
**Fine bubble technology — Water
treatment applications —**

**Part 1:
Test method for evaluating ozone fine
bubble water generating systems by
the decolorization of methylene blue**

Technologie des fines bulles — Traitement de l'eau —

*Partie 1: Méthode d'essai pour évaluer les diffuseurs à fines bulles
d'ozone par la décoloration du bleu de méthylène*



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Introduction

Ozone is used to improve water quality e.g. for purification and decomposition of hardly decomposable substances and decolorization. The conventional method often uses diffuser tubes. However, it has been found that with ozone fine bubbles, it is possible to use the strong oxidizing power of ozone more efficiently.

In recent years, the establishment of fine bubble generating technology has made ozone utilization efficiency higher than that of diffuser tube systems. Test results demonstrate that ozone fine bubble water generating systems are about 1,6 times more efficient than diffuser tube systems. With this efficiency increase, cost reduction has become possible.

Decolorization is mainly used for factory wastewater, regeneration and sewage water. It is also used on a regular basis for sewage treatment facilities, as advanced treatment technology in the dye-house effluent, etc.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a test method to assess the performance of ozone fine bubble water generating systems used for decolorizing water-soluble dye in e.g. wastewater and industrial water. This document does not address the impact of ozone on health and environment.

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 10678, *Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) — Determination of photocatalytic activity of surfaces in an aqueous medium by degradation of methylene blue*

ISO 20480-1, *Fine bubble technology — General principles for usage and measurement of fine bubbles — Part 1: Terminology*

ISO 20480-2:2018, *Fine bubble technology — General principles for usage and measurement of fine bubbles — Part 2: Categorization of the attributes of fine bubbles*

3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

fine bubble water

water containing air fine bubbles

3.2

ozone fine bubble water

water containing ozone fine bubbles