
Laboratory glassware — Borosilicate glass tubing

Verrerie de laboratoire — Tubes en verre borosilicaté



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Foreword

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

- update of the dimensions and tolerances;
- inclusion of a comprehensive and precise description of the mentioned quality characteristics and determination methods.

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Introduction

Borosilicate glass is a class of glass, which is classified in ISO 12775. Borosilicate glasses show properties such as a very high hydrolytic resistance, a very high acid resistance and a medium alkali resistance. Borosilicate glasses can contain alkali earths or be free of alkali earths. The alkali-earth free borosilicate glasses have a very low coefficient of mean linear thermal expansion α of $3,3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (in the temperature range from 20 °C to 300 °C). They were first developed in 1887 and constitute since then an industrial standard, which is reflected by the standardization of the composition, chemical and physical properties of the material in ISO 3585.

These special characteristics make this glass preferable for technical purposes with high chemical and thermo shock resistance. The field of application is mainly laboratories for chemical, pharmaceutical and food industries as well as other technical applications where these properties are needed.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for borosilicate 3,3 glass tubing according to ISO 3585 for laboratory apparatus in an outer diameter range from 4 mm to 300 mm. This document defines dimensions, material, denomination, designation, requirements and inspection methods.

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 719, *Glass — Hydrolytic resistance of glass grains at 98 °C — Method of test and classification*

ISO 3585, *Borosilicate glass 3.3 — Properties*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

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

4 Designation

Tubing shall be designated by type of glass, outer diameter, wall thickness and name of the manufacturer. The three categories of wall thickness specified shall be denoted as light, medium and heavy.

5 Material

5.1 General

Tubing shall be made from borosilicate glass conforming to the requirements of ISO 3585. It shall be free from harmful tensions and their applicability shall neither be impaired by striae nor other glass defects.

5.2 Hydrolytic resistance

The amount of alkali extracted from the glass, tested in accordance with ISO 719, shall not be greater than 31 µg of Na₂O g⁻¹.

5.3 Thermal coefficient of expansion

The glass shall have a thermal coefficient of expansion of $(3,3 \pm 0,1) \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ over a temperature range of 20 °C to 300 °C.