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**Cylindrical cork stoppers — Physical  
tests —**

Part 4:  
**Determination of dimensional recovery  
after compression**

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ISO 9727-4 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 87, *Cork*.

This first edition of ISO 9727-4, together with the other parts of ISO 9727:2007, cancels and replaces ISO 9727:1991, which has been technically revised.

ISO 9727 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Cylindrical cork stoppers — Physical tests*:

- *Part 1: Determination of dimensions*
- *Part 2: Determination of mass and apparent density for agglomerated cork stoppers*
- *Part 3: Determination of humidity content*
- *Part 4: Determination of dimensional recovery after compression*
- *Part 5: Determination of extraction force*
- *Part 6: Determination of liquid tightness*
- *Part 7: Determination of dust content*

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# Cylindrical cork stoppers — Physical tests —

## Part 4:

## Determination of dimensional recovery after compression

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 9727 specifies a test method for determining the percentage of diameter recovery of cylindrical cork stoppers, after compression.

It is applicable to all types of cylindrical cork stoppers ready for use or semi-worked, intended to be completely inserted in the bottle neck (straight cork stoppers).

### 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 633, *Cork — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 633 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

**straight cork stopper**  
**«ras de bague»**

stopper which is completely introduced in the bottle neck, its superior end reaching the top border of the bottle

### 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Vernier gauge**, with a constant contact force and a maximum resolution of 0,05 mm, or any other device allowing the same precision to be reached.

**4.2 Bottling machine with 4 jaws**, with a jaw compression diameter regulated between 15,5 mm and 16 mm.

### 5 Test conditions

#### 5.1 Environment

The test shall be carried out in an environment with the following characteristics:

- temperature                      21 °C ± 4 °C;
- relative humidity of air        60 % ± 20 %.