessary to complete the tests.

7.2 Encapsulated cements

The test sample shall comprise a retail package of enough capsules from one batch to complete all the tests and any necessary repeats.

8 Requirements

8.1 General

Calibrate all critical apparatus in accordance with the general requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories; see ISO/IEC 17025.

8.2 Net setting time (except pit and fissure sealing cements)

Net setting time shall be determined in accordance with [Annex A](#) and in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

8.3 Film thickness (luting cements only)

Film thickness shall be determined in accordance with [Annex C](#) and in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

8.4 Compressive strength

Compressive strength shall be determined in accordance with [Annex D](#) and in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

8.5 Acid erosion

Acid erosion shall be determined in accordance with [Annex E](#) and in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

8.6 Optical properties (polyalkenoate restorative cements only)

Opacity and colour shall be determined in accordance with [Annex F](#) and shall meet the following requirements:

- a) The opacity of the set restorative cements shall be within the limits specified in [Table 1](#), unless the restorative cement is designated as opaque by the manufacturer (see [Table 2](#), item 13).
- b) The colour of the set cement shall match the manufacturer's shade guide. If the manufacturer does not provide a shade guide, the manufacturer shall nominate a commercially available shade guide that shall be used in assessing conformity with this requirement (see [Table 2](#), item 12).

8.7 Acid-soluble arsenic and lead contents

8.7.1 Acid-soluble arsenic content

Acid-soluble arsenic content shall be determined in accordance with [Annex G](#) and in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

8.7.2 Acid-soluble lead content

Acid-soluble lead content shall be determined in accordance with [Annex G](#) and in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

8.8 Radio-opacity (if claimed)

When the manufacturer describes the material as being radio-opaque (see [Table 2](#), item 14), the radio-opacity shall be determined in accordance with [Annex H](#) and shall be at least equivalent to that for the same thickness of aluminium. When the manufacturer claims a greater radio-opacity (see [Table 2](#), item 15), the measured value shall not be less than the value claimed when determined in accordance with [Annex H](#).

8.9 Net setting time (pit and fissure sealing cements only)

Net setting time shall be determined in accordance with [Annex I](#) and in accordance with the relevant requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Requirements for acid-base cements

Application	Chemical type	Film thick- ness	Net setting time		Comp-res- sive strength	Acid ero- sion	Opacity $C_{0,70}$		Acid-sol- uble As content	Acid-sol- uble Pb content
		μm	minutes		MPa	mm			mg/kg	mg/kg
		max.	min.	max.	min.	max.	min.	max.	max.	max.
Luting	Zinc phosphate	25	2,5	8	50	0,30	—	—	2	100
	Zinc polycarboxylate	25	2,5	8	50	0,40	—	—	2	100
	Glass polyalkenoate ^a	25	1,5	8	50	0,17	—	—	—	100
Base/lining	Zinc phosphate	—	2,0	6	50	0,30	—	—	2	100
	Zinc polycarboxylate	—	2,0	6	50	0,40	—	—	2	100
	Glass polyalkenoate ^a	—	1,5	6	50	0,17	—	—	—	100
Restoration	Glass polyalkenoate ^a	—	1,5	6	100	0,17	0,35	0,90	—	100
Pit and fissure sealing	Glass polyalkenoate ^a	—	1,5	6	50	0,17	—	—	—	5

^a Synonymous with “glass-ionomer”.

9 Packaging, marking, labelling and information to be supplied by manufacturer

9.1 General

Information shall be clearly marked on the outermost packaging or containers (for multi-dose packs), as indicated in [Table 2](#) and conform to ISO 20417.

Visually inspect to verify the requirements in [Table 2](#).

NOTE 1 Additional information to that specified in [Table 2](#) can be supplied at the discretion of the manufacturer or as required by regulation.

NOTE 2 [Table 2](#) contains optional items and serves as a guide to the manufacturer as to the type of information which can be useful to clinicians.

9.2 Packaging

- The cements shall be supplied in containers or capsules that afford adequate protection and have no adverse effect on the quality of the contents.
- For the purposes of this document, a container or capsule shall be considered to be the immediate packaging of the cements.
- The outermost packaging contains the material, the instructions for use and any proportioning or mixing devices that are supplied for the material.
- An outer pack may also be used to present the containers or capsules as a single unit.