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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/TS 17988:2014), which has been technically revised. The main changes to the previous edition are as follows:

- The scope has been extended to include products that are within the scope of ISO 20749.
- [Clause 3](#) includes additional terms and definitions.
- [Clause 4](#): quantities required for the production of test-pieces for each of the three test procedures are given now as the mass of dental amalgam alloy per test-piece, in place of the total mass of dental amalgam alloy for the complete test (i.e. the estimated quantity for all test-pieces including permitted replacements).
- [5.2.2.2](#) and [5.3.2](#): the parameter  $R_a$  has replaced  $R_k$  to specify surface roughness on steel moulds.
- [5.3.2](#): the surface roughness of the tapered hole in the Hertzian-indentation strength-reduction test-piece mould has been revised.
- [8.3.1.1](#) and [8.3.1.2](#): two additional items have been added to the list of apparatus.
- [8.3.1.4](#): blood dilution vials without protuberances on the interior base surface might not be available. A means by which the required flat surface can be created has been added.
- [8.3.4](#) and [8.4.2.2](#): a technical addition has been made to the procedure. Instructions are given for replacing test-pieces from which invalid results had been produced. Also, advice is given to make the maximum number of permitted replacements at the time that the actual test-pieces are made (to avoid a possible 31-day delay should a result be invalid and a replacement test-piece be required).
- [8.4.2.2](#): instructions are given to inspect the substrate disc and to replace it if damage is observed.

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## Introduction

This document 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 should not be used for any biocompatibility claims, for which their use is inappropriate.

Should other corrosion test procedures emerge in time as suitable for application in comparative evaluations of dental amalgam products, they will be included in future editions of this document.

# Dentistry — Corrosion test methods for dental amalgam

## 1 Scope

This document gives the details of test procedures for evaluating the corrosion resistance of dental amalgam formed from products that are within the scopes of ISO 24234 and ISO 20749.

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

## 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 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 — Specifications and test methods*

ISO 4287, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters*

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

ISO 7488, *Dentistry — Mixing machines for dental amalgam*

ISO 13897, *Dentistry — Dental amalgam reusable mixing-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.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 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

[SOURCE: ISO 20749:2017, 3.1]