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Médecine bucco-dentaire — Adhésifs pour prothèses dentaires

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10873:2010), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the powder/water ratio described in [7.5.3.1](#) and [7.6.3.1](#) has been revised;
- the method for pH value measurement has been modified in part;
- the surface roughness of the sample holder has been revised.

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Introduction

Denture adhesives are used for the improvement in retention stability of removable denture to soft supporting tissues temporarily. This document is intended to determine the physical and chemical properties of denture adhesives.

Specific qualitative and quantitative requirements for freedom from biological hazards are not included in this document.

It is recommended that, in assessing possible biological hazards, reference be made to ISO 7405 and ISO 10993-1.

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Dentistry — Denture adhesives

1 Scope

This document classifies denture adhesives used by wearers of removable dentures; it also specifies requirements, test methods and instructions to be supplied for the use of such products.

This document is applicable to denture adhesives for use by the consumer and excludes the dental lining materials prescribed or applied by dental professionals.

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 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 7823-2, *Plastics — Poly(methyl methacrylate) sheets — Types, dimensions and characteristics — Part 2: Extruded sheets*

ISO 8601-1, *Date and time — Representations for information interchange — Part 1: Basic rules*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1

denture adhesive

dental product placed on the intaglio surface of a removable denture to temporarily improve its retention to soft supporting tissues

Note 1 to entry: The intaglio surface is also known as the fitting surface.

[SOURCE: ISO 1942:2020, 3.3.1.23, modified — Note 1 to entry has been added.]

3.2

glue type

denture adhesive (3.1) in powder, cream, sheet or tape form with a water-soluble polymer as the adhesive constituent

3.3

liner type

denture adhesive (3.1) in non-aqueous form

4 Classification

4.1 General

For the purposes of this document, denture adhesives are categorized as one of the following types:

4.2 Types and classes

- a) Type 1: glue type:
 - Class 1: powder form;
 - Class 2: cream form;
 - Class 3: sheet or tape form.
- b) Type 2: liner type.

5 Requirements

5.1 General

5.1.1 Biocompatibility

Particular attention should be given to assessing the effects on biocompatibility from the release of metallic ions from the denture adhesive.

5.1.2 pH value

Denture adhesives shall have a pH value within the range of 4 to 10 when tested in accordance with [7.2](#) or another validated method.

5.1.3 Microbiology

Testing for microbiological contamination shall be carried out according to appropriate methods such as those listed in References [\[3\]](#) to [\[15\]](#).

5.1.4 Stability

The denture adhesive shall show no signs of deterioration which may affect compliance with this document after being subjected to one of the aging procedures specified in [7.3](#).

5.2 Specific requirements for Type 1 adhesives

5.2.1 Washability

There shall be no residual lump when tested in accordance with [7.4](#).

5.2.2 Strength of the adhesion to the prosthesis

Adhesion strength shall not be less than 5 kPa when tested in accordance with [7.5](#) and [7.6](#).

5.3 Specific requirements for Type 2 adhesives

5.3.1 Adhesion strength

Adhesion strength shall not be less than 5 kPa when tested in accordance with [7.7](#).

5.3.2 Peeling property

There shall be no residual lump when tested in accordance with [7.8](#).

5.3.3 Consistency

Consistency shall not be less than 15 mm when tested in accordance with [7.9](#).

6 Sampling

The sample shall be taken from one lot and shall be sufficient to complete all tests specified in [Clause 7](#).

7 Measurements and test methods

7.1 Test conditions

All test shall be conducted at a temperature of (23 ± 3) °C.

7.2 pH value measurement

7.2.1 Apparatus and material

7.2.1.1 pH meter

7.2.1.1.1 pH meter, with a glass and comparison electrode assembly with an accuracy of $\pm 0,02$.

7.2.1.1.2 pH meter, with a flat type pH compound electrode.

7.2.1.2 Container

7.2.1.2.1 Glass container, of 500 ml capacity.

7.2.1.2.2 Container, of 35 mm in diameter and 10 mm in height.

7.2.1.3 Circular filter paper, of 40 mm in radius.

7.2.2 Reagents

7.2.2.1 Propylene glycol, analytical grade.

7.2.2.2 Water, shall be of grade 3 in accordance with ISO 3696:1987.

7.2.2.3 Sodium chloride, analytical grade.

7.2.3 Procedure

7.2.3.1 Type 1 adhesives

7.2.3.1.1 Class 1

Take $(1,0 \pm 0,1)$ g of a Class 1 denture adhesive in the container (7.2.1.2.1), add 5 g of propylene glycol (7.2.2.1) to disperse it, and while stirring, add 300 ml of water (7.2.2.2) and mix them sufficiently. Insert the electrode of the pH meter (7.2.1.1.1) into the dispersion and take the pH meter reading 3 min after the insertion.

7.2.3.1.2 Class 2

7.2.3.1.2.1 Procedure using pH meter with a flat type compound electrode

Take $(1,0 \pm 0,1)$ g of a Class 2 denture adhesive in the container (7.2.1.2.2) and spread evenly, then pour 5,0 ml of 0,9 g/dl sodium chloride (7.2.2.3) solution onto the sample. Cover the container (7.2.1.2.2), then keep it for 10 min. Insert the flat type pH compound electrode of the pH meter (7.2.1.1.2) into the 0,9 g/dl sodium chloride (7.2.2.3) solution and monitor the pH until a steady pH is determined.

NOTE This procedure is suitable for Class 2 denture adhesives which do not have internal diffusion capacity against aqueous solutions.

7.2.3.1.2.2 Alternative procedure using pH meter with a glass and reference electrode

Take $(1,0 \pm 0,1)$ g of a Class 2 denture adhesive in the container (7.2.1.2.1), add 5 g of propylene glycol (7.2.2.1) to disperse it, and while stirring, add 300 ml of water (7.2.2.2) and mix them sufficiently. Insert the electrode of the pH meter (7.2.1.1.1) into the dispersion and take the pH meter reading 3 min after the insertion.

NOTE This procedure is suitable for various type of Class 2 denture adhesives.

7.2.3.1.3 Class 3

Take $(1,0 \pm 0,1)$ g of a Class 3 denture adhesive in the container (7.2.1.2.1), add 300 ml of water and mix them sufficiently. Insert the electrode of the pH meter and take the pH meter reading 3 min after the insertion.

7.2.3.2 Type 2 adhesives

Take $(1,0 \pm 0,1)$ g of denture adhesive, and spread evenly over a radius of approximately 40 mm on a piece of filter paper (7.2.1.3). Place the filter paper in the container (7.2.1.2.1) and add 300 ml of water to it. After immersing in water for 1 h, insert the electrode of the pH meter into water and take the pH meter reading 3 min after the insertion.

7.3 Determination of stability — Aging procedure

Store the denture adhesives in their original containers at (40 ± 2) °C at (75 ± 5) % relative humidity for 3 months or at such conditions of time and temperature as will simulate storage at room temperature for 30 months^[16].

7.4 Test of washability (for Type 1 adhesives)

7.4.1 Apparatus and materials

7.4.1.1 **Water bath**, capable of being maintained at a temperature of (37 ± 2) °C.

7.4.1.2 Poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) plate, approximately 50 mm × 50 mm, shall be in accordance with ISO 7823-2.

7.4.2 Reagent

Water, in accordance with [7.2.2.2](#).

7.4.3 Procedure

Apply the denture adhesive on the PMMA plate ([7.4.1.2](#)) evenly following the manufacturer's instructions for use and immerse the plate in water for 1 h in the water bath ([7.4.1.1](#)) maintained at (37 ± 2) °C.

Wash the PMMA plate following the manufacturer's instructions for use and inspect the PMMA plate surface with the naked eye, without magnification. Repeat the tests to obtain five test results.

7.5 Adhesion strength test I (for Type 1 adhesives)

7.5.1 General

Conduct the following adhesion strength test within 3 min after removal from the water bath.

7.5.2 Apparatus

7.5.2.1 Adhesion test instrument, having a sample stand, of capacity up to 10 N (for both frame and load cell), with a cross-head speed up to 5 mm/min. See [Figure 1](#).

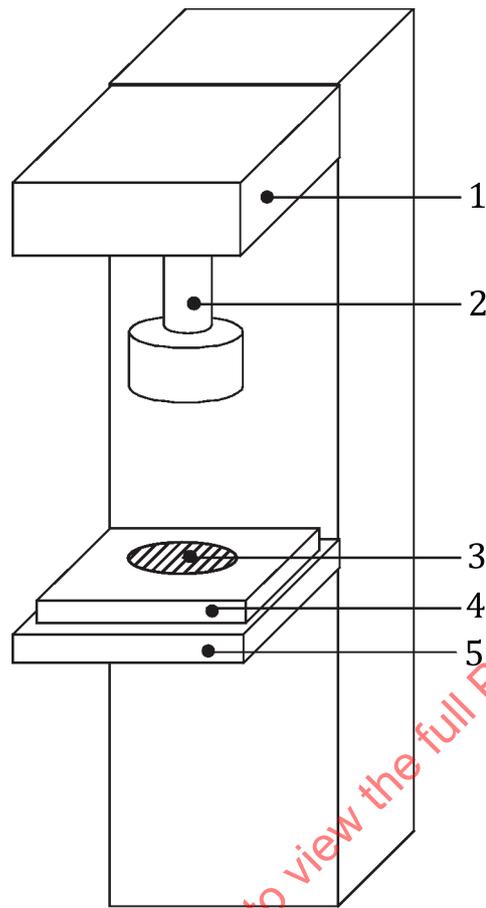
7.5.2.2 Sample holder I, having a hole with a diameter of (22 ± 1) mm, depth of $(0,5 \pm 0,1)$ mm and a surface roughness of 2,0 µm and below, made of poly(methyl methacrylate) complying with ISO 7823-2. See [Figure 2 a](#)).

After testing, detergent solution is recommended to remove the denture adhesive left on the sample holder surface.

7.5.2.3 Sample holder II, having a raised circular part with a diameter of (22 ± 1) mm, a height of $(5,0 \pm 0,1)$ mm and a surface roughness of 2,0 µm and below, made of poly(methyl methacrylate) complying with ISO 7823-2. See [Figure 2 b](#)).

After testing, detergent solution is recommended to remove the denture adhesive left on the sample holder surface.

7.5.2.4 Pressure sensitive shaft, having a circular base with a diameter of $(20,0 \pm 0,5)$ mm, made of poly(methyl methacrylate) complying with ISO 7823-2. See [Figure 3](#).



Key

- 1 load detecting part
- 2 pressure sensitive shaft
- 3 denture adhesive
- 4 sample holder
- 5 sample stand

Figure 1 — Adhesion test instrument

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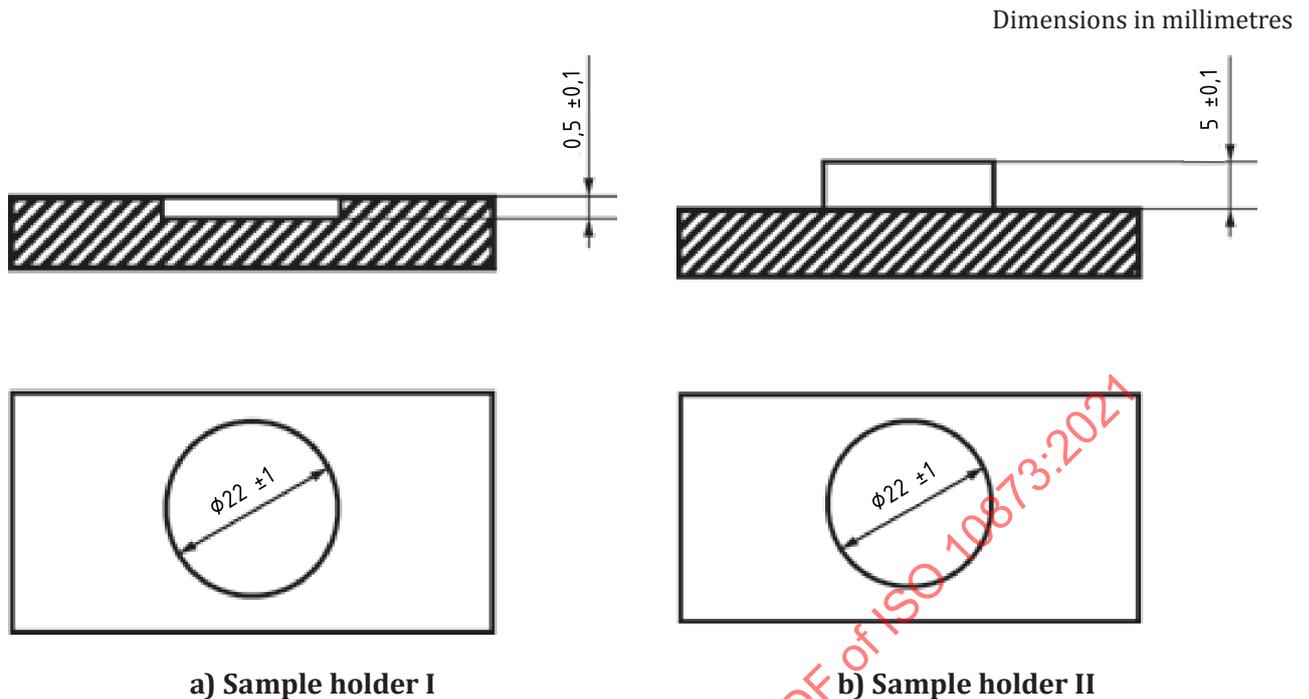


Figure 2 — Sample holders

7.5.3 Procedure

7.5.3.1 Class 1 denture adhesive

Add water (7.2.2.2) to 1 g to 3 g of a Class 1 denture adhesive powder in a powder/water mass ratio of 1/4 and mix them homogeneously. Leave the mixture in a sealed container for 5 min before using it as a specimen.

Slightly overfill the hole of holder I (7.5.2.2) with the specimen, flatten the surface, and then immerse the sample/sample holder I assembly in (300 ± 10) ml of water (7.2.2.2) for 1 min in the water bath (7.4.1.1) maintained at (37 ± 2) °C. Take out the sample/sample holder I assembly from the water bath and shake it once to remove water from the surface. Set the sample/sample holder I assembly on the sample stand of the adhesion test instrument (7.5.2.1) so that the load is applied to the centre of the sample.

Apply a load up to (10,0 ± 0,2) N at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min by the pressure sensitive shaft (7.5.2.4) to the sample, maintain the load in the position for 30 s and pull it toward the opposite direction at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min. Record the maximum force measured by the pressure sensitive shaft and calculate the force per unit area as the adhesion strength. See Figure 3 a). Repeat the test four times to obtain five results.

7.5.3.2 Class 2 denture adhesive

Slightly overfill the hole of the sample holder I (7.5.2.2) with a Class 2 denture adhesive, flatten the surface, and then immerse the sample/sample holder I assembly in (300 ± 10) ml of water (7.2.2.2) for 1 min in the water bath (7.4.1.1) maintained at (37 ± 2) °C. Take out the sample/sample holder I assembly and shake it once to remove water from the surface. Set the sample/sample holder I assembly on the sample stand of the adhesion test instrument (7.5.2.1) so that the load is applied to the centre of the sample.

Apply a load up to (10,0 ± 0,2) N at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min by the pressure sensitive shaft (7.5.2.4) to the sample, maintain the load in the position for 30 s and pull it toward the opposite direction at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min. Record the maximum force measured by the pressure sensitive shaft

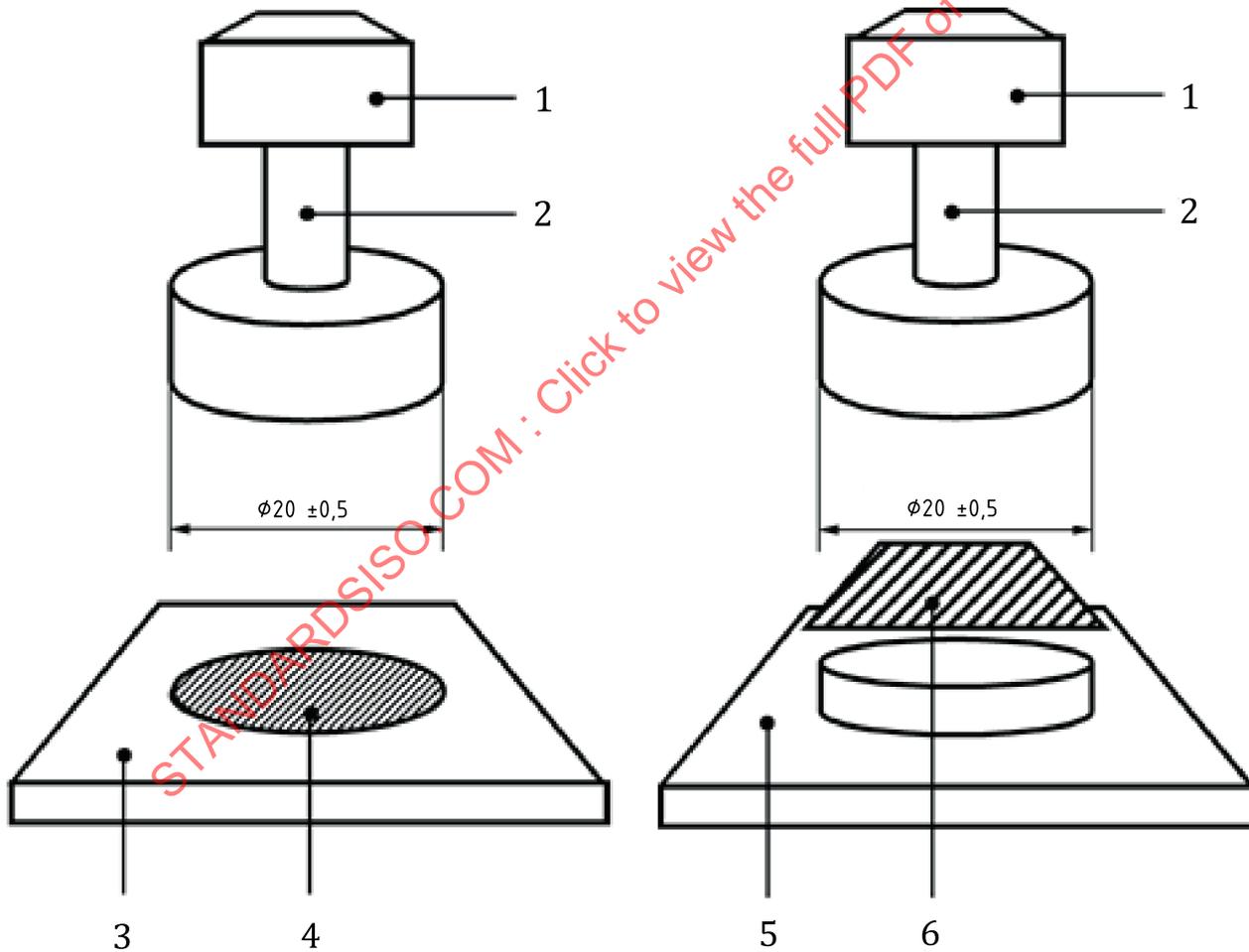
and calculate the force per unit area as the adhesion strength. See [Figure 3 a\)](#). Repeat the test four times to obtain five results.

7.5.3.3 Class 3 denture adhesive

Take a Class 3 denture adhesive so that the minimum dimensions of its total area is 21 mm × 21 mm and after immersing this in (300 ± 10) ml of water ([7.2.2.2](#)) for 5 s in the water bath maintained at (37 ± 2) °C, take it out and shake it once to remove water from the surface. Place the sample immediately on the sample holder II ([7.5.2.3](#)) so that the sample evenly covers the raised circular part and set the sample/sample holder II assembly on the sample stand of the adhesion test instrument ([7.5.2.1](#)) so that the load is applied to the centre of the sample.

Apply a load up to (10,0 ± 0,2) N at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min by the pressure sensitive shaft ([7.5.2.4](#)) to the sample, maintain the load in the position for 30 s and pull it toward the opposite direction at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min. Record the maximum force measured by the pressure sensitive shaft and calculate the force per unit area as the adhesion strength. See [Figure 3 b\)](#). Repeat the test four times to obtain five results.

Dimensions in millimetres



a) Class 1 or Class 2

b) Class 3

Key

- 1 load detector
- 2 pressure sensitive shaft
- 3 sample holder I
- 4 Class 1 or Class 2 sample
- 5 sample holder II
- 6 Class 3 sample

Figure 3 — Layout for adhesion test instrument**7.6 Adhesion strength test II (for Type 1 adhesives)****7.6.1 General**

Conduct the following adhesion strength test within 3 min after removal from the water bath.

7.6.2 Apparatus

See [7.5.2](#).

7.6.3 Procedure**7.6.3.1 Class 1 denture adhesive**

Add water ([7.2.2.2](#)) to 1 g to 3 g of a Class 1 denture adhesive powder in a powder/water mass ratio of 1/4 and mix homogeneously. Leave the mixture in a sealed container for 5 min before using it as a sample.

Slightly overfill the hole of holder I ([7.5.2.2](#)) with the mixture, flatten the surface, and then immerse the sample/sample holder I assembly in (300 ± 10) ml of water ([7.2.2.2](#)) for 10 min in the water bath ([7.4.1.1](#)) maintained at (37 ± 2) °C. Take out the sample/sample holder I assembly from the water bath and shake it once to remove water from the surface. Set the sample/sample holder I assembly on the sample stand of the adhesion test instrument ([7.5.2.1](#)) so that the load is applied to the centre of the sample.

Apply a load up to (10,0 ± 0,2) N at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min by the pressure sensitive shaft ([7.5.2.4](#)) to the sample, maintain the load in the position for 30 s and pull it toward the opposite direction at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min. Record the maximum force measured by the pressure sensitive shaft and calculate the force per unit area as the adhesion strength. See [Figure 3 a](#)). Repeat the test four times to obtain five results.

7.6.3.2 Class 2 denture adhesive

Slightly overfill the hole of the sample holder I ([7.5.2.2](#)) with a Class 2 denture adhesive, flatten the surface, and then immerse the sample/sample holder I assembly in (300 ± 10) ml of water ([7.2.2.2](#)) for 10 min in the water bath ([7.4.1.1](#)) maintained at (37 ± 2) °C. Take out the sample/sample holder I assembly and shake it once to remove water from the surface. Set the sample/sample holder I assembly on the sample stand of the adhesion test instrument ([7.5.2.1](#)) so that the load is applied to the centre of the sample.

Apply a load up to (10,0 ± 0,2) N at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min by the pressure sensitive shaft ([7.5.2.4](#)) to the sample, maintain the load in the position for 30 s and pull it toward the opposite direction at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min. Record the maximum force measured by the pressure sensitive shaft and calculate the force per unit area as the adhesion strength. See [Figure 3 a](#)). Repeat the test four times to obtain five results.

7.6.3.3 Class 3 denture adhesive

Take a Class 3 denture adhesive so that the minimum dimensions of its total area will be 21 mm × 21 mm and after immersing this in (300 ± 10) ml of water (7.2.2.2) for 10 min in the water bath (7.4.1.1) maintained at (37 ± 2) °C, take it out and shake it once to remove water from the surface. Place the sample immediately on the sample holder II (7.5.2.3) so that the sample evenly covers the raised circular part and set the sample/sample holder II assembly on the sample stand of the adhesion test instrument (7.5.2.1) so that the load is applied to the centre of the sample.

Apply a load up to (10,0 ± 0,2) N at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min by the 20,0 ± 0,5 mm pressure sensitive shaft (7.5.2.4) to the sample, maintain the load in position for 30 s and pull it toward the opposite direction at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min. Record the maximum force measured by the pressure sensitive shaft and calculate the force per unit area as the adhesion strength. See Figure 3 b). Repeat the test four times to obtain five results.

7.7 Adhesion strength test (for Type 2 adhesives)

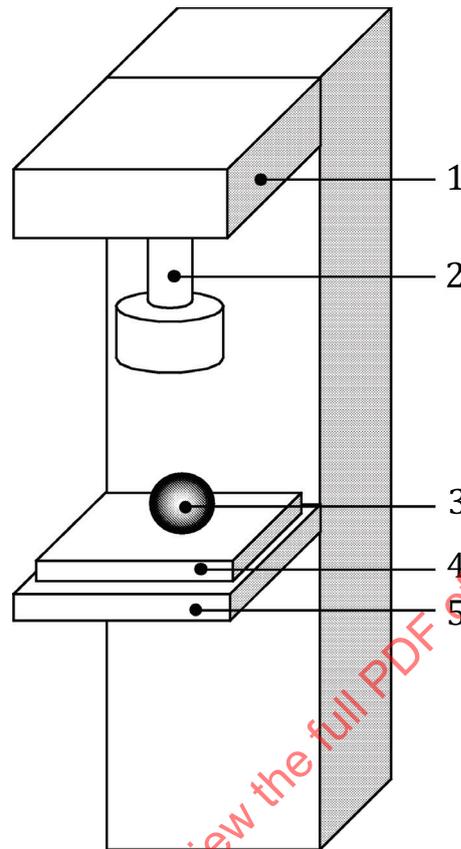
7.7.1 Apparatus

7.7.1.1 Adhesion test instrument, having a sample stand, of capacity up to 10 N (for both frame and load cell), with a cross-head speed up to 5 mm/min. See Figure 4.

7.7.1.2 Pressure sensitive shaft, having a circular base with a diameter of (20,0 ± 0,5) mm, made of poly(methyl methacrylate) complying with ISO 7823-2. See Figure 5.

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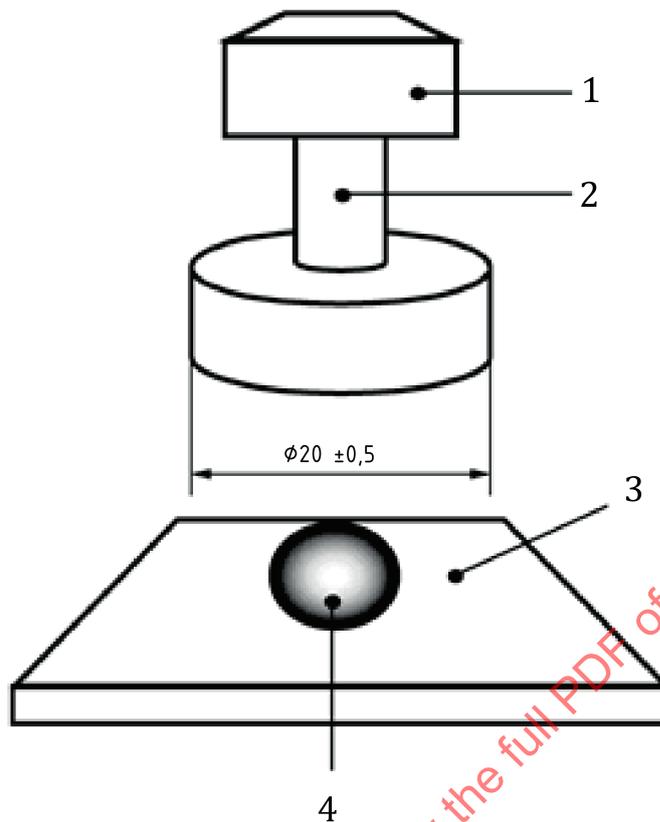
7.7.1.3 PMMA plate, in accordance with 7.4.1.2.

**Key**

- 1 load detecting part
- 2 pressure sensitive shaft
- 3 denture adhesive
- 4 sample holder
- 5 sample stand

NOTE This is an example of a test instrument.

Figure 4 — Adhesion strength test instrument for Type 2 adhesives

**Key**

- 1 load detector
- 2 pressure sensitive shaft
- 3 PMMA plate
- 4 denture adhesive

Figure 5 — Layout for adhesion strength test for Type 2 adhesives

7.7.2 Procedure

Immerse the pressure sensitive shaft (7.7.1.2) in water (7.2.2.2) for 12 h. After the shaft has fully absorbed the water, lightly wipe the moisture off the shaft.

Take $(0,8 \pm 0,1)$ g of a Type 2 denture adhesive and shape into a sphere for use as a sample. Place the sample on the PMMA plate (7.7.1.3) and set the plate on the sample holder of the adhesion test instrument (7.7.1.1) so that the load is applied to the centre of the sample. Press the sample by the pressure sensitive shaft (7.7.1.2) at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min up to a load of $(10,0 \pm 0,2)$ N, and then immediately pull it toward the opposite direction at cross-head speed of 5 mm/min. Record the maximum force measured by the pressure sensitive shaft, and calculate the force per unit area as the adhesion strength. See Figure 5. Repeat the test four times to obtain five test results.

7.8 Peeling test (for Type 2 adhesives)**7.8.1 Apparatus and materials**

7.8.1.1 PMMA plate, minimum dimensions of 20 mm × 30 mm, in accordance with ISO 7823-2.

7.8.1.2 Adhesive poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) tape, $(0,20 \pm 0,03)$ mm thick, at least 6 mm wide.

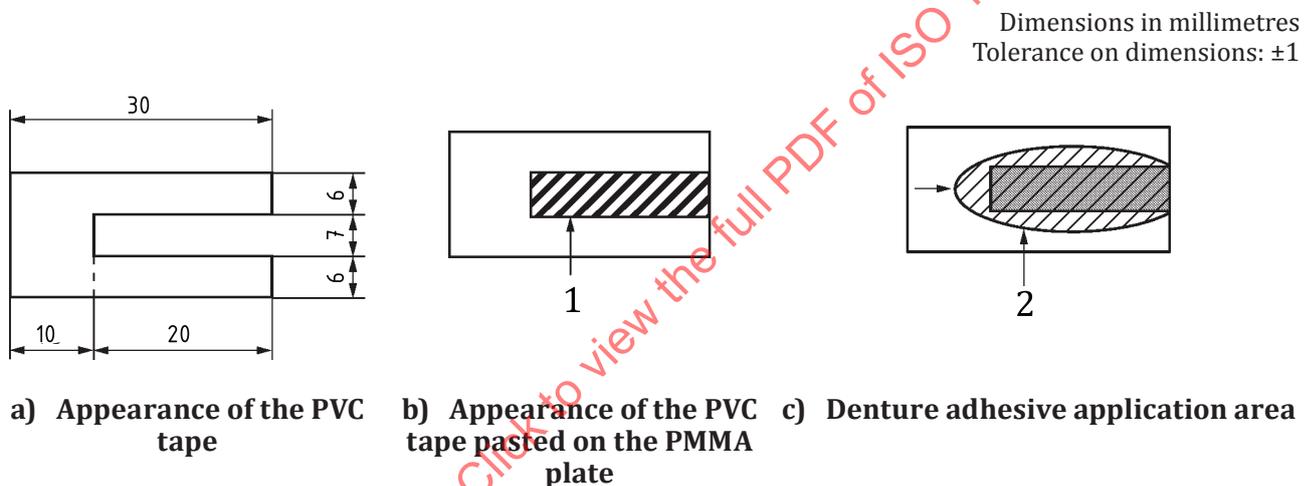
7.8.2 Reagent

Diluted ethanol, reagent grade, diluted to 500 ml/l in water (7.2.2.2).

7.8.3 Procedure

Wash the surface of the PMMA plate (7.8.1.1) thoroughly and dry it. Paste the PVC tape (7.8.1.2) cut as shown in Figure 6 a) onto the washed PMMA plate.

Take $(0,5 \pm 0,1)$ g of a Type 2 denture adhesive and apply it evenly to the top surface of the PMMA/PVC composite so as to cover the whole exposed part of the PMMA plate [the shaded part in Figure 6, b)] with it [see Figure 6, c)]. Immerse this sample in water (7.2.2.2) for 24 h in the water bath (7.4.1.1) maintained at (37 ± 2) °C and carefully peel off the denture adhesive with fingers so that it does not break. If any denture adhesive remains on the PMMA plate surface, wipe it off with a piece of gauze and inspect the surface with the naked eye, without magnification. If any residue still remains on the surface, wipe it off with a piece of gauze wetted with diluted ethanol (7.8.2) and inspect the surface again visually. Repeat the test four times to obtain five test results.



Key

- 1 exposed part of the PMMA plate
- 2 denture adhesive

Figure 6 — Procedure for the peeling test

7.9 Consistency test (for Type 2 adhesives)

7.9.1 Apparatus

7.9.1.1 Load applying apparatus, in accordance with 7.7.1.1.

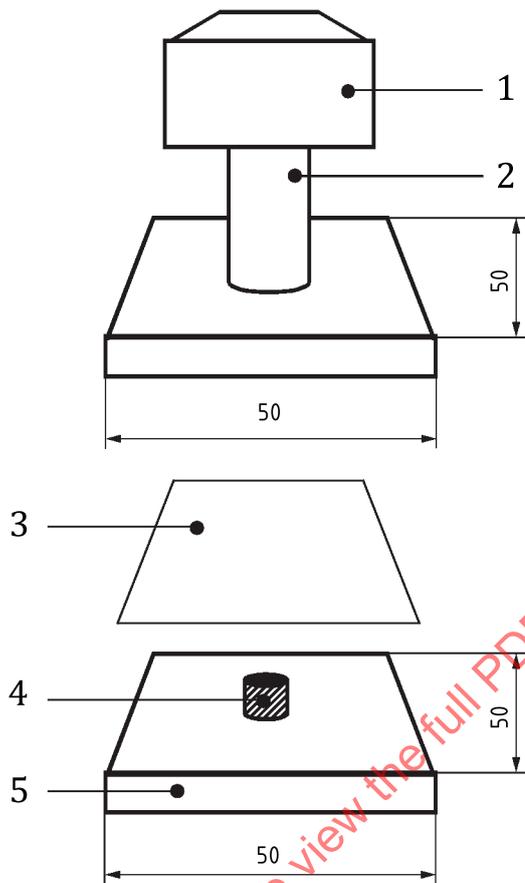
7.9.1.2 Pressure sensitive shaft, having a square base with minimum dimensions of 50 mm × 50 mm, made of metal or polymeric material. See Figure 7.

7.9.1.3 Sampler, capable of taking $(0,50 \pm 0,02)$ ml of a sample. See Figure 8.

7.9.1.4 PMMA plate, in accordance with 7.4.1.2.

7.9.1.5 Separating sheet, transparent (e.g. polyethylene sheet), of a large enough size to cover the PMMA plate (7.9.1.4).

Dimensions in millimetres
Tolerance on dimensions: ± 1



Key

- 1 load detector
- 2 pressure sensitive shaft
- 3 separating sheet
- 4 sample
- 5 PMMA plate

Figure 7 — Layout for consistency test