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Foreword

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Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of resistance to boiling citric acid

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method of test for determining the resistance of flat surfaces of vitreous and porcelain enamels to boiling citric acid.

It is especially intended for the testing of enamels for articles which are used with boiling, slightly dissociated acids, for example cooking utensils.

NOTE — This method of test is also suitable for determining the chemical resistance of enamels to other acid solutions.

This method of test is not suitable for enamels used in the chemical industry or those exposed to heavy attack by inorganic acids for a long period.

For testing enamels at room temperature, see ISO 2722.

For testing acid resistance of enamels for containers and apparatus for the chemical industry, see ISO 2743.

2 References

ISO 2722, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of resistance to citric acid at room temperature.*

ISO 2723, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels for sheet steel — Production of specimens for testing.*

ISO 2724, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels for cast iron — Production of specimens for testing.*

ISO 2733, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Apparatus for testing with acid and neutral liquids and their vapours.*¹⁾

ISO 2743, *Vitreous and porcelain enamels — Determination of resistance to condensing hydrochloric acid vapour.*²⁾

ISO 3585, *Glass plant, pipeline and fittings — Properties of borosilicate glass 3.3.*

ISO 4788, *Laboratory glassware — Graduated measuring cylinders.*

3 Principle

Exposure of an enamelled specimen to attack by a boiling 6 % (*m/m*) solution of citric acid for 2,5 h which, if information is desired on the further corrosion curve, may be extended to 6, 24, or more hours.

Determination of the loss in mass and calculation therefrom of the loss in mass per unit area.

The lower the loss in mass per unit area, the higher is the resistance of the vitreous and porcelain enamel to boiling citric acid.

4 Reagents

4.1 Citric acid, 6 % (*m/m*) solution.

Dissolve 32 g of pure crystalline citric acid ($C_6H_8O_7 \cdot H_2O$) in 500 ml of distilled or demineralized water.

A fresh solution, prepared the same day, is required for each test.

4.2 Distilled or demineralized water, for cleaning the testing apparatus and specimens.

4.3 Grease solvent, such as trichloroethene or acetone, suitable for cleaning the specimens when necessary.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Testing apparatus and packing B or C, both in accordance with ISO 2733.

The cylinder of the testing apparatus is covered by a plate of borosilicate glass 3.3 complying with the requirements of ISO 3585, having a diameter of 105 mm.

5.2 Hot-air oven, capable of maintaining a temperature of at least 130 °C.

1) At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO 2733-1973.)

2) At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO 2743-1973.)

5.3 Desiccator, for example with an internal diameter of 200 mm.

5.4 Graduated measuring cylinder, capacity 500 ml, complying with the requirements of ISO 4788.

5.5 Beakers.

5.6 Balance, accurate to 0,2 mg.

5.7 Sponge, soft.

6 Test specimens

6.1 The specimens to be used shall be prepared in accordance with the International Standards for the appropriate basis metal.

NOTE — Specimens for testing vitreous and porcelain enamels

- for sheet steel, see ISO 2723;
- for cast iron, see ISO 2724.

6.2 Each specimen shall be rinsed with the water (4.2). If necessary, a suitable grease solvent (4.3) shall be used. The specimen shall be dried for 2 h in the hot-air oven (5.2) at 110 ± 5 °C, then cooled for at least 2 h in the desiccator (5.3) and weighed to the nearest 0,2 mg (starting mass).

7 Procedure

7.1 Carry out duplicate determinations.

7.2 Fix the specimen in the testing apparatus (5.1) so that it forms the bottom of the cylinder and the cover coat side of the specimen is facing the interior of the cylinder.

The top of the cylinder is formed by the glass plate.

Screw down the three wing nuts evenly to make the testing apparatus watertight.

7.3 Run 450 ml of the test solution (4.1) into the socket for the reflux condenser, replace the latter and switch on the heater.

As soon as the test solution begins to boil (two or four bubbles per second), lower the current by the rheostat control so that the test solution simmers during the remainder of the test.

Record the temperature during the simmering.

7.4 The simmering time shall be 2,5 h (150 min), but it is recommended that the tests be prolonged, for example to 6, 24 or more hours, since experience has shown that the attack diminishes considerably with time.

7.5 After simmering for 2,5 h (150 min) or longer, as appropriate, empty the cylinder and, after cooling, rinse with the water (4.2).

Take the specimen from the testing apparatus and wipe it three times with the sponge (5.7) and water.

After carefully removing any packing residues from the edges of the specimen, dry it for 2 h in the hot-air oven (5.2) at 110 ± 5 °C. After a further 2 h in the desiccator, weigh it again to the nearest 0,2 mg (final mass).

8 Expression of results

8.1 The area exposed to the attack of citric acid is assumed to be 50 cm². If the loss in mass Δm (starting mass — final mass) is stated in milligrams, the loss in mass per unit area Δq_A , expressed in grams per square metre, is given by the equation

$$\Delta q_A = \frac{\Delta m}{5} = 0,2 \Delta m$$

In order to distinguish between the testing results of different testing periods, the number of testing hours is to be stated as a subscript to the symbol; for example,

for 2,5 h testing time, $\Delta q_{A 2,5}$

for 6 h testing time, $\Delta q_{A 6}$

for 24 h testing time, $\Delta q_{A 24}$

For the evaluation, the results of the specimens which show defects such as pinholes down to the metal, chipped edges or edge corrosion, are omitted. The corresponding number of new specimens shall be tested.

8.2 The difference between the minimum and maximum individual values of the loss in mass per unit area shall be less than 30 %; the 30 % are calculated from the arithmetic mean of the individual values. If not, a further test shall be carried out, the results of which shall be taken into account in calculating a new arithmetic mean.

9 Test report

The test report shall include the following particulars:

- a) a reference to this International Standard;
- b) the identification of the vitreous and porcelain enamel tested;
- c) the testing temperature, in degrees Celsius;
- d) the simmering time, in hours;
- e) the loss in mass per unit area $\Delta q_{A 2,5}$ and, if further tests have been carried out, $\Delta q_{A 6}$, $\Delta q_{A 24}$ and $\Delta q_{A \dots}$, in grams per square metre, rounded to the nearest 0,1 g/m², giving the arithmetic mean and the number of single values.