
**Dentistry — Zinc oxide-eugenol
cements and non-eugenol zinc oxide
cements**

*Médecine bucco-dentaire — Ciments à l'oxyde de zinc-eugénol et à
l'oxyde de zinc sans eugénol*

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Foreword

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- replace “zinc oxide/eugenol cement” with “zinc oxide-eugenol cement”,
- replace “non-eugenol cement” with “non-eugenol zinc oxide cement”, and
- replace “aromatic oils” with “oil(s) other than eugenol”.

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Introduction

Specific qualitative and quantitative requirements for freedom from biological hazard are not included in this document, but it is intended that in assessing possible biological or toxicological hazards, reference be made to ISO 10993-1 and ISO 7405.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for zinc oxide-eugenol cements suitable for use in restorative dentistry for temporary cementation, for bases and as temporary restorations.

This document also specifies requirements for non-eugenol zinc oxide cements containing zinc oxide and oil(s) other than eugenol for temporary cementation.

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*

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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/>

4 Classification

For the purposes of this document, the following classification for cements is used, based on their intended use:

- a) Type I: for temporary cementation;
- b) Type II: for bases and temporary restorations.

5 Requirements

5.1 Performance requirements

When tested in accordance with the appropriate test methods specified in [Clause 7](#), Type I and Type II cements shall comply with the performance requirements specified in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Requirements

Type	Setting time at 37 °C		Compressive strength at 24 h		Film thickness	Acid-soluble arsenic mass fraction
	minimum	maximum	minimum	maximum	µm maximum	mg/kg ^a maximum
Type I	1,5	10		35	25	2
Type II	1,5	10	5		N/A	2

N/A: not applicable

^a mg/kg is the equivalent of ppm; ppm is a deprecated unit.

5.2 Biocompatibility

For guidance on biocompatibility, see ISO 10993-1 and ISO 7405.

6 Sampling

The test sample shall consist of packages prepared for retail sale from the same batch containing enough material to carry out the specified tasks plus an allowance for repeats. 50 g should be sufficient.

7 Test methods

7.1 Preparation of test specimens

Prepare the test material in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (see [8.2](#)).

7.1.1 Ambient conditions

Prepare and test all specimens at (23 ± 2) °C and a relative humidity of (50 ± 5) %. Before the start of mixing, condition the test samples and apparatus in these conditions for at least 1 h.

7.1.2 Procedure for mixing

Mix sufficient cement to ensure that the preparation of each specimen is completed from one mix. Prepare a fresh mix for each specimen.

7.2 Determination of setting time

7.2.1 Apparatus

7.2.1.1 Cabinet, capable of being maintained at a temperature of (37 ± 1) °C and a relative humidity of (95 ± 5) %.

7.2.1.2 Indenter needle

7.2.1.2.1 For Type I materials, an indenter needle of mass $(100 \pm 0,5)$ g with a tip which is cylindrical for a distance of approximately 5 mm and has a flat end of diameter $(2,0 \pm 0,1)$ mm.

7.2.1.2.2 For Type II materials, a similar indenter needle of mass (400 ± 5) g with a tip which is cylindrical for a distance of approximately 5 mm and which has a flat end of diameter $(1,0 \pm 0,1)$ mm.

7.2.1.3 Mould, made of non-corrodible metal, consisting of a rectangular plate with a circular hole conforming to the dimensions given in [Figure 1](#).

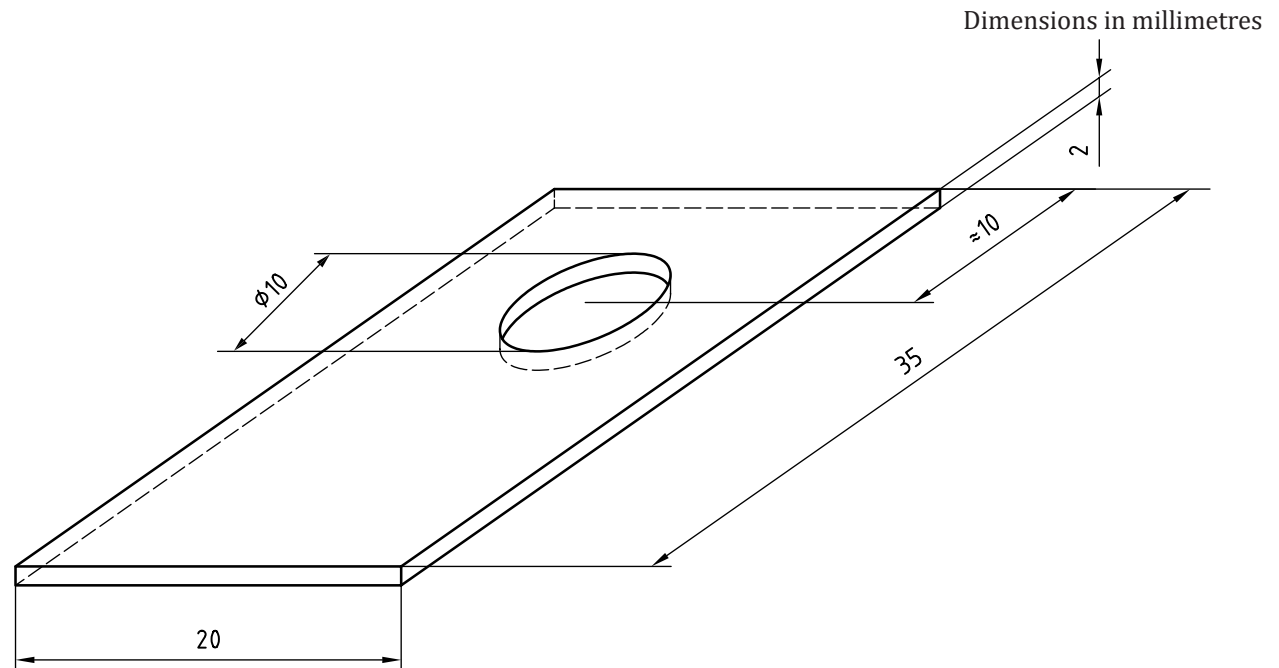


Figure 1 — Mould for use in determination of setting time

7.2.1.4 **Metal block**, of minimum dimensions 8 mm × 20 mm × 10 mm.

7.2.1.5 **Flat glass plate**, approximately 1 mm thick (e.g. a microscopic slide).

7.2.2 Procedure

Condition the metal block (7.2.1.4) and indenter needle (7.2.1.2) in the cabinet (7.2.1.1) at (37 ± 1) °C.

Place the metal mould (7.2.1.3), conditioned at (23 ± 1) °C, on the flat glass plate (7.2.1.5) and fill to a level surface with the cement.

After (60 ± 10) s from the start of mixing for all cements, place the specimen, mould and glass plate on to the metal block.

Thirty seconds before the setting time given by the manufacturer, carefully lower the indenter needle vertically on to the surface of the cement. Make indentations at 15 s intervals with no superimposition of indentations until the setting time has been reached. Maintain the needle tip in a clean condition between indentations.

Record the setting time to the nearest 15 s as the period of time which elapses from the start of mixing to the time when the needle fails to penetrate completely the 2 mm depth of cement.

7.2.3 Treatment of results

The result shall either be one of the limit values or lie between the limits given in [Table 1](#).

7.3 Determination of compressive strength

7.3.1 Apparatus

7.3.1.1 **Split moulds and plates**, for example, as shown in [Figure 2](#), suitable for the preparation of a cylindrical specimen with a height of 6 mm and a diameter of 4 mm and made of a material that is neither attacked nor corroded by the cement such as stainless steel.

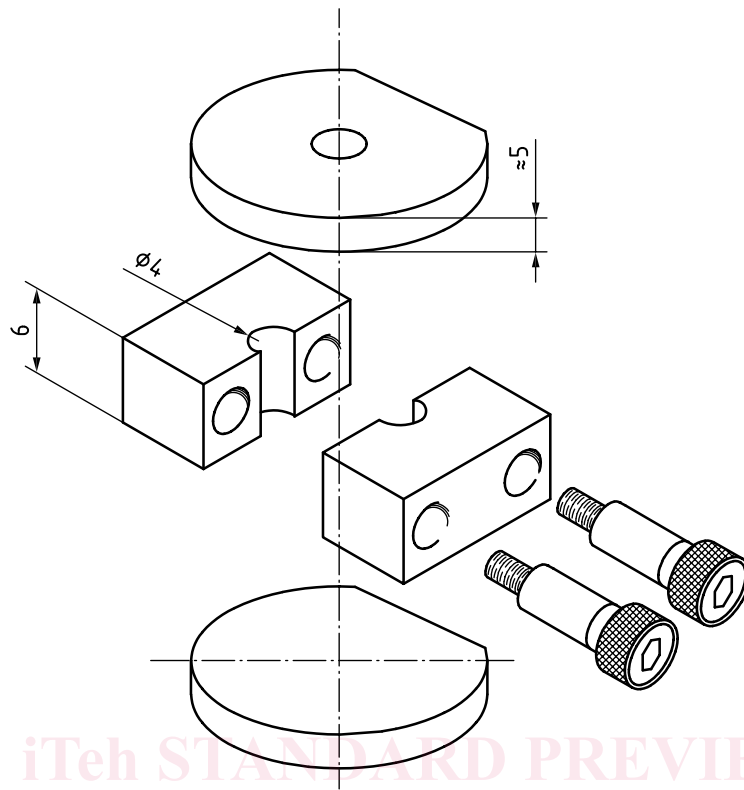


Figure 2 — Mould and plates for preparation of compressive strength test specimens

7.3.1.2 **Screw clamp**, of dimensions such that it can clamp the mould and plates together, such as is shown in [Figure 3](#).

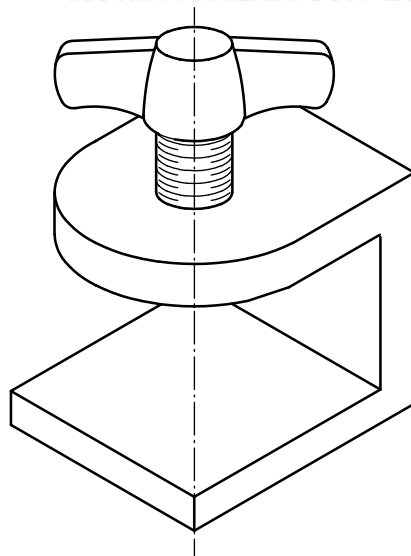


Figure 3 — Clamp for preparation of compressive strength test specimens

7.3.1.3 **Cabinet**, as specified in [7.2.1.1](#).

7.3.1.4 **Micrometer or similar measuring device**, accurate to 1 μm .