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**Laboratory glassware — Desiccators**

*Verrerie de laboratoire — Dessiccateurs*

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and tests for desiccators and vacuum desiccators intended for general laboratory purposes such as drying of substances or material.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 383, *Laboratory glassware — Interchangeable conical ground joints*

ISO 718, *Laboratory glassware — Thermal shock and thermal shock endurance — Test methods*

ISO 3585, *Borosilicate glass 3.3 — Properties*

## 3 Types

Two types of desiccators are specified in this International Standard.

Type 1 – Vacuum desiccators

Type 2 – Non-vacuum desiccators

## 4 Nominal sizes and series

Desiccators shall have the following nominal sizes and dimensions.

Series A – Nominal sizes 100, 150, 200, 250 and 300 mm – Dimensions in accordance with Table 1

Series B – Nominal sizes 100, 110, 150, 160, 200, 250 and 300 mm – Dimensions in accordance with Table 2

## 5 Designation

Desiccators in accordance with this International Standard shall be designated by their nominal size followed by the type and the series.

Designation of a vacuum desiccator with nominal size of 200 mm, Type 1, Series B:

Desiccator ISO 13130 – 200 – 1B

If bodies (item no. 1) and lids (item no. 2) are ordered separately, the following designations shall be used.

Designation of a body (item no. 1) of nominal diameter 200 mm, Type 1, Series B:

Desiccator body ISO 13130 – 200 – 1B – 1

Designation of a lid (item no. 2) of nominal diameter 200 mm, Type 1, Series B:

Desiccator lid ISO 13130 – 200 – 1B – 2

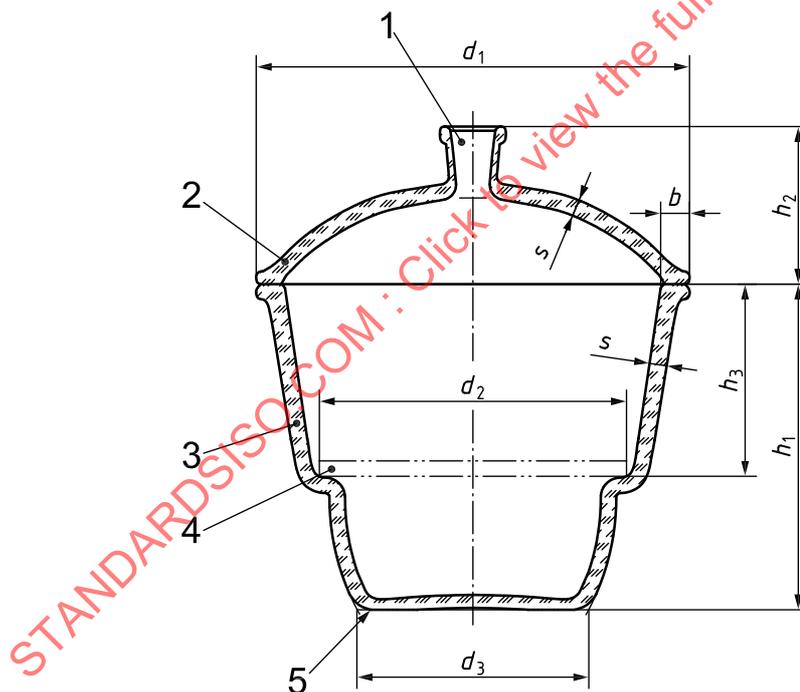
## 6 Material

Desiccators shall be made of borosilicate glass 3.3 in accordance with ISO 3585. The glass shall be reasonably free from residual strain and from defects which might impair safety, durability or appearance.

The glass shall not have pronounced deviations from the prevailing tint. To protect light-sensitive substances, the surface of the glass may be coloured brown.

## 7 Dimensions

Desiccators shall comply with the dimensions specified in Table 1 for Series A and in Table 2 for Series B.



### Key

- 1 opening for vacuum
- 2 lid (item no. 2)
- 3 body (item no. 1)
- 4 desiccator plate
- 5 base (picked)

Figure 1 — Vacuum desiccator (example)

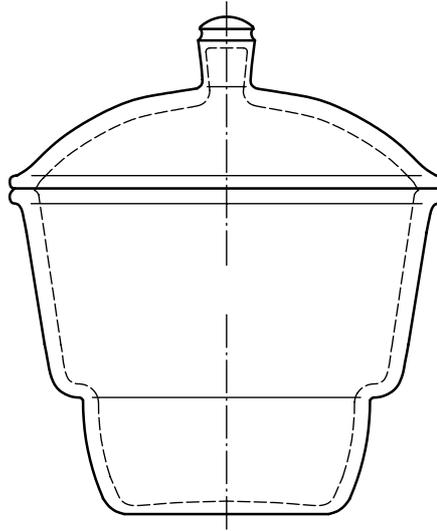


Figure 2 — Non-vacuum desiccator (example)

NOTE The designation of dimensions in Figure 2 is the same as in Figure 1

Table 1 — Dimensions for Series A desiccators

Dimensions in millimetres

Nominal size	<i>b</i> min.	<i>d</i> <sub>1</sub> ± 2	<i>d</i> <sub>2</sub> min.	<i>d</i> <sub>3</sub> ≈	<i>h</i> <sub>1</sub> max.	<i>h</i> <sub>2T</sub> <sup>a</sup> max.	<i>h</i> <sub>2K</sub> <sup>b</sup> max.	<i>h</i> <sub>3</sub> min.	<i>s</i> min.
100	13	153	92	70	115	65	80	63	4
150	16	215	143	100	160	90	105	87	5
200	18	270	192	145	205	100	110	121	6
250	18	320	239	180	240	115	130	127	7
300	18	380	285	220	290	145	155	157	8 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> *h*<sub>2T</sub> = height of lid with tube or screw thread (vacuum desiccators).  
<sup>b</sup> *h*<sub>2K</sub> = height of lid with knob (non-vacuum desiccators).  
<sup>c</sup> For nominal size 300, the wall thickness of the lid may be reduced to 7 mm.

Table 2 — Dimensions for Series B desiccators

Dimensions in millimetres

Nominal size	<i>b</i> min.	<i>d</i> <sub>1</sub> ± 3	<i>d</i> <sub>2</sub> min.	<i>d</i> <sub>3</sub> min.	<i>h</i> <sub>1</sub> max.	<i>h</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup> max.	<i>h</i> <sub>3</sub> max.	<i>s</i> min.
100	13	155	95	65	115	55	60	4
110	13	160	100	70	110	75	70	5
150	16	195	140	115	160	95	85	5
160	16	200	145	120	161	100	110	6
200	16	270	180	125	205	115	120	6
250	20	330	230	160	240	138	135	7
300	22	380	280	185	285	140	151	8 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> *h*<sub>2</sub> applies for vacuum desiccators of the sleeve type.  
<sup>b</sup> For nominal size 300, the wall thickness of the lid may be reduced to 7 mm.

## 8 Construction

### 8.1 Basic requirements

Desiccators shall be regular in shape (see Figure 1 and Figure 2) and smoothly finished. They shall be symmetrical about the axis which shall be perpendicular to the thought plane of the base.

### 8.2 Base

Desiccators shall have a slightly concave base enabling the desiccator to stand vertically without rocking or spinning on a plane horizontal surface. To increase the stability and protection against mechanical damage or cracking,

- extra glass may be provided externally to form a protective rim at the base, and/or
- the outer surface of the base shall be picked along the circumference.

### 8.3 Side

The side of the desiccators shall be stepped to accommodate perforated desiccator plates (e.g. in accordance with national standards) without rocking, in a plane parallel to the base. The upper part of the side above the step shall rise in the approximate form of a vertical slightly tapered cylinder and end in a horizontal flat flange. See Figure 1 and Figure 2.

### 8.4 Lid

The lid of desiccator shall be part-spherical in shape. Its rim shall form a flat flange the surface of contact of which shall match that of the flat flange of the body of the desiccator evenly.

The lid shall be provided at the top either with a vacuum connection or with a knob of minimum diameter 38 mm for ease of handling. The knob may be solid or hollow.

### 8.5 Flat flange and tightness

The vacuum-tight surfaces of the flanges of the body and the lid shall be separately ground plane so that they are interchangeable. They shall be ground fine so that the assembled desiccator, or its body or lid when tested separately, complies with the following requirement.

The leakage rate of closed desiccators shall not exceed  $3 \text{ mbar} \times l \times \text{s}^{-1}$ . This is to be tested with paired bodies and lids, selected at random and with the flange face dry, in accordance with national or International Standards.

The flat flange of the body may be furnished with a ring-groove to incorporate a matching elastomeric seal.

### 8.6 Vacuum connection

Desiccators of Type 1 shall have an opening for vacuum connection located either in the top centre of the lid or in the side wall of the body at a height equal to  $\frac{1}{2} h_1$  (see Figure 1).

The opening for the vacuum connection shall have the form

- of a conical ground glass socket size 24/29 in accordance with ISO 383, or
- of an external screw thread in accordance with suitable national or International Standards, or
- of a socket for take-up of a rubber stopper, or

- of a ground knob with a sleeve and tube in alignment with the opening in the knob. The bore size shall be minimum 2 mm and the internal diameter of the tube shall match the bore size.

### 8.7 Pressure strength

Vacuum desiccators (Type 1) shall be capable of resisting an external pressure of 2 bar for 60 s or an external pressure of 3 bar for 10 s. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with Annex A.

### 8.8 Protective coating

For protection against mechanical damage (impact or shock), the body and lid of desiccators may have an external plastic coating.

## 9 Thermal shock endurance

Desiccators shall be type tested to comply with a thermal shock endurance of 80 °C in accordance with ISO 718.

## 10 Marking and packaging

**10.1** Desiccators shall be permanently and legibly marked on the body and the lid with the following:

- manufacturer's and/or supplier's name and/or trade mark;
- nominal size or designation;
- type (vacuum or non-vacuum desiccator);
- optionally the number of this International Standard, "ISO 13130".

**10.2** Desiccators shall be packed individually as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier to protect them from damage during transit and storage.

## 11 Appearance of used desiccators

Before a vacuum is applied to the desiccator, it shall always be checked visually to verify that its internal and external surfaces are free from defects such as chipping, cracks or grooves. Particular attention shall be paid to the base and to the side wall at the step.

Damaged desiccators shall not be used.