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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 106, *Dentistry*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Filling and restorative materials*.

This is the first edition of ISO/TS 17988, *Dentistry — Corrosion test methods for dental amalgam*. Part of the subject matter in this Technical Specification was formerly contained in two annexes to ISO 24234:2004, *Dentistry — Mercury and alloys for dental amalgam*.

## Introduction

Dental amalgam alloy and dental mercury are the essential and only components of dental amalgam restorative material. This Technical Specification, of which this is the first edition, gives the practical details of three test methods for the measurement of the resistance to corrosion of dental amalgam. These corrosion test methods are laboratory procedures for evaluating the relative performances of dental amalgam alloy products. They are designed to produce a measurable effect (and differences between products) within a relatively short time period, a time period appropriate for a comparative laboratory evaluation.

The results of these tests are not intended to be used directly for any biocompatibility claims, for which their use is inappropriate.

Should other corrosion test procedures emerge as suitable for application to dental amalgam and use in the comparative evaluations of products, they will be included in future editions of this Technical Specification.

# Dentistry — Corrosion test methods for dental amalgam

## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification gives details of test procedures for evaluating the corrosion resistance of dental amalgam produced from a dental amalgam alloy product.

It is applicable to dental amalgam formed from products that are within the scope of ISO 24234, *Dentistry — Dental amalgam*.

It is not applicable to dental metallic materials that are within the scope of ISO 22674, *Dentistry — Metallic materials for fixed and removable restorations and appliances*.

This Technical Specification is not applicable to metallic materials in which an alloy powder reacts with a liquid alloy to produce a solid metallic material intended for dental restoration.

NOTE Dental mercury is at least 99,99 % pure, and as such it is a metallic element of high commercial purity, and not an alloy.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 286-2, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes — Part 2: Tables of standard tolerance classes and limit deviations for holes and shafts*

ISO 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 3585, *Borosilicate glass 3.3 — Properties*

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

ISO 6344-1, *Coated abrasive — Grain size analysis — Part 1: Grain size distribution test*

ISO 7488, *Dental amalgamators*

ISO 13565-2, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method; Surfaces having stratified functional properties — Part 2: Height characterization using the linear material ratio curve*

ISO 13897, *Dentistry — Amalgam capsules*

ISO 24234, *Dentistry — Dental amalgam*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **dental amalgam alloy**

alloy in fine particles, composed mainly of silver, tin and copper, which when mixed with dental mercury produces a dental amalgam for dental restoration