
**Practice for use of an alanine-EPR
dosimetry system**

*Pratique pour l'utilisation d'un système dosimétrique à l'alanine
utilisant la résonance paramagnétique électronique*



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Standard Practice for Use of an Alanine-EPR Dosimetry System¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers dosimeter materials, instrumentation, and procedures for using the alanine-EPR dosimetry system for measuring the absorbed dose in the photon and electron radiation processing of materials. The system is based on electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectroscopy of free radicals derived from the amino acid alanine.²

1.2 The alanine dosimeter is classified as a type I dosimeter as it is affected by individual influence quantities in a well-defined way that can be expressed in terms of independent correction factors (see ASTM Practice E2628). The alanine dosimeter may be used in either a reference standard dosimetry system or in a routine dosimetry system.

1.3 This document is one of a set of standards that provides recommendations for properly implementing dosimetry in radiation processing, and describes a means of achieving compliance with the requirements of ASTM E2628 "Practice for Dosimetry in Radiation Processing" for alanine dosimetry system. It should be read in conjunction with ASTM E2628.

1.4 This practice covers alanine-EPR dosimetry systems for dose measurements under the following conditions:

1.4.1 The absorbed dose range is between 1 and 1.5×10^5 Gy.

1.4.2 The absorbed dose rate is up to 10^2 Gy s⁻¹ for continuous radiation fields and up to 3×10^{10} Gy s⁻¹ for pulsed radiation fields (1-4).³

1.4.3 The radiation energy for photons and electrons is between 0.1 and 30 MeV (1, 2, 5-8).

1.4.4 The irradiation temperature is between -78 °C and +70 °C (2, 9-12).

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:⁴

E170 Terminology Relating to Radiation Measurements and Dosimetry

E2628 Practice for Dosimetry in Radiation Processing

E2701 Guide for Performance Characterization of Dosimeters and Dosimetry Systems for Use in Radiation Processing

2.2 ISO/ASTM Standards:⁴

51261 Practice for Calibration of Routine Dosimetry Systems for Radiation Processing

51707 Guide for Estimating Uncertainties in Dosimetry for Radiation Processing

2.3 ICRU Reports:⁵

ICRU Report 85a Fundamental Quantities and Units for Ionizing Radiation

ICRU Report 80 Dosimetry Systems for Use in Radiation Processing

2.4 Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (JCGM) Reports:

JCGM 100:2008, GUM 1995, with minor corrections, Evaluation of measurement data – Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement⁶

JCGM 100:2008, VIM, International vocabulary of metrology – Basis and general concepts and associated terms⁷

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *alanine dosimeter*—specified quantity and physical form of the radiation-sensitive material alanine and any added inert substance such as a binder.

3.1.2 *alanine-EPR dosimetry system*—system used for determining absorbed dose, consisting of alanine dosimeters, an EPR spectrometer and its associated reference materials, and procedures for the system's use.

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee E61 on Radiation Processing and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee E61.02 on Dosimetry Systems, and is also under the jurisdiction of ISO/TC 85/WG 3.

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² The term "electron spin resonance" (ESR) is used interchangeably with electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR).

³ The boldface numbers in parentheses refer to the bibliography at the end of this standard.

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