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1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out a method for determining the resistance of plastics materials to staining by reagents which may come into contact with sanitary plumbing fixtures.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENT

The following document is referred to in this Standard:

AS

1680 Interior lighting

1680.1 Part 1: General principles and recommendations

3 PRINCIPLE

Test reagent is applied to two areas on the surface of a test specimen. One area is covered by a watchglass and the other is left uncovered. After a specified time, the specimen is washed and examined for colour change.

4 REAGENTS

The following reagents are required:

- (a) Petrol, high octane (mm. 90 octane).
- (b) Distilled water, glass distilled, pH 7.0, free oxygen.
- (c) Alcohol, methanol (A.C.S. grade).
- (d) Amyl acetate (A.C.S. grade).
- (e) Acetone (A.C.S. grade), kept in tightly sealed container. The drying agent shall be an indicator silica gel.
- (f) Trichloroethane, boiling point 74.1°C.
- (g) Household detergent, 'Teepol' Gold D6515 (5% solution/deionized water).
- (h) Red line solution, fortis (10%).
- (i) Tribasically sodium phosphate (A.C.S. grade) stabilized (1% solution).
- (j) Citric acid solution, 10% citric acid (A.C.S. grade).
- (k) Coffee, in deionized water, 10% by weight boiled.
- (l) Tea, in deionized water, 10% by weight boiled.