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**Photography — Photographic-grade  
chemicals — Test methods —**

**Part 1:  
General**

*Photographie — Produits chimiques de qualité photographique —  
Méthodes d'essai —*

*Partie 1: Généralités*



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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.

International Standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this part of ISO 10349 may be the subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard ISO 10349-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 42, *Photography*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10349-1:1992), which has been technically revised.

ISO 10349 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Photography — Photographic-grade chemicals — Test methods*:

- *Part 1: General*
- *Part 2: Determination of matter insoluble in water*
- *Part 3: Determination of matter insoluble in ammonium hydroxide solution*
- *Part 4: Determination of residue after ignition*
- *Part 5: Determination of heavy metals and iron content*
- *Part 6: Determination of halide content*
- *Part 7: Determination of alkalinity or acidity*
- *Part 8: Determination of volatile matter*
- *Part 9: Reaction to ammoniacal silver nitrate*
- *Part 10: Determination of sulfide content*
- *Part 11: Determination of specific gravity*
- *Part 12: Determination of density*
- *Part 13: Determination of pH*

Annex A of this part of ISO 10349 is for information only.

## Introduction

This part of ISO 10349 and subsequent parts deal with photographic-grade chemicals and their test methods which are cited in other International Standards for photographic-grade chemicals. Although the ultimate criterion for suitability of a photographic-grade chemical is its successful performance in an appropriate use test, the shorter, more economical test methods described in subsequent parts of ISO 10349, used with those tests included in the specific chemical standards, are generally adequate.

Over the past few years, great improvements have been made in instrumentation for various analyses. Where such techniques have equivalent or greater precision, they may be used in place of the tests described in the appropriate part of ISO 10349 or in the International Standards for photographic-grade chemicals. Correlation of such alternative procedures with the given method is the responsibility of the user.

Although ISO 10349 is intended for use by individuals with a knowledge of analytical techniques, this may not always be the case. Care has been taken to provide warnings for particularly hazardous materials. General hazard warnings for chemicals used in ISO 10349 and other associated International Standards are given in the text as a symbol code as a reminder in those steps detailing handling operations. More detailed information regarding hazards, handling and use of these chemicals may be available from the manufacturer.

An index of the most current version of the International Standards dealing with photographic-grade chemicals and test methods is given in annex A. This annex will be updated on a regular basis upon the issue of any revision or addition to ISO 10349 or the chemical specification standards.

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# Photography — Photographic-grade chemicals — Test methods —

## Part 1: General

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 10349 specifies criteria for reagents and materials, and addresses a number of general and common aspects involved in performing the tests given in subsequent parts of ISO 10349.

Annex A provides an index of the latest versions of International Standards on photographic-grade chemical specifications.

### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 10349. 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 10349 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 385-1:1984, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 648:1977, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark pipettes*

ISO 835-1:1981, *Laboratory glassware — Graduated pipettes — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 835-2:1981, *Laboratory glassware — Graduated pipettes — Part 2: Pipettes for which no waiting time is specified*

ISO 835-3:1981, *Laboratory glassware — Graduated pipettes — Part 3: Pipettes for which a waiting time of 15 s is specified*

ISO 835-4:1981, *Laboratory glassware — Graduated pipettes — Part 4: Blow-out pipettes*

ISO 1042:1998, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4788:1980, *Laboratory glassware — Graduated measuring cylinders*

ISO 5667-1:1980, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 1: Guidance on the design of sampling programmes*

ISO 5667-2:1991, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 2: Guidance on sampling techniques*

ISO 5667-3:1994, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Guidance on the preservation and handling of samples*

ISO 6353-1:1982, *Reagents for chemical analysis — Part 1: General test methods*

ISO 6353-2:1983, *Reagents for chemical analysis — Part 2: Specifications — First series*

### 3 Term and definition

For the purposes of this part of ISO 10349, the following term and definition apply.

#### 3.1

#### **photographic-grade chemicals**

chemicals commonly used in processing sensitized photographic materials, and more particularly those for which the quality level is so specified as not to affect the fundamental performance of the photographic material

### 4 Safety and operational precautions

#### 4.1 Hazard warnings

Some of the chemicals specified in the test procedures given in subsequent parts of ISO 10349 are caustic, toxic, or otherwise hazardous. Safe laboratory practice for the handling of chemicals requires the use of safety glasses or goggles and, in some cases, other protective apparel such as rubber gloves, face masks and aprons. Specific danger notices are given in the test and footnotes for particularly dangerous materials, but normal precautions are required during the performance of any chemical procedure at all times.

The first time that a hazardous material is noted in the test procedures, the hazard will be indicated by the word **"DANGER"** followed by a symbol consisting of angle brackets "< >" containing a letter which designates the specific hazard. A double bracket "<< >>" will be used for particularly perilous situations. In subsequent statements involving handling of these hazardous materials, only the hazard symbol consisting of the brackets and letter(s) will be displayed. Furthermore, for a given material, the hazard symbol will be used only once in a single paragraph.

Hazard warning symbols will not be used for common organic solvents when used in quantities of less than 1 litre, unless they are particularly hazardous.

Detailed warnings for handling chemicals and their diluted solutions are beyond the scope of this part of ISO 10349.

**Employers shall provide training and health and safety information in conformance with legal requirements.**

The hazard code system used in this part of ISO 10349 is intended to provide information to the users and is not meant for compliance with any legal requirements for labelling, as these vary from country to country.

**It is strongly recommended that anyone using these chemicals obtain pertinent information from the manufacturer about the hazards, handling, use and disposal of these chemicals.**

#### 4.2 Hazard information code system

- <B> Harmful if inhaled. Avoid breathing dust, vapour, mist or gas. Use only with adequate ventilation.
- <C> Harmful if contact occurs. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, or clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling.
- <F> Will burn. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame. Use with adequate ventilation.
- <O> Oxidizer. Contact with other material may cause fire. Do not store near combustible materials.
- <S> Harmful if swallowed. Wash thoroughly after handling. If swallowed, obtain medical attention immediately.
- <<S>> May be fatal if swallowed. If swallowed, obtain medical attention immediately.