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**Paints and varnishes — Determination of  
density —**

**Part 3:  
Oscillation method**

*Peintures et vernis — Détermination de la masse volumique —  
Partie 3: Méthode par oscillation*



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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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ISO 2811-3 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 35, *Paints and varnishes*, Subcommittee SC 9, *General test methods for paints and varnishes*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2811-3:1997), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are:

- a) The unit for the density has been changed from grams per millilitre to grams per cubic centimetre, because this is the more common SI unit.
- b) The determination in duplicate has been changed to a single determination.
- c) The precision data has been corrected.
- d) The normative references have been updated.

ISO 2811 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Paints and varnishes — Determination of density*:

- *Part 1: Pycnometer method*
- *Part 2: Immersed body (plummet) method*
- *Part 3: Oscillation method*
- *Part 4: Pressure cup method*

# Paints and varnishes — Determination of density —

## Part 3: Oscillation method

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 2811 specifies a method for determining the density of paints, varnishes and related products using an oscillator.

The method is suitable for all materials, including paste-like coatings. If a pressure-resistant type of apparatus is used, the method is also applicable to aerosols.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1513, *Paints and varnishes — Examination and preparation of test samples*

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

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

#### density

$\rho$

mass divided by the volume of a portion of a material

NOTE This is expressed in grams per cubic centimetre.

### 4 Principle

A glass or stainless-steel U-tube is filled with the product under test. The tube is clamped at both ends and then subjected to oscillation. The resonance frequency of the filled tube varies with the mass contained in the tube, i.e. the density of the product under test.