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**Metallic powders — Determination  
of flow rate by means of a calibrated  
funnel (Gustavsson flowmeter)**

*Poudres métalliques — Détermination du temps d'écoulement au  
moyen d'un entonnoir calibré (cône d'écoulement de Gustavsson)*



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## Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- tolerance for the funnel angle has been added;
- reference grit has been used instead of Chinese emery grit;
- the mandatory [Clauses 2](#) and [3](#) (Normative references and Terms and definitions) have been added and the subsequent clauses have been renumbered.

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# Metallic powders — Determination of flow rate by means of a calibrated funnel (Gustavsson flowmeter)

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the flow rate of metallic powders, including powders for hardmetals and mixes of metallic powders and organic additives such as lubricants, by means of a calibrated funnel (Gustavsson flowmeter).

The method is applicable only to powders which flow freely through the specified test orifice.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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/>

## 4 Principle

Measurement of the time required for 50 g of a metallic powder to flow through the orifice of a calibrated funnel of standardized dimensions.

## 5 Apparatus

**5.1 Calibrated funnel**, with the dimensions shown in [Figure 1](#) (see [Clause 6](#)). The dimensions shown for the flowmeter funnel, including the orifice, are not to be considered controlling factors. Calibration with reference grit, as specified in [Clause 6](#), determines the working flow rate of the funnel.

The funnel shall be made of a non-magnetic, corrosion-resistant metallic material with sufficient wall thickness and hardness to withstand distortion and excessive wear.

**5.2 Stand and horizontal vibration-free base**, to support the funnel rigidly, e.g. as indicated in [Figure 2](#).

**5.3 Balance**, of sufficient capacity, capable of weighing the test portion to an accuracy of  $\pm 0,05$  g.

**5.4 Timing device**, capable of measuring the elapsed time to an accuracy of  $\pm 0,1$  s.

**5.5 Reference grit**, a reference powder used for calibration of the funnel<sup>1)</sup>.

1) Material complying with [5.5](#) can be purchased as “Chinese emery grit”. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of the company named above. Equivalent products may be used if they can be shown to lead to the same results.