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formulations**

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10426-5:2004), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- addition of the Introduction, with background information on expansion and shrinkage;
- addition of annular ring test under impermeable conditions at atmospheric pressure;
- inclusion of an informative annex describing a method to determine the stress generated by expansion under confined conditions at elevated temperature and pressure;
- inclusion of an informative annex describing the annular ring test at elevated pressure.

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Introduction

When Portland cement reacts with water, there is an overall reduction in the absolute volume of components:

$$V_c + V_w > V_{ch} \quad (1)$$

where

V_c is the volume of cement;

V_w is the volume of water;

V_{ch} is the volume of cement hydrates.

In this document the absolute volume decrease $[(V_c + V_w) - V_{ch}]$ is referred to as hydration shrinkage, although in other documents it can also be referred to as chemical shrinkage, total chemical contraction, or hydration volume reduction.

Depending on the exposure conditions, presence of external stresses during setting and, most importantly, access to external water, the hydration shrinkage may lead to bulk shrinkage of the set cement.

The change in the sample dimensions is referred to as bulk shrinkage or expansion. Bulk shrinkage and expansion of the cement refer to the result of the measurement of a linear dimensional change or volume change. The volume to which all volume changes are related is the volume of the slurry immediately after mixing and emplacement in the experimental equipment. For small values of shrinkage or expansion, typically the case in well cement systems, the fractional volume dimensional change can be approximated as 3 times the fractional linear dimensional change.

Bulk shrinkage may cause:

- formation of a micro-annulus, potentially affecting cement evaluation logs;
- loss of zonal isolation leading to crossflow or sustained casing pressure;
- lack of a hydraulic seal when using cement inflatable packers;
- poor sealing of abandonment plugs.

Additives are available that can overcome the effects of hydration shrinkage and generate bulk expansion of set cement. In plug applications, bulk expansion of cement generates stress at the cement-rock or cement-formation interface. A method of measuring the stress generated by expansion in a plug-type geometry is given in [Annex A](#).

In this document, SI units are used; and where practical, U.S. customary units are included in brackets for information.

This document is based on API Technical Report 10TR 2.

Oil and gas industries including lower carbon energy — Cements and materials for well cementing —

Part 5: Determination of shrinkage and expansion of well cement formulations

1 Scope

This document provides the methods for the testing of well cement formulations to determine the dimension changes during the curing process (cement hydration) at atmospheric and elevated pressure and the stress generated by expansion in a confined environment under elevated temperature and pressure.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

API Specification 10A, *Cements and Materials for Well Cementing*

API Recommended Practice 10B-2, *Recommended Practice for Testing Well Cements*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

bulk expansion

increase in the external volume or dimensions of a cement sample

3.2

bulk shrinkage

decrease in the external volume or dimensions of a cement sample

3.3

CEA

cement expansion additive

additive used in a cement slurry formulation to provide *bulk expansion* (3.1), or reduce *bulk shrinkage* (3.2)

3.4

hydration shrinkage

difference in the volume between the hydration products and the volume of the dry cement, additives and water