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Standard Specification for Crucibles, Ignition, Laboratory, Metal¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers two types of metal ignition crucibles, nickel or platinum, complete with covers, for laboratory use.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

[B162 Specification for Nickel Plate, Sheet, and Strip](#)

2.2 *Federal Standards*:³

[Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipment \(Civil Agencies\)](#)

2.3 *Military Standards*:³

[MIL-STD-105 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes](#)

[MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage](#)

[MIL-STD-1188 Commercial Packaging of Supplies and Equipment](#)

3. Classification

3.1 *Types and Capacities*—The crucibles shall be furnished in one or more of the following types or capacities as specified (see S2.1).

3.1.1 *Type I*—Nickel.

Capacity: 100 mL
250 mL

3.1.2 *Type II*—Platinum.

Capacity: 20 mL

4. Materials

4.1 *Type I*—Crucibles and covers shall be made from 99.4 % nickel, spun and hardened in conformance with Specification [B162](#).

4.2 *Type II*—Crucibles and covers shall be made from 99.9 % platinum plus iridium, with the iridium content of not more than 0.4 %.

5. Physical Requirements

5.1 *Crucibles* shall have a standard shape with a flat base to give a firm and stable resting surface. The side wall shall form a sloping and convex surface extending up to the brim. Crucibles shall be of one-piece construction.

5.2 *Covers* shall be flat, sunken in the center, and shall have an extension to serve as a handle. The sunken area in the center shall fit inside the crucible.

6. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

6.1 *Type I* crucibles and covers shall conform to the requirements of [Table 1](#).

6.2 *Type II Crucibles and Covers*:

6.2.1 Type II crucibles shall conform to the requirements of [Table 2](#).

6.2.2 Type II covers shall conform to the requirements of [Table 3](#).

7. Workmanship

7.1 Crucibles and covers shall be free of defects (scratches, dents, discolorations) or contamination (grease, oil, foreign matter) that detract from their appearance or that impair their serviceability.

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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 Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, http://www.dodssp.daps.mil.

8. Keywords

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