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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 719:1985), which has been technically revised.

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

- a more precise definition of the field of application by means of glass types was added;
- wherever possible a harmonization with the identical paragraphs in the European Pharmacopoeia, chapter 3.2.1, and the USP, chapter 660, was established to simplify the application in the laboratories globally. This concerns, e.g. sample size, mesh size;
- the usage of acetone was restricted to always fresh, new acetone, since re-usage might lead to deviating test results;
- the maximum temperature and its tolerance field was simplified and oriented on the technical conditions of a water basin.

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# Glass — Hydrolytic resistance of glass grains at 98 °C — Method of test and classification

## 1 Scope

This document specifies

- a) a method for determining the hydrolytic resistance of glass grains at 98 °C. The resistance is measured and expressed by the volume of acid required for titration of the alkali extracted from the unit mass of glass, and can also be expressed by the amount of sodium oxide equivalent to this volume of acid, and
- b) a classification of glass according to the hydrolytic resistance determined by the method of this document.

This document is intended for use on the less resistant types of glass, such as soda-lime glass.

NOTE 1 For the more resistant glasses, e.g. borosilicate glass, the method specified in ISO 720 is more suited.

NOTE 2 It is emphasized that there is no exact correlation between the classification laid down in this document and that laid down in ISO 720, and it is, therefore, essential to identify which classification is being used.

## 2 Normative references (standards.iteh.ai)

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 385, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes*

ISO 565, *Test sieves — Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings*

ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes*

ISO 720, *Glass — Hydrolytic resistance of glass grains at 121 °C — Method of test and classification*

ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*

ISO 1773, *Laboratory glassware — Narrow-necked boiling flasks*

ISO 3819, *Laboratory glassware — Beakers*

ISO 13130, *Laboratory glassware — Desiccators*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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/>

## 4 Principle

The method of testing is a test for glass as a material applied on glass grains. Extraction of 2 g of grains, of particle size between 300 µm and 500 µm, with grade 2 water for 60 min at 98 °C. Measurement of the degree of the hydrolytic attack by analysis of the extraction solutions.

The test method shall not be applied to glasses with extreme low alkaline contents or that are essentially free of alkaline species as this method measures only the alkaline release as the indication for chemical durability.

The density of the glass to be tested should, preferably, be  $2,4 \text{ g/cm}^3 \pm 0,2 \text{ g/cm}^3$  at 20 °C.

## 5 Reagents

During the test, unless otherwise stated, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade.

**5.1 Test water**, to be prepared as follows: prepare the test water from distilled water (5.6) by multiple distillations. Remove the carbon dioxide by boiling for at least 15 min before use in a boiling flask (6.6) of fused silica or borosilicate glass and cool. Any other suitable method may be used, e.g. preparation of carbon dioxide-free water according to USP 660<sup>[4]</sup>.

When tested immediately before use, water prepared as described above shall produce an orange-red (not violet-red or yellow) colour corresponding to the neutral point of methyl red indicator of pH  $5,5 \pm 0,1$  when 0,05 ml of methyl red indicator solution (5.4) is added to 50 ml of the water to be examined. This water may also be used as the reference solution (see Clause 8). The conductivity of the water shall not exceed  $1 \text{ µS/cm}$ , determined at 25 °C by an in-line conductivity meter.

NOTE 1 This description is based on the European Pharmacopoeia 3.2.1<sup>[3]</sup>. In the European Pharmacopoeia, water prepared as described above is designated water R1.

NOTE 2 Water of Grade 2 according to ISO 3696<sup>[2]</sup> is suitable for this test.

**5.2 Hydrochloric acid, standard volumetric solution**,  $c(\text{HCl}) = 0,01 \text{ mol/l}$ .

**5.3 Hydrochloric acid, solution**,  $c(\text{HCl}) = 1 \text{ mol/l}$ .

**5.4 Methyl red**, indicator solution.

Dissolve 25 mg of the sodium salt of methyl red ( $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3\text{NaO}_2$ ) in 100 ml of the grade 2 water (5.1). Alternatively, the indicator solution may be prepared as described in, e.g. USP 42 [6.60] or Ph.Eur. 10 [3.2.1] (this method is based on dissolution of methyl red in 0,1 M sodium hydroxide, ethanol and distilled water).

**5.5 Acetone** ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ ).

**5.6 Purified water**, prepared by distillation, by ion exchange, by reverse osmosis or by any other suitable method from water having drinking water quality.

NOTE 1 See national or regional regulation for information on water intended for human consumption.

NOTE 2 Water that corresponds to Grade 3 according to ISO 3696<sup>[2]</sup> is suitable.

NOTE 3 In the European Pharmacopoeia 3.2.1<sup>[3]</sup>, water as described above is designated water R.

## 6 Apparatus

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and, in particular, the following:

**6.1 Balance**, capable of weighing up to 500 g, accurate to  $\pm 5$  mg or better.

**6.2 Burettes**, having a capacity of 5 ml, 2 ml or 1 ml, conforming to the requirements specified for class A burettes in ISO 385 (see also general requirements specified in ISO 385) and made of glass of hydrolytic resistance grain class HGA 1 as specified in ISO 720.

The capacity of the burettes shall be chosen according to the expected consumption of hydrochloric acid (5.2).

**6.3 Pipette**, having a capacity of 25 ml and conforming to the requirements specified for class A pipettes in ISO 648.

**6.4 One-mark volumetric flasks**, having a capacity of 50 ml, conforming to the requirements specified for class A one-mark volumetric flasks in ISO 1042, made of glass of hydrolytic resistance grain class HGA 1 as specified in ISO 720, and with glass stoppers. Flasks with the graduation mark in the lower half of the neck should be selected.

Before use, each new flask shall be pretreated in the following manner: The flasks shall be filled to above the graduation mark with hydrochloric acid (5.3) and heated at just above the test temperature for 2 h in the heating bath (6.19). The flasks shall then be rinsed with water (5.6), filled to above the graduation mark with water and heated as above for two periods of 1 h, using fresh water each time. Flasks made from vitreous silica may also be used, in which case pretreatment is not required. When flasks have been used to measure the alkali-release from grain of low-resistance glass, they should be pretreated again, as above, before using them for further tests in order to eliminate cross-contamination.

**6.5 Conical flasks**, having a capacity of 100 ml and conforming to the requirements of ISO 1773.

**6.6 Boiling flasks**, having a capacity of 1 000 ml, conforming to the requirements of ISO 1773 and made of vitreous silica or borosilicate glass.

Before use, each new flask shall be pretreated as described in 6.4.

**6.7 Beakers**, having a capacity of 100 ml and conforming to the requirements of ISO 3819.

**6.8 Weighing bottles**, having a capacity of about 20 ml.

**6.9 Desiccator**, conforming to the requirements of ISO 13130.

**6.10 Hammer**, having a mass of about 0,5 kg, made of tempered, magnetic steel.

**6.11 Mortar and pestle**, made of tempered magnetic steel, and of the design and approximate dimensions shown in [Figure 1](#).

**6.12 Permanent magnet**.

**6.13 Sieves**, conforming to the requirements of ISO 565 and comprising a set of 200 mm diameter square-aperture sieves, with stainless steel mesh, including:

- a sieve A of 500  $\mu\text{m}$  aperture;
- a sieve B of 300  $\mu\text{m}$  aperture;
- a sieve O of a 710  $\mu\text{m}$  aperture.

The cover, pan and, especially, the rings shall be of stainless steel or lacquered wood. The use of sieve O is recommended to retain larger pieces of glass and to avoid heavy wear a sieve A.

**6.14 Ball-mill.**

The mill shall be made of agate, zirconia or stainless steel with a volume of 250 ml. Two balls with a diameter of 40 mm or three balls with a diameter of 30 mm are suitable.

**6.15 Sieving-machine.**

A mechanical sieve-shaker or sieving-machine may be used to sieve the grains.

**6.16 Ultrasonic cleaner** (laboratory type).

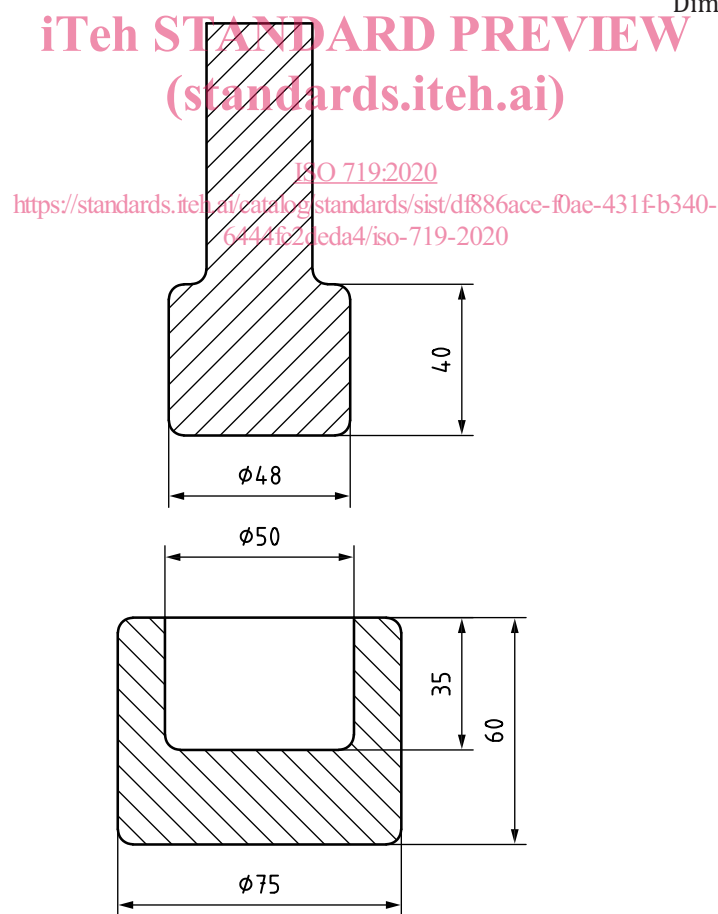
**6.17 Drying oven**, capable for maintaining a temperature of  $140 \pm 5$  °C.

**6.18 Thermometer**, covering the range from 90 °C to 110 °C, capable of being read to an accuracy of  $\pm 0,2$  °C.

**6.19 Heating bath**, gas or electrically heated, thermostatically controlled, having capacity sufficient to contain at least 1 l of liquid for each flask used in the test and capable of carrying out the heating cycle specified in [Clause 8](#).

**6.20 Warm plate**, to remove the excess of acetone.

Dimensions in millimetres



**Figure 1 — Mortar and pestle**



## 7 Preparation of sample

### 7.1 Crushing

Check that the articles as received have been annealed to a commercially acceptable quality.

If an article is not annealed to a commercially acceptable quality, this fact should be noted because the results can be affected. Such articles, if very badly annealed, might also break very easily and extra care should be taken when handling them. Further annealing should not be carried out before the test.

Wrap the glass articles in clear paper and crush to produce two 100 g samples of pieces not more than 30 mm across.

### 7.2 Manual preparation

Place 30 g to 40 g of pieces (see 7.1) between 10 mm and 30 mm across in the mortar (6.11), insert the pestle (6.11), and strike it sharply, once only, with the hammer (6.10).

If more than one hammer blow is used in crushing the glass, the very fine particles produced may be compacted into aggregates which may or may not be subsequently broken down and which can, therefore, introduce further variables into the test.

Transfer the glass from the mortar to the upper sieve O of the assembled set of sieves (6.13) and shake the set of sieves briefly to separate the finer particles. Return the glass remaining on sieves A and O to the mortar. Repeat crushing and sieving until only about 10 g of glass remain on sieve O. Discard the glass from sieve A and O and from the receiving pan. Shake the set of sieves by hand for 5 min. Reserve for the test those grains that pass through sieve A and that are retained on sieve B.

At least 10 g of sample are required for the test. If it is necessary to crush and sieve more sample, the sample already obtained shall be removed from sieve B and stored in a weighing bottle (6.8).

After completion of all crushing and sieving, combine the samples, spread the grains on clean glazed paper and remove any iron particles using the magnet (6.12). Transfer the grains into a beaker (6.7) for cleaning.

### 7.3 Mechanical preparation

Transfer about 50 g of the coarsely broken glass (see 7.1) into the mill-beaker (6.14), add the balls and crush thin-walled glass (wall thickness  $\leq 1,5$  mm) for 2 min, thick-walled glass ( $>1,5$  mm) for 5 min.

Transfer the grains to the upper sieve O of the assembled set (6.13) of the sieving-machine (6.15), sieve for about 30 s and collect the grains retained on sieve B in the beaker (6.7), which shall be kept in the desiccator (6.9). Transfer the glass from sieves O and A back into the ball-mill and crush again for the time given above. Repeat sieving and crushing until about 10 g of grains have been collected from sieve B. Continue as specified in 7.3, last paragraph.

### 7.4 Cleaning

Add to the grains in each beaker (6.7) 30 ml of the acetone (5.5) and scour the grains by a suitable means, such as a rubber or plastic-coated glass rod.

After scouring, swirl the grains, allow it to settle and decant as much acetone as possible. Add another 30 ml of the acetone, swirl, allow it to settle and decant again and add a new portion of 30 ml of the acetone. Fill the bath of the ultrasonic cleaner (6.16) with water at room temperature, then place the beaker in the rack and immerse it until the level of the acetone is at the level of the water; apply the ultrasonic for 1 min. To avoid deviations of the measuring results, don't reuse acetone used previously.

Swirl the beaker and decant the acetone as completely as possible and then repeat the ultrasonic cleaning operation. If a fine turbidity persists, repeat the ultrasonic cleaning and acetone washing until