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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination by electrometry of the pH of adhesives, their basic constituents and related products using a pH meter equipped with a glass and silver reference combined electrode.

This standard is applicable to products supplied in an aqueous medium, and of known concentration, and to products which can be dissolved, dispersed or suspended in water. It is not applicable to adhesives that react with water.

NOTE: The accuracy of the method decreases at pH values above 11.

2 Normative References

This European Standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 923	Adhesives - Terms and definitions
EN 1066	Adhesives - Sampling
EN 1067	Adhesives - Examination and preparation of samples for testing
EN ISO 3696	Water for analytical laboratory use - Specifications and test methods

3 Definitions

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For the purposes of this standard, the definitions in accordance with EN 923 and the following definition apply:

3.1 pH: $\log \frac{1}{[H^+]}$, where $[H^+]$ is the hydrogen ion concentration of the test sample.

4 Principle

Measurement of the potential difference existing between a glass electrode and a reference electrode immersed in the aqueous dispersion maintained at the specified test temperature, and reading of this difference expressed in pH units, directly on the pH meter scale.

5 Safety

Persons using this Standard shall be familiar with normal laboratory practice

This standard does not purport to address all the safety problems, if any associated with its use.

It is the responsibility of the user to establish health and safety practices and to ensure compliance with any European or national regulatory conditions.

6 Apparatus

6.1 *pH meter*, with input impedance of at least $10^{12} \Omega$, a resolution of 0,01 pH unit, and equipped for temperature compensation.

6.2 *Combined electrode*, a glass electrode surrounded concentrically by a silver reference electrode. The reference electrolyte (7.3) is kept in electrical contact with the sample by a porous diaphragm. The glass electrode used shall be one recommended by the manufacturer as suitable over the pH range to be encountered. Maintain the electrodes in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

NOTE 1: While separate electrodes can be used, it is recommended that they are replaced with combined electrodes. For ecological reasons, silver/silver chloride electrodes are preferred to mercury/calomel electrodes.

NOTE 2: The electrodes function linearly between pH 0 and the appearance of the alkaline error, which, depending on the sodium ion concentration, usually does not begin until the pH exceeds 11.

6.3 *Thermostatically controlled water bath*, controlled to within $\pm 1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ of the specified test temperature which shall be stated.

NOTE 3: In the absence of specific temperature requirements, $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ is the preferred temperature.

6.4 *Thermometer*, graduated to 0,1 $^\circ\text{C}$.

7 Reagents

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7.1 *Deionised or distilled water*, complying with EN ISO 3696, Grade 3.

7.2 *Buffer solutions* Commercially available analytical grade buffer solutions of known pH shall be used. In the absence of commercial buffer solutions, prepare the following solutions using only reagents of known analytical grade and carbon dioxide free distilled water, or water of equivalent purity (grade 3 as defined in EN ISO 3696).

7.2.1 Buffer solution of pH 7

7.2.1.1 Dissolve 3,40 g of potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH_2PO_4) and 3,55 g of disodium hydrogen phosphate (Na_2HPO_4) in water and dilute to 1 dm^3 in a volumetric flask. The pH of this solution is 6,87 at $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

7.2.2 Buffer solution of pH 4

7.2.2.1 Dissolve 10,21 g of potassium hydrogen phthalate ($\text{KOOCC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH}$) in water and dilute to 1 dm^3 in a volumetric flask. The pH of this solution is 4 at $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

7.2.2.2 The solution shall be stored in a glass or polyethylene vessel that is resistant to chemicals. After 1 month the solution shall be replaced.

7.2.3 Buffer solution of pH 9

7.2.3.1 Dissolve 3,814 g of sodium tetraborate decahydrate ($\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$) in water and dilute to 1 dm^3 in a volumetric flask. The pH of this solution when freshly prepared is 9,20 at $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

7.2.3.2 The solution shall be stored in a glass or polyethylene vessel that is resistant to chemicals and fitted with a soda-lime carbon dioxide trap. After 1 month the solution shall be replaced.

NOTE: Alkaline buffer solutions are unstable; they absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Where an alkaline buffer has been used for calibration, the accuracy may be verified by means of the buffer solution of pH 4.

7.3 *Reference electrolyte* A 3 mol/dm^3 solution of potassium chloride saturated with silver chloride.

8 Sampling

Take a significant sample of the adhesive to be tested, in accordance with EN 1066, and prepare it, in accordance with EN 1067.

9 Procedure

9.1 Reduction of thermal and electrical hysteresis effects, by ensuring that the temperatures of the test samples, electrodes, demineralised or distilled rinsing water and buffer solutions are as close to one another as possible. The temperatures of the test samples and buffer solutions shall not differ by more than 1 °C.

9.2. Calibration

9.2.1 Calibrate the pH meter in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If these are not available, proceed as follows:

9.2.1.1 Switch on the pH meter and allow the electronic circuit to stabilise.

9.2.1.2 Select two commercial buffer solutions (7.2). One at pH 7 corresponding to the zero point of the electrode and the other differing from the first by about 3 pH units and of a higher or lower pH in accordance with the sample being tested. Where commercial buffer solutions are not available use the appropriate prepared buffer solutions (7.2.1 and either 7.2.2 or 7.2.3).

9.2.1.3 Allow the temperature of the buffer solutions, the test sample and the electrode to equilibrate in the water bath (6.3) at the specified test temperature. Record the temperature using the thermometer (6.4) and adjust the temperature correction on the pH meter correspondingly.

9.2.1.4 Rinse the electrode with water (7.1) and then with the buffer solution of nominal pH 7, so that the liquid runs down the length of the electrode.

9.2.1.5 Introduce an adequate volume of the same buffer solution into a suitable clean, dry glass or plastic vessel and place in the water bath (6.3). Immerse the electrode in the buffer solution ensuring that the level of the reference electrolyte in the electrode remains about 5 cm higher than the level of the buffer solution (to prevent any contamination of the electrode). Stir gently and allow the reading to stabilise. Adjust the pH meter, using the zero point adjustment control, so that the reading corresponds to the pH of the buffer. Withdraw the electrode and discard the portion of that buffer solution.

9.2.1.6 Rinse the electrode with water (7.1) followed by the chosen buffer solution as described in 9.2.1.4.

NOTE: Commercial buffer solution pH 10 may be available.

9.2.1.7 Immerse the electrode in a quantity of the chosen buffer solution as described in 9.2.1.5. Allow the reading to stabilise before adjusting the meter to the pH of the buffer solution using the gradient adjustment control and without touching the zero point control. Remove the electrode and wash with water (7.1). Discard the portion of the buffer solution.

NOTE: Ensure that the electrode gradient is in the range -55,6 to -61,5 mV/pH unit, i.e. that it is between 95 % and 103 % of the theoretical value (-58,57 mV/pH unit at 23 °C). If the electrode is outside this range refill with fresh reference electrolyte in accordance with the manufacturers instructions and repeat the calibration.

9.3 Measurement of the pH of the test sample

9.3.1 Mix the test sample thoroughly to ensure that it is homogeneous.

NOTE: Solid, water-free, or highly-viscous adhesives shall be dissolved, dispersed or suspended in water in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or, if none are given, in the mass/mass ratio of 1:1.