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### MODIFICATION TO FOREWORD (*Inside front cover*)

The ISO Member Body for the United Kingdom has now withdrawn its disapproval of this International Standard. The United Kingdom should therefore be included in the list of countries whose Member Bodies have approved the document.

**2.6 low temperature windscreen washer solution :** A 50 % solution of methanol, or alternatively isopropyl alcohol, and water of not more than 205 g/1 000 kg hardness for use in low temperature tests.

**2.7 nozzle :** An adjustable angle device for directing the windscreen washer solution on to the windscreen.

**2.8 target area :** The area designated by the manufacturer on the windscreen glazing surface to which the windscreen washer solution is directed by the nozzle.

**2.9 function of a windscreen washer system :** The ability

c) Apply, by pouring (or any other method which provides an equivalent uniform coating), a freshly shaken quantity of the test mixture uniformly to the entire glazing surface, without coating the windscreen wiper blades.

### NOTES

1 If the test mixture does not adhere uniformly to the entire windscreen glazing surface, the glazing surface is not sufficiently clean.

2 For each test specified in this procedure, a new set of wiper blades may be fitted. The equipment used either in the vehicle or in the test fixtures shall be in a new condition.

**3.1.3 Static test**

After the mixture has completely dried on the windscreen glazing surface at temperatures between +10 °C and +40 °C, the windscreen washer system, using water or low temperature windscreen washer solution as the windscreen washer solution, shall meet the requirements specified.

**3.2 System strength**

**3.2.1 Test equipment**

This shall consist of :

- a) Test fixture

As specified in 3.1.1 a) or as an alternative a structure may be used to mount the windscreen washer system parts in proper vehicle attitude, with hoses coiled to reduce the overall size of the fixture for convenient utilization of small laboratory environmental chambers.

- b) Temperature-measuring device

A thermometer or equivalent.

**3.2.2 Procedure**

This test shall be conducted after the test specified in 3.1 has been completed. The test shall be conducted in the following manner, using the pump operating force as specified in table 1.

- a) Fill and fully prime the windscreen washer system with water. At an ambient temperature of  $20 \pm 2$  °C all nozzles shall be plugged and the control shall be actuated six times within a period of 1 min for at least 3 s each time.

- b) Fill and fully prime the windscreen washer system with water and freeze for a minimum of 4 h at a temperature of  $-18 \pm 3$  °C. Following this period and in the same temperature environment, actuate the control six times within a period of 1 min, as specified in 3.2.2 a).

- c) Gradually increase the ambient temperature to  $20 \pm 2$  °C until the ice is completely thawed. Test the functioning of the system as specified in 3.2.2 a).

TABLE 1 – Pump operating force

Type of pump	Force (applied for a minimum of 3 s)
Hand operated	110 to 135 N
Foot operated	400 to 445 N
Power operated	Maximum specified by the vehicle manufacturer

**3.3 Temperature performance, and exposure test procedures**

**3.3.1 Test equipment**

This shall consist of :

- a) Test fixture

As specified in 3.2.1 a).

- b) Environmental chamber(s) capable of maintaining the test temperature.

**3.3.2 Procedures**

These tests shall be conducted after the test specified in 3.2 has been completed.

Fill and prime the windscreen washer system with windscreen washer solution and perform the following tests :

- a) LOW TEMPERATURE EXPOSURE

Using water as the windscreen washer solution, reduce the ambient temperature to  $-18 \pm 3$  °C and maintain for sufficient time to ensure that the total mass of the water in the reservoir is frozen, including the core which freezes last. Following this period, gradually increase the ambient temperature to  $20 \pm 2$  °C until the ice is completely thawed. Repeat this freeze-thaw cycle six times. After the last cycle, test the functioning of the system as specified in 3.2.2 a).

- b) HIGH TEMPERATURE EXPOSURE

Using water as the windscreen washer solution, increase the ambient temperature to  $80 \pm 3$  °C and maintain for a minimum of 8 h. Following this period, reduce the ambient temperature to  $20 \pm 2$  °C until the temperature of the system stabilizes. Test the functioning of the system as specified in 3.2.2 a).

- c) OPERATING RANGE

Using a low temperature windscreen washer solution, reduce the ambient temperature to  $-18 \pm 3$  °C until the windscreen washer system has stabilized at this temperature. Following this period and in the same environment, test the functioning of the windscreen washer system, using the force specified in table 1. Repeat with an ambient temperature of  $80 \pm 3$  °C using water as the windscreen washer solution and again test the functioning of the windscreen washer system as specified in 3.2.2 a).