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**Piston-operated volumetric apparatus —**  
**Part 1:**  
**Terminology, general requirements and user**  
**recommendations**

*Appareils volumétriques à piston —*

*Partie 1: Définitions, exigences générales et recommandations pour*  
*l'utilisateur*



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## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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International Standard ISO 8655-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 48, *Laboratory glassware and related apparatus*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Volumetric instruments*.

ISO 8655 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus*:

- *Part 1: Terminology, general requirements and user recommendations*
- *Part 2: Piston pipettes*
- *Part 3: Piston burettes*
- *Part 4: Dilutors*
- *Part 5: Dispensers*
- *Part 6: Gravimetric methods for the determination of measurement error*

The following part is under preparation:

- *Part 7: Non-gravimetric methods for the determination of measurement error*

Annex A forms a normative part of this part of ISO 8655.

## Introduction

ISO 8655 addresses the needs of:

- suppliers, as a basis for quality control including, where appropriate, the issuance of supplier's declarations;
- test houses and other bodies, as a basis for independent certification;
- users of the equipment, to enable routine checking of accuracy.

The tests specified should be carried out by trained personnel.

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# Piston-operated volumetric apparatus —

## Part 1:

## Terminology, general requirements and user recommendations

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 8655 specifies the general requirements for piston-operated volumetric apparatus. It is applicable to piston pipettes, piston burettes, dilutors and dispensers. It furthermore defines terms for the use of piston-operated volumetric apparatus and gives user recommendations.

ISO 8655 is not applicable to medical products intended for use on human beings, e.g. for medical syringes.

NOTE For metrological requirements, maximum permissible errors, requirements for marking and information to be provided for users for piston-operated volumetric apparatus, see ISO 8655-2 for piston pipettes, see ISO 8655-3 for piston burettes, see ISO 8655-4 for dilutors and see ISO 8655-5 for dispensers. Conformity testing (type evaluation) of piston-operated volumetric apparatus is given in ISO 8655-3. Alternative test methods such as photometric and titrimetric methods will be the subject of a future Part 7 to ISO 8655. For all other tests (e.g. quality assurance by the supplier, analytical and measuring equipment quality assurance by the user) see ISO 8655-6 or alternative test methods.

### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 8655. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 8655 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 8655-2:2002, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus — Part 2: Piston pipettes*

ISO 8655-3:2002, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus — Part 3: Piston burettes*

ISO 8655-4:2002, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus — Part 4: Dilutors*

ISO 8655-5:2002, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus — Part 5: Dispensers*

ISO 8655-6:2002, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus — Part 6: Gravimetric methods for the determination of measurement error*

IEC 60073, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification — Coding principles for indication devices and actuators*

IEC 61010-1, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use — Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61326-1, *Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use — EMC requirements*