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## Foreword

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Part 1: *Determination of flexural strength*

Part 2: *Determination of elastic moduli*

Part 3: *Determination of subcritical crack growth parameters from constant stressing rate flexural strength tests*

Part 4: *Vickers, Knoop and Rockwell superficial hardness tests*

Part 5: *Statistical analysis*

Part 6: *Guidance for fractographic investigation*

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## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification contains guidelines to be adopted when evaluating the appearance of the fracture surface of an advanced technical ceramic. The purpose in undertaking this procedure can be various, for example, for material development or quality assessment, to identify normal or abnormal causes of failure, or as a design aid.

NOTE Not all advanced technical ceramics are amenable to fractography. In particular, coarse-grained ceramics can show such rough surfaces that identifying the fracture origin may be impossible. Similarly, porous materials, especially those of a granular nature, tend not to fracture in a continuous manner, making analysis difficult.

## 2 Normative references

This Technical Specification incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this Technical Specification only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN ISO/IEC 17025 *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025:1999).*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this Technical Specification, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 General terms

#### 3.1.1

##### **crack**

distinct microstructural discontinuity arising during or after manufacture caused by the action of thermal and/or mechanical stress and leading to the generation of new surfaces which do not completely separate

#### 3.1.2

##### **flaw**

inhomogeneity which, through stress concentration, can act as a strength defining feature

NOTE The term flaw used in this sense does not imply that the component is defective.

#### 3.1.3

##### **fracture**

process of propagation of a crack through a test-piece or component

#### 3.1.4

##### **fracture origin**

source from which failure commences