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**Extenders for paints — Specifications and  
methods of test —**

**Part 5:**  
Natural crystalline calcium carbonate

*Matières de charge pour peintures — Spécifications et méthodes d'essai —  
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## Part 5:

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#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 3262 specifies requirements and corresponding methods of test for natural crystalline calcium carbonate.

#### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 3262. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 3262 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 787-2:1981, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 2: Determination of matter volatile at 105 °C.*

ISO 787-3:1979, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 3: Determination of matter soluble in water — Hot extraction method.*

ISO 787-7:1981, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 7: Determination of residue on sieve — Water method — Manual procedure.*

ISO 787-8:1979, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 8: Determination of matter soluble in water — Cold extraction method.*

ISO 787-9:1981, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 9: Determination of pH value of an aqueous suspension.*

ISO 787-14:1973, *General methods of test for pigments — Part 14: Determination of resistivity of aqueous extract.*

ISO 842:1984, *Raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling.*

ISO 3262-1:1997, *Extenders for paints — Specifications and methods of test — Part 1: Introduction and general test methods.*

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

#### 3 Definition

For the purposes of this part of ISO 3262, the following definition applies:

**3.1 natural crystalline calcium carbonate:** A calcium carbonate derived from limestone and marble. The trigonal rhombic crystals tend to be rather larger than those of chalk.

Limestone is a consolidated sedimentary rock whereas marble is a metamorphic carbonate rock.

## 4 Requirements and test methods

For natural crystalline calcium carbonate complying with this part of ISO 3262, the essential requirements are specified in table 1 and the conditional requirements are listed in table 2.

**Table 1 — Essential requirements**

Characteristic	Unit	Requirement				Test method
		Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	
CaCO <sub>3</sub> content, min.	% (m/m)	99	98	95	90	ISO 3262-1
Matter volatile at 105 °C, max.	% (m/m)	0,4				ISO 787-2
Loss on ignition, max.	% (m/m)	46 <sup>1)</sup>				ISO 3262-1
Matter soluble in water, max.	% (m/m)	0,5				ISO 787-3 or ISO 787-8 <sup>2)</sup>
pH value of aqueous suspension		8 to 10 <sup>1)</sup>				ISO 787-9
Matter insoluble in hydrochloric acid, max.	% (m/m)	1	2		8	See clause 6

1) These values do not take account of the effect on the result of any surface treatment.  
2) Method to be agreed between the interested parties.

**Table 2 — Conditional requirements**

Characteristic	Unit	Requirement	Test method
Residue on 45 µm sieve	% (m/m)	To be agreed between the interested parties	ISO 787-7
Particle size distribution (instrumental method)	% (m/m)	To be agreed between the interested parties <sup>1)</sup>	
Colour		To be agreed between the interested parties	ISO 3262-1
Lightness			To be agreed between the interested parties <sup>2)</sup>
Resistivity of aqueous extract	Ω·m		ISO 787-14

1) A general description of a sedimentation method using X-ray absorption is given in EN 725-5:1996, *Advanced technical ceramics — Methods of test for ceramic powders — Part 5: Determination of the particle size distribution*.  
2) Test method in preparation.

## 5 Sampling

Take a representative sample of the product to be tested, as described in ISO 842.