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Foreword

This document (EN 12875-5:2006) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 194 "Utensils in contact with food", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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Introduction

This European Standard specifies an accelerated test for the determination of the dishwashing resistance of catering articles made of ceramics.

Further parts of EN 12875, under the general title *Mechanical dishwashing resistance of utensils* that have already been published or are in preparation are as follows:

Part 1: Reference test method for domestic articles

Part 2: Inspection of non-metallic articles

Part 4: Rapid test for domestic ceramic articles

Part 5: Rapid test for ceramic catering articles

The accelerated test is a useful method for predicting the dishwashing resistance of the glaze surface of ceramic products intended for catering use. The catering industry requires significant quantities of products that are decorated on the glaze surface (for example customized or bespoke ware), and such ware may have an overall durability which is lower than that of the glaze surface itself. A convenient method to test on-glaze decorated ware is referred to in the Note to 4.2 however, testing by this modified procedure will not be in accordance with EN 12875-5.

Note that the reference test method (EN 12875-1) is based on a multi-cyclic test in a modified domestic dishwashing machine, and utilizes an alkaline domestic dishwashing detergent.

It is intended that the inspection procedure given in ENa12875 2 be used to examine ceramic catering articles which have been subjected to the rapid test. 141e621ed49/sist-en-12875-5-2006

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a rapid method for testing the dishwashing resistance of catering articles made of ceramics. It does not define the number of dishwashing cycles that any given product should withstand. The method tests the dishwashing durability of the glaze surface of the ceramic articles.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this European standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12875-2:2001, Mechanical dishwashing resistance of utensils – Part 2: Inspection of non-metallic articles

EN ISO 3696:1995, Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)

3 Principle

Unused specimens of ware are immersed in a static solution of a specified alkaline dishwashing detergent at (75 ± 1) °C for a total of 16 hours. The specimens are then examined visually and compared with similar, untested pieces to determine any changes in gloss or colour resulting from detergent attack.

4 Reagents

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4.1 Detergent formulation SIST EN 12875-5:2006

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For the purposes of this test, a liquid detergent having the following chemical composition shall be used:

Technical grade sodium hydroxide	15 % w/w
Nitrilotriacetic acid, trisodium salt	16 % w/w
Water (grade 3 as specified in EN ISO 3696:1995)	69 % w/w

4.2 Detergent solution

2,0 % (w/w) aqueous solution of detergent (4.1) prepared with distilled water or water of equivalent purity (grade 3 water as specified in EN ISO 3696:1995).

NOTE Testing in a 0,3% (w/w) solution of the detergent may provide useful information on the performance of catering ware for special applications, for example on-glaze decorated ware (including gold decoration). However, testing using the 0,3% detergent solution will not be in accordance with EN 12875-5.

Sufficient detergent solution is required to ensure that the total ware surface area to test solution volume does not exceed 130 cm^2/I .

5 Apparatus

5.1 Stainless steel tank with a close-fitting stainless steel lid, capable of holding at least 10 litres of detergent solution.

5.2 Stainless steel rack to support the test specimens and to separate individual items from the bottom of the tank and from each other, allowing free access for the detergent solution.

NOTE Certain materials will inhibit the attack of an alkaline washing agent on ceramic articles. These include aluminium and zinc, and any contact with this type of material should be avoided.

5.3 Hot water bath surrounding the stainless steel tank and capable of maintaining the solution temperature within the test tank at (75 ± 1) °C, and fitted with:

- a) a circulating pump to maintain an even temperature distribution throughout the test tank;
- b) a temperature monitoring device that records any deviation in the temperature of the solution in the tank during the immersion period.
- NOTE The bath may be large enough to contain several tanks.
- 5.4 Inspection site, as specified in EN 12875-2.
- 5.5 **Precision ruler (engineering grade)**, graduated in millimetres.
- **5.6 Thermometer**, covering the range 50 °C to 90 °C in 0,2 °C graduations.

6 Test specimens

A test specimen shall be any item of ceramic ware that can be completely immersed in the detergent solution. A minimum of four identical pieces of ware shall be available for test.

7 Procedure

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7.1 Preparation of test specimens ^{4141e621ed49/sist-en-12875-5-2006}

7.1.1 Remove any surface contamination from the test specimens, e.g. by washing the specimens by hand in a mild liquid detergent at about 45 °C, followed by rinsing and drying with a clean cloth.

7.1.2 Place the test specimens in the inspection site and examine them with normal corrected vision from a distance of (30 ± 10) cm, while the viewing angle is changed. All test specimens of a given type shall be of comparable quality in gloss and colour; discard any specimens that are of inferior quality. Retain one specimen as an untested reference standard.

7.2 Immersion of test specimens

7.2.1 Determine the surface area of the test specimens. Fill the tank with sufficient water (see 4.2) to completely cover the specimens. Check for compliance with the surface area to volume criterion given in 4.2; if the calculated surface area approaches the critical limit of $130 \text{ cm}^2/\text{I}$, a greater volume shall be used.

NOTE When determining the surface area of flatware, it is sufficient to determine the surface area of a flat disc having the same circumference as the ware. For other types of ware allowance should be made for curvature and for handles, etc.

7.2.2 Cover the tank and adjust the water bath temperature to give a test tank temperature of (75 ± 1) °C. Record the tank temperature.

7.2.3 Add sufficient detergent to give a solution of the correct concentration (see 4.2) in the test tank. Stir well to disperse the detergent. Immediately lower the test specimens, in the racks, into the tank and cover with the lid.