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**Phthalic anhydride for industrial use — Methods of test —
Part III : Measurement of colour stability**

*Anhydride phtalique à usage industriel — Méthodes d'essai —
Partie III : Mesurage de la stabilité de la coloration*

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FOREWORD

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Prior to 1972, the results of the work of the technical committees were published as ISO Recommendations; these documents are in the process of being transformed into International Standards. As part of this process, Technical Committee ISO/TC 47, *Chemistry*, has reviewed ISO Recommendation R 1389-1970 and found it technically suitable for transformation. The technical committee, however, divided the recommendation into eleven parts (ISO 1389, parts I to XI), which therefore replace ISO Recommendation R 1389-1970, to which they are technically identical.

ISO Recommendation R 1389 had been approved by the member bodies of the following countries :

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Belgium	Iran	Spain
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Cuba	Italy	Switzerland
Czechoslovakia	Korea, Rep. of	Thailand
Egypt, Arab Rep. of	Netherlands	Turkey
France	New Zealand	United Kingdom
Germany	Portugal	
Hungary	Romania	

No member body had expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

The member bodies of the following countries disapproved the transformation of the Recommendation into an International Standard :

France
Netherlands

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This part of ISO 1389 specifies a method for measuring the colour stability of phthalic anhydride for industrial use.

This document should be read in conjunction with part I (see the annex).

2 REFERENCE

ISO 2211, *Liquid chemical products – Measurement of colour in Hazen units (platinum-cobalt scale)*.

3 PRINCIPLE

Measurement of the colour of a test portion, by the method specified in ISO 2211, after a specified heat treatment.

4 REAGENTS

As specified in clause 4 of ISO 2211.

5 APPARATUS

As specified in clause 5 of ISO 2211, and the following :

5.2 Electrically heated aluminium block, capable of being controlled at $250 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$, with holes of diameter 22 mm

and minimum depth 120 mm, but such that the tops of the colorimetric tubes project above the surface of the block.

5.3 Thermometer, mercury-in-glass type, covering a suitable range and graduated at intervals of 1°C .

6 PROCEDURE

Transfer a quantity of the test sample sufficient to reach the graduation mark, after melting, into one of the colorimetric tubes (5.1 of ISO 2211). Close the tube with a vented cork covered with aluminium foil and fitted with the thermometer (5.3), adjusted so that the top of the bulb is 40 mm below the graduation mark on the tube. Place the tube and contents in the electrically heated aluminium block (5.2), controlled at $250 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$, ensuring that the temperature remains within the specified limits.

Maintain the tube at this temperature for 90 min, then withdraw it from the block and allow it to cool to 150°C . Measure the colour by the method specified in ISO 2211.

7 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

Report the results to the nearest 10 Hazen units. Also record the presence of any black particles, visible impurities, etc.