



Standard Specification for Dispensers, Powdered Iced Tea¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers counter model, self-contained powdered iced tea dispensers.

1.2 The dispenser delivered under this specification shall be the manufacturer's standard product. Each dispenser model furnished by a particular manufacturer under this specification, including parts and assemblies thereof, shall be new and interchangeable.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The SI units in parentheses are given for information only.

1.4 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 11, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

[D3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging](#)
[F760 Specification for Food Service Equipment Manuals](#)
[F1166 Practice for Human Engineering Design for Marine Systems, Equipment, and Facilities](#)

2.2 *ANSI/National Safe Transit Association Standard*:³
[ANSI/NSTA Pre-Shipment Test Procedures](#)

2.3 *National Sanitation Foundation Standards*:⁴
[NSF No. 18 Manual Food and Beverage Dispensing Equipment](#)

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from National Safe Transit Association, 6022 West Touhy Ave., Chicago, IL 60648.

⁴ Available from NSF International, P.O. Box 130140, 789 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0140.

[NSF No. 51 Plastic Materials and Components Used in Food Equipment](#)

2.4 *ANSI/Underwriters Laboratories Standard*:⁵

[ANSI/UL Standard No. 73 Food Preparing Machines](#)

2.5 *American National Standards Institute Standard*:⁶

[ANSI Z 1.4 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes](#)

2.6 *Military Standards*:⁷

[MIL-STD-1399/300 Interface Standard for Shipboard Systems Section 300A Electric Power, Alternating Current](#)

[MIL-STD-167/1 Mechanical Vibrations of Shipboard Equipment \(Type I—Environmental and Type II—Internally Excited\)](#)

[MIL-STD-461 Requirements for the Control of Electromagnetic Interference Characteristics of Subsystems and Equipment](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

3.1.1 *tea dispenser, n*—commercial appliance designed to deliver a portion of tea, usually mixed with unrefrigerated tap water and dispensed into a container with ice.

3.1.2 *throw, n*—a quantity of powdered tea concentrate dispensed into a container with ice.

4. Classification

4.1 *Types*—The tea dispensers covered by this specification shall be of two types, each working with a powdered concentrate that is mixed with potable tap water to give a finished drink.

4.1.1 *Type I*—Tea dispenser designed to work with pure tea and set to dispense 0.035 to 0.070 oz (1 to 2 g) of concentrate per 8 oz (235 mL) of water. The dispenser is designed to be

⁵ Available from the Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 1655 Scott Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95050; 333 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062; 1285 Walt Whitman Rd., Melville, Long Island, NY 11746; or 2602 Tampa East Blvd., Tampa, FL 33619.

⁶ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

⁷ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098

connected to a water line and have a nominal electrical rating of 115 V, single phase, 60 Hz.

4.1.2 *Type II*—Tea dispenser designed to dispense a sugared tea which may or may not be flavored, in the range of 0.35 to 0.70 oz (10 to 20 g) of product per 8 oz (235 mL) of water. The dispenser is designed to be connected to a water line and have a nominal electrical rating of 115 V, single phase, 60 Hz.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Procurement documents should specify the following information:

- 5.1.1 Title, designation, and year date of this specification,
- 5.1.2 Type of dispenser (see Section 4),
- 5.1.3 Description of product intended to be dispensed, and
- 5.1.4 Special requirements.

6. Materials

6.1 Materials used in the construction of the dispenser shall comply with NSF No. 18 and 51, and UL Standard 73. Materials not definitely specified shall be of the quality normally used by the manufacturer for tea dispensers, providing the completed items comply with all provisions of the standard.

7. Design and Manufacture

7.1 *General*—The dispenser shall be an electromechanical device for dispensing either the pure tea or sugared tea powder and mixing it with tap water upon manual actuation of a momentary-on electrical switch. The instant tea and water shall be mixed in a chamber that will rinse clean at the end of the drink. The dispenser shall be designed to comply with the requirements of NSF 18 and UL 73. Evidence of compliance with NSF 18 and UL 73 is as follows:

7.1.1 *NSF*—Listing of the dispenser in the current edition of the NSF “Listing of Food Service Equipment” and display of the NSF seal on the finished dispenser.

7.1.2 *UL*—Acceptable evidence of meeting the requirements of UL 73 shall be the UL label or listing mark, indicating that the dispenser has been tested and conforms to the requirements of UL 73.

7.2 *Dimensions*—The maximum allowable dimensions for the dispensers are specified in [Table 1](#).

7.3 *Controls*—The dispenser shall be provided with a momentary contact lever-actuated switch that turns on the water and dispensing mechanism.

7.4 *Concentrate Hopper*—The volume of the hopper shall be rated in cubic centimetres.

7.5 *Drip or Spillage Tray*—A drip tray having a cover for the container to rest upon shall be positioned for accessible and splash-free operation. The drip tray may have provisions for draining and drippings into a drain.

TABLE 1 Maximum Allowable Dimensions for Dispensers

	Type I Pure Tea	Type II Sugared Tea
Width	7 in. (17.8 cm)	9 in. (22.9 cm)
Height	22 in. (55.9 cm)	24 in. (61.0 cm)
Depth	10 in. (25.4 cm)	13 in. (30.3 cm)

7.6 *Product Moisture Protection*—The dispenser shall be designed to minimize the possibility of the product gumming up at the hopper outlet due to moisture.

7.7 *Base*—The base of the dispenser shall be provided with mounts to protect the counter from damage, and holes shall be provided in the base for counter fastening.

7.7.1 The dispenser shall be fully assembled and ready for operation when connected to the electrical and water supplies in the manner specified in the operating instructions.

7.8 *Electrical Requirements*—The dispenser shall operate at a nominal 120 V, single phase, 60 Hz current. Each dispenser shall be equipped with a flexible power supply cord with a suitable plug.

8. Performance Requirements

8.1 *General*—The dispenser shall automatically combine tea powder with potable tap water to provide a tea drink while maintaining an ingredient throw consistency of $\pm 10\%$ when tested as specified in [11.4](#).

8.2 *Energy Consumption*—By means of a watt-hour meter, the energy consumed in a 24-h period can be calculated as specified in [11.2](#).

8.3 *Water Flow*—There shall be 30 consecutive servings (water only), and each shall be within $\pm 3\%$ of the desired serving setting as specified in [11.3](#).

8.4 *Ingredient Throw*—There shall be 30 consecutive servings (ingredient only) and each shall be within $\pm 10\%$ of the desired setting as specified in [11.4](#).

8.5 *Humidity Test*—The hopper or container shall be emptied to within 5 % of the original ingredient weight before an unacceptable drink is drawn as specified in [11.5](#).

9. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

9.1 *Workmanship*—All components and assemblies of the dispenser shall be free from dirt and other extraneous material such as burrs, slivers, rough die, tool and grind marks, dents, and cracks. Castings and molded parts, if used, shall be free of sand, fins, pits, blowholes, and sprues. External surfaces shall meet the UL Sharp Edge Test.

NOTE 1—Although [9.1](#) requires subjective judgements, its inclusion is considered important as a guide in evaluating and manufacturing equipment.

9.2 *Metal Fabrication*—Metal used in the fabrication of the dispensers shall be free from visually apparent defects. Forming and shearing shall not cause damage to the metal and the metal shall be free from trimming marks.

9.3 *Welding*—The surfaces of parts to be welded shall be free from rust, scale, paint, grease, and other foreign matter. Welds shall be smooth and free from cracks, burn holes, undercuts, or incomplete fusion.

9.4 *Fastening Devices*—Holes punched or drilled shall be free of burrs. Threaded fasteners shall not be broken, cracked, or stripped and shall be drawn tight. Rivets, when used, shall fill the hole completely and the head shall be in full contact with the surface of the member.