
**Metallic powders, excluding powders
for hardmetals — Determination of
dimensional changes associated with
compacting and sintering**

*Poudres métalliques à l'exclusion des poudres pour métaux-durs —
Détermination de changements dimensionnels liés à la compression et
au frittage*

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Metallic powders, excluding powders for hardmetals — Determination of dimensional changes associated with compacting and sintering

1 Scope

This document specifies a method by which the dimensional changes associated with compacting and sintering of metallic powders are compared with those of a reference powder when processed under similar conditions (see [Clause 4](#)).

The method applies to the determination of three types of dimensional changes involved with the processing of metallic powders, excluding powders for hardmetals.

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 2740, *Sintered metal materials, excluding hardmetals — Tensile test pieces*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principle

Compaction of a metallic powder or powder mix with admixed lubricant was used to produce a test piece that was sintered under controlled conditions. Depending upon the particular dimensional change required, measurement of the dimension of the uploaded die cavity, the green compact, and/or the sintered test piece is calculated. The algebraic difference between these various measurements is calculated as a percentage of the dimension of the die cavity or the green compact. (See [Clause 9](#).)

Standard test pieces made from a reference lot of powder are processed together with the sample under test and the dimensional changes of the two powders are reported (see [Annex A](#) for additional information).

5 Test parameters

The reference powder shall be chosen by agreement between the supplier and user and shall have a composition and properties as close as possible to those of the powder to be tested.

The following three types of dimensional changes are dealt with in this document:

5.1 From die size to green size (spring back): The increase in dimensions of a compact, measured at right angles to the direction of pressing, after being ejected from the die.