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Foreword

This document (EN ISO 8442-5:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 194, "Utensils in contact with food", the secretariat of which is held by BSI, in collaboration with Technical Committee ISO/TC 186 "Cutlery and table and decorative metal hollow-ware".

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2005.

Annex A is normative.

EN ISO 8442 consists of the following parts:

- Part 1: *Requirements for cutlery for the preparation of food*
- Part 2: *Requirements for stainless steel and silver-plated cutlery*
- Part 3: *Requirements for silver-plated table and decorative holloware*
- Part 4: *Requirements for gold-plated cutlery*
- Part 5: *Specification for sharpness and edge retention test of cutlery*
- Part 6: *Lightly silver-plated table holloware protected by laquer*
- Part 7: *Specification for table cutlery made of silver, other precious metals and their alloys*
- Part 8: *Specification for silver table and decorative holloware*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the sharpness and edge retention of knives which are produced for professional and domestic use in the preparation of food of all kinds, specifically those knives intended for hand use.

Powered blade instruments of any kind are excluded.

Generally these types of knives are manufactured with blades of either plain edge design or with edges incorporating particular features to enhance or optimize aspects of cutting ability.

The following two types of knife blade are suitable for the cutting test:

Type A edges: Cutting edges which can be resharpened by the user and edges with a pitch greater than 1 mm;

Type B edges: Cutting edges which are not intended to be resharpened on a steel.

Whilst these knives are predominantly manufactured with blades made from various grades of heat treated steels, the testing of knives of any construction or blade material is not precluded providing that the test criteria are met.

The principle of the testing is to reproduce a cutting action, by forward and reverse strokes, against a pack of synthetic test medium under controlled parameters.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1

cutlery

utensils for the preparation and serving of food having a blade with a cutting edge

2.2

centre line

line which generally bisects the cross-section of the blade passing through the cutting edge and the back of the blade (see Figure 1)

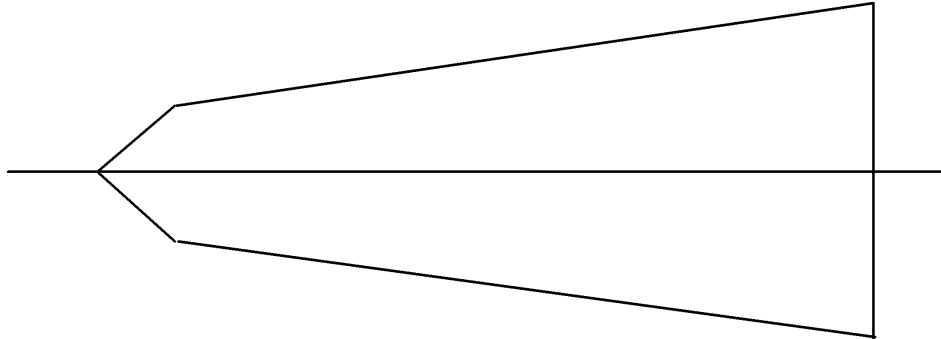
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Figure 1 — Centreline

2.3

initial cutting performance (ICP)

cutting ability to be expected by the user from a knife when supplied “as new” from the factory or point of sale

2.4

cutting edge retention (CER)

ability of the knife blade’s edge to resist wear throughout its useful life

2.5

total card cut (TCC)

cumulative amount of card cut (measured in millimetres) by the test knife over the duration of a full test

2.6

cutting cycle

one forward plus one reverse stroke of the designated length of the blade against the medium

3 Testing

3.1 General

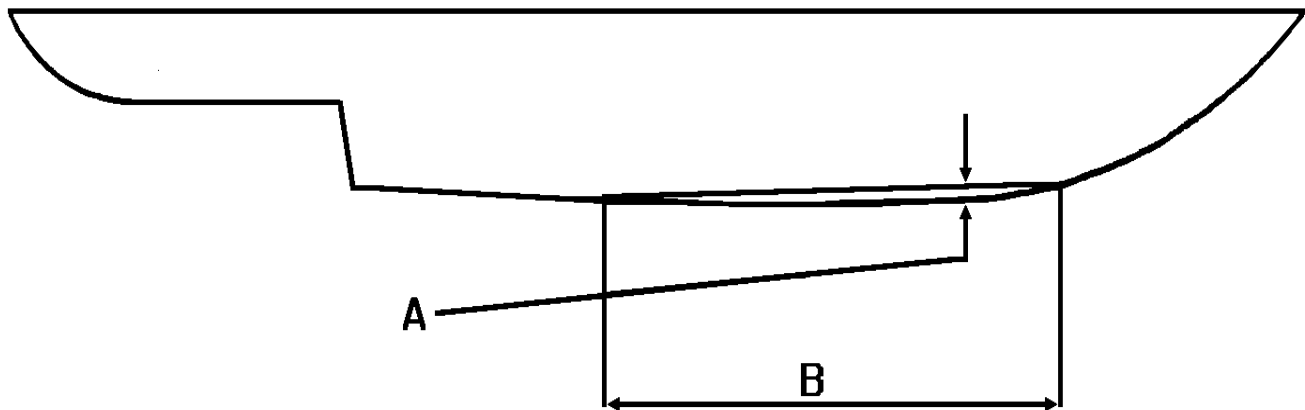
When tested in accordance with the test method of clause 7 each type of knife shall conform to 3.2 to 3.4.

This test shall be carried out before any other physical or mechanical test so that edge performances are assessed in the “as received” condition.

3.2 Test length

The portion of the cutting edge of the blade to be tested (see 3.3) shall be straight except for a maximum deviation (positive or negative, not both) of 1 mm.

In the case of type “ B “ edges the shape of the blade is considered to be the underlying profile on which the detail is superimposed (see Figure 2).

**Key**

A Max. deviation from straight (shown positive)

B Stroke length

Figure 2 — Blade to be tested

3.3 Test conditions

The same test is applied to both types of knives but the duration for the purpose of establishing cutting edge retention is determined by the type of edge. Test parameters are given in Table 1.

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Table 1 — Cutting test parameters

Blade edge Type	Test load N	Stroke Length (mm)	Nominal cutting speed (mm/s)	Total no. Cutting cycles (F)
A	50	40	50	60
B	50	40	50	200

3.4 Cutting performance

When tested in accordance with clause 7 the minimum initial cutting performance (ICP) and cutting edge retention (CER) shall conform to the performance levels specified in Table 2.

Table 2 — Performance levels

Blade edge type	Minimum ICP mm	Minimum CER (TCC) mm
A	50	150
B	50	1 500

4 Principle

Performance of the blade in terms of distance cut through the medium on each cycle is measured throughout the duration of the test, which is designed to accelerate wear of the knife blade over a short period.

Blades shall cut an adequate amount of medium to complete the test and the two cutting performance indicators ICP and CER are calculated in accordance with clause 8 from the accumulated data.

5 Test medium

A specially developed chemical pulp is produced in the form of sheets of card containing a controlled amount of abrasive material i.e. quartz. This card shall be pure chemical soda pulp without any other chemical additive except for the addition of silica in the proportion of $(5 \pm 0,5)$ % by weight.

The properties of the quartz shall conform to Tables 3 to 5.

The quartz shall have the percentage composition of chemical elements specified in Table 3.

Table 3 — Composition of silica abrasive

Compound	Composition %
SiO ₂	99
Fe	0,013
Al ₂ O ₃	0,22
MgO	Nil
Alkalines	Nil

The grain size distribution of quartz shall be as specified in Table 4.

Table 4 — Grain size distribution of silica - C 400

Grain size µm	Composition (in weight) %
> 50	0,2
> 30	4,7
> 20	15
> 16	2
> 12	11
> 10	10
> 8	7
> 6	9
> 4	12
> 2	29

To satisfy the test arrangement the card is cut into 10 mm wide strips (with the fibres of the card grain flowing across the strip) and compiled into a pack maximum 50 mm deep when clamped under pressure $(130 \pm 2,5)$ N in a holder as shown in Figure 3.

The physical properties of each strip shall be as specified in Table 5.

Table 5 — Physical properties

Thickness mm	Weight g/m ²	Strip (pack) width mm
$0,31 \pm 0,02$	200 ± 10	$10,0 \pm 0,1$