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**Advanced technical ceramics – Test methods for determination
of fracture toughness of monolithic ceramics – Part 1: Guide to
test method selection**

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Foreword

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Part 1: *Guide to test method selection*

Part 2: *Single-edge pre-cracked beam (SEPB) method*

Part 3: *Chevron notched beam (CNB) method*

Part 4: *Surface crack in flexure (SCF) method*

Part 5: *Single-edge vee-notch beam (SEVNB) method*

1 Scope

1.1 This part of CEN/TS 14425 provides information on the comparative value, and guidance on the selection, of test methods for determining the apparent fracture toughness of monolithic advanced technical ceramics. For the purposes of this Technical Specification, the term monolithic includes particle, platelet and whisker reinforced advanced technical ceramics which can be regarded as macroscopically homogeneous. It does not include long-fibre reinforced ceramics.

1.2 Reference is made in this part of CEN/TS 14425 to specific test methods described in other parts of this Technical Specification.

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