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methods of test —**

Part 21:
Silica sand (unground natural quartz)

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The main changes are as follows:

- the first part of the title has been changed to “Extenders”;
- the normative references have been updated.

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Extenders — Specifications and methods of test —

Part 21: Silica sand (unground natural quartz)

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and corresponding methods of test for silica sand (unground natural quartz).

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 787-2, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 2: Determination of matter volatile at 105 °C*

ISO 787-3, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 3: Determination of matter soluble in water — Hot extraction method*

ISO 787-7, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 7: Determination of residue on sieve — Water method — Manual procedure*

ISO 787-9, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 9: Determination of pH value of an aqueous suspension*

ISO 787-14, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 14: Determination of resistivity of aqueous extract*

ISO 3262-1, *Extenders — Specifications and methods of test — Part 1: Introduction and general test methods*

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

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

ISO 18451-1, *Pigments, dyestuffs and extenders — Terminology — Part 1: General terms*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 18451-1 and the following apply.

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/>

3.1

silica sand

material consisting of unground natural quartz

4 Requirements and test methods

For silica sand complying with this document, the essential requirements are specified in [Table 1](#) and the conditional requirements are listed in [Table 2](#). The test methods listed in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#) shall apply.

Table 1 — Essential requirements

Characteristic	Unit	Requirement		Test method
		Grade A	Grade B	
Quartz content, min.	% mass fraction	99	80	X-ray diffraction
Silica content, min.		97	80	X-ray fluorescence or Clause 6
Matter volatile at 105 °C, max.	% mass fraction	0,5		ISO 787-2
Loss on ignition, max.	% mass fraction	0,4	2,5	ISO 3262-1
pH value of aqueous suspension.	–	6,5 to 8,5	7 to 9	ISO 787-9
Matter soluble in water, max.	% mass fraction	0,2	0,6	ISO 787-3

Table 2 — Conditional requirements

Characteristic	Unit	Requirement	Test method
Residue on sieve	% mass fraction	To be agreed between the interested parties	ISO 787-7
Colour	–		ISO 3262-1
Lightness	%		To be agreed between the interested parties
Resistivity of aqueous extract	$\Omega \cdot m$		ISO 787-14

5 Sampling

Take a representative sample of the product to be tested, in accordance with ISO 15528.

6 Determination of silica content

6.1 Principle

A test portion is ignited, weighed and treated with sulfuric acid and hydrofluoric acid. The silicon tetrafluoride thus formed is evaporated off and the silica content is calculated from the resulting loss in mass.

As the silica content is very high, a previous separation from the impurities is not required.

6.2 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only water of at least grade 3 purity as specified in ISO 3696.

6.2.1 Sulfuric acid, CAS Registry Number^{®1)} 7664-93-9, diluted 1 + 1.

Add 1 part by volume of concentrated sulfuric acid approximately 96 % mass fraction, $\rho \approx 1,84$ g/ml, slowly to 1 part by volume of water.

6.2.2 Hydrofluoric acid, CAS 7664-39-3, concentrated, approximately 40 % mass fraction, $\rho \approx 1,13$ g/ml.**6.3 Apparatus**

Use ordinary laboratory apparatus and glassware, together with the following.

6.3.1 Platinum dish**6.3.2 Muffle furnace**, capable of being maintained at $(1\ 000 \pm 20)$ °C.**6.3.3 Hotplate****6.3.4 Desiccator**, containing phosphorus pentoxide as desiccant.**6.3.5 Balance**, with an accuracy of 0,000 1 g.**6.4 Procedure****6.4.1 Number of determinations**

Carry out the determination in duplicate.

6.4.2 Test portion

Weigh, to the nearest 1 mg, approximately 2 g (m_0) of the sample (see [Clause 5](#)), previously dried at 105 °C in accordance with ISO 787-2, into the tared platinum dish ([6.3.1](#)).

6.4.3 Determination

Ignite the test portion to constant mass in the muffle furnace ([6.3.2](#)) at $(1\ 000 \pm 20)$ °C (this is expected to take approximately 2 h) and allow to cool in the desiccator ([6.3.4](#)). Weigh the test portion again (m_1).

Add approximately 1 ml of sulfuric acid ([6.2.1](#)). Heat the platinum dish gently until fuming ceases and then continue heating at 900 °C for 15 min in the muffle furnace. Remove from the furnace, allow to cool in the desiccator and weigh (m_2).

Add to the residue in the platinum dish 15 ml of hydrofluoric acid ([6.2.2](#)) and 1 ml of sulfuric acid ([6.2.1](#)) and evaporate to a syrup, taking care to avoid loss by spitting. Allow to cool and wash the sides down with small quantities of water. Then add a further 10 ml of hydrofluoric acid and evaporate to dryness.

Heat the residue on a hot-plate ([6.3.3](#)) until white fumes are no longer evolved, then ignite for 15 min in the muffle furnace at 900 °C. Remove from the furnace, allow to cool in the desiccator and weigh (m_3).

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6.5 Expression of results

Calculate the silica content, $w(\text{SiO}_2)$, expressed as a percentage by mass, using [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$w(\text{SiO}_2) = \frac{(m_2 - m_3)}{m_1} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where

- m_1 is the mass, expressed in grams, of the ignited residue;
- m_2 is the mass, expressed in grams, after treatment with sulfuric acid and ignition;
- m_3 is the mass, expressed in grams, after treatment with hydrofluoric acid and ignition;
- $w(\text{SiO}_2)$ is the silica content, expressed as a percentage by mass.

Calculate the mean of the two determinations and report the result to the nearest 0,1 %.

6.6 Precision

No precision data are currently available.

7 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a) all details necessary to identify the product tested;
- b) a reference to this document, e.g. ISO 3262-21:2023;
- c) the results of the tests, the method used, and whether the product complies with the relevant specification limits;
- d) any deviation from the test methods specified;
- e) any unusual features (anomalies) observed during the test;
- f) the dates of the tests.