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and discharge of aqueous materials
— Specification**

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thermoplastique en spirale pour aspiration et refoulement de
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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- addition of nominal size 19 in [Table 6](#);
- changes to [Table D.1](#);
- deletion of the production test in Annex E.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for three types of helical-thermoplastic-reinforced thermoplastics hoses for suction and discharge of water, weak aqueous chemical solutions and abrasive solids and slurries, for use in the ambient temperature range from -10 °C to 55 °C .

This document does not specify requirements for use with flammable or combustible materials, nor with aromatic solvents.

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 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 176:2005, *Plastics — Determination of loss of plasticizers — Activated carbon method*

ISO 1307, *Rubber and plastics hoses — Hose sizes, minimum and maximum inside diameters, and tolerances on cut-to-length hoses*

ISO 1402, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Hydrostatic testing*

ISO 4671, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Methods of measurement of the dimensions of hoses and the lengths of hose assemblies*

ISO 8330, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Vocabulary*

ISO 10619-1, *Rubber and plastics hoses and tubing — Measurement of flexibility and stiffness — Part 1: Bending tests at ambient temperature*

ISO 10619-2, *Rubber and plastics hoses and tubing — Measurement of flexibility and stiffness — Part 2: Bending tests at sub-ambient temperatures*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

ISO 30013:2011, *Rubber and plastics hoses — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Determination of changes in colour, appearance and other physical properties*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8330 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

Three types of hoses are specified, related to the maximum working pressure and suction pressure (see [Tables 2](#) and [5](#)):

- type 1: light-duty service;
- type 2: medium-duty service;
- type 3: heavy-duty service.

All types are designed to operate in the ambient temperature range -10 °C to 55 °C .

5 Materials and construction

The hoses shall be as uniform as commercially practicable in colour and other physical properties. They shall consist of a flexible thermoplastics material supported within the material by a helix of thermoplastic material of a similar compatible property. The reinforcing and flexible components of the wall shall be fused together and free from visible cracks, porosity, foreign inclusions or other defects such as are liable to cause failure of the hose in service.

NOTE Hoses of a similar construction for suction and discharge for fire-fighting are specified in ISO 14557.

6 Dimensions and tolerances

6.1 Nominal sizes, inside diameters and tolerances

The test shall be carried in accordance with ISO 4671. The inside diameters and tolerances of hoses of different nominal sizes shall meet the requirements given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Nominal sizes, inside diameters and tolerances

Nominal size	Inside diameter	Tolerances for types 1 and 2	Tolerances for type 3
	mm	mm	mm
12,5	12,5	$\pm 0,75$	N/A
16	16	$\pm 0,75$	N/A
19	19	$\pm 0,75$	N/A
20	20	$\pm 0,75$	N/A
25	25	$\pm 1,25$	$\pm 1,25$
32	32	$\pm 1,25$	$\pm 1,25$
38	38	$\pm 1,25$	$\pm 1,50$
40	40	$\pm 1,25$	$\pm 1,50$
50	50	$\pm 1,50$	$\pm 1,50$
63	63	$\pm 1,50$	$\pm 1,50$
76	76	$\pm 1,50$	$\pm 2,00$
80	80	$\pm 1,50$	$\pm 2,00$
90	90	$\pm 2,00$	$\pm 2,00$

Table 1 (continued)

Nominal size	Inside diameter	Tolerances for types 1 and 2	Tolerances for type 3
	mm	mm	mm
100	100	±2,00	±2,00
102	102	±2,00	±2,00
125	125	±2,00	±2,00
127	127	±2,00	±2,00
152	152	±2,00	±2,00
160	160	±2,00	±2,00
200	200	N/A	±2,00
250	250	N/A	±3,00
300	300	N/A	±3,00
315	315	N/A	±3,00

6.2 Length tolerances

The tolerances on cut lengths shall be in accordance with ISO 1307.

7 Maximum working pressure

The maximum working pressure shall be as specified in Table 2.

Table 2 — Maximum working pressures

Nominal size	Maximum working pressure											
	23 °C ± 2 °C						55 °C ± 2 °C					
	Type 1		Type 2		Type 3		Type 1		Type 2		Type 3	
	MPa	bar	MPa	bar	MPa	bar	MPa	bar	MPa	bar	MPa	bar
12,5 up to and including 25	0,56	5,6	0,73	7,3	0,93	9,3	0,16	1,6	0,21	2,1	0,26	2,6
32 up to and including 63	0,4	4	0,5	5	0,6	6	0,13	1,3	0,15	1,5	0,2	2
76 up to and including 90	0,3	3	0,4	4	0,5	5	0,1	1	0,13	1,3	0,16	1,6
100 up to and including 127	0,23	2,3	0,3	3	0,4	4	0,08	0,8	0,1	1	0,13	1,3
152 up to and including 250	0,2	2	0,26	2,6	0,3	3	0,06	0,6	0,08	0,8	0,1	1
300 up to and including 315	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,26	2,6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0,08	0,8

8 Performance requirements

8.1 Hydrostatic testing at 23 °C ± 2 °C

The test shall be carried out in accordance with ISO 1402 at room temperature and at media temperature of 23 °C ± 2 °C. Hoses shall meet the following requirements:

- At the proof pressure specified in Table 3 (i.e. 40 % of the minimum burst pressure), the hoses shall show no evidence of leakage, cracking, abrupt distortion (indicating irregularity in materials or manufacture) or other signs of failure.
- The minimum burst pressure shall be as specified in Table 3.