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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- a new measurement procedure, the powder method, was added;
- [Annex A](#) was added;
- [Annex B](#) was added;
- the surface method is technically revised.

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Introduction

This document specifies methods for testing the resistance of optical glasses to the attack by aqueous acidic solutions and provides corresponding classifications according to the resistance determined.

Two different methods are provided: A surface method and a powder method. Both methods are described side by side so that the user can select a suitable or convenient method for the application.

The surface method is applied to polished glass samples. The results are comparable to application conditions.

The powder method uses small amounts of crushed granular glass for testing. It is easy to apply, and provides test results quickly.

The acid resistance classes determined by the two different methods show a correlation, but they cannot be converted into each other unambiguously. Therefore, different notations are introduced for the acid resistance classes referring to the determining method to avoid misunderstandings.

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1 Scope

This document specifies two methods for testing the resistance of raw optical glasses to attack by aqueous acidic solutions and defines a classification of optical glasses according to the acid resistance determined by these methods.

The surface method tests the resistance of the polished plate-shaped optical glass to attack by aqueous acidic solutions at 25 °C for a specified time and indicates the class determined by this method as “SR-S”.

The powder method tests the resistance of crushed granular optical glass to attack by an acidic aqueous solution at above 98 °C for 1 h, and indicates the class determined by this method as “SR-P”.

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 2768-1, *General tolerances — Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

ISO 3585, *Borosilicate glass 3.3 — Properties*

ISO 4797, *Laboratory glassware — Boiling flasks with conical ground joints*

ISO 4799, *Laboratory glassware — Condensers*

ISO 10110-8, *Optics and photonics — Preparation of drawings for optical elements and systems — Part 8: Surface texture*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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 Principle of measurement

4.1 Surface method

A polished glass sample is exposed to a test solution with a pH of 0,3 (nitric acid Solution 0,5 mol/l) or 4,6 (buffer solution) at 25 °C for specified durations. The sample is weighed before and after immersion to determine the loss in material. From this result the duration required to remove a surface layer of 0,1 µm depth is determined and categorized into the acid resistance class SR-S.