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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17717:2017), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- in [Table 3](#), the size 10 and its specified values have been added;
- in [Table 6](#), the sizes 10 to 100 and their specified values have been added;
- in [Table B.2](#), the sizes of 10 to 100 and their specified values have been added;
- in [Table 8](#) and [C.3.2](#), the mass range has been changed to size range;
- in [A.2.4](#) and [B.3.1](#), thin cotton gloves without coating on palm for precision work have been added;
- in [E.3](#), the statement has been changed to "the number of samples shall be in accordance with [Table 8](#)".

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1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum requirements and the test methods for meteorological balloons made from natural rubber latex or natural rubber latex compounded with synthetic rubber emulsion.

This document applies to two types of balloons:

- Type 1: meteorological balloon by dipping process;
- Type 2: meteorological balloon by moulding process.

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.

ISO 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 188, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological 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

air bubble

thin portion with definite edge, concave or convex, which is created by air in the balloon film

3.2

body thickness

single-walled thickness of a meteorological balloon

3.3

cracking

localized cracks in the balloon film

3.4**grease mark**

stains on the balloon film due to machine grease or oil

3.5**hole**

opening due to a ruptured *air bubble* (3.1), foreign body impurities or other external factors

3.6**latex coagulum**

gel adhered to inside and outside of the balloon film

3.7**permanent creases with adhesion of the film**

localized occurrence of the balloon film folding over and sticking to itself

3.8**thin spot**

portion of the balloon which has no defined edge and has a film thickness which is less than that of the average thickness of the balloon film

4 Requirements**4.1 Colour**

The balloon shall be natural colour unless otherwise specified.

4.2 Appearance

When inspected in accordance with [Annex A](#), the appearance of the balloon shall conform to the requirements in [Table 1](#). If the defect cannot be confirmed by visual inspection, then [Annex B](#) shall be carried out.

Table 1 — Appearance

Defects		Requirements
Serious defects	hole, cracking	Non-existent
	grease mark	Non-existent
	permanent creases with adhesion of the film	Non-existent
Light defects	air bubble, latex coagulum	Air bubble and latex coagulum are allowed to exist, which is not concentrated, obviously thin, not more than 5 mm in diameter and does not affect the balloon film stretching.
	thin spot	The thin spot is allowed to exist, which is not concentrated, not obvious, and does not affect the balloon film stretching and the length is not more than 10 mm, double layer thickness is not more than 0,12 mm.

4.3 Size, mass and dimensions

When measured in accordance with [Annex C](#) and [Annex D](#), the size, masses and dimensions of the type 1 meteorological balloons shall conform to the values given in [Table 2](#), the size, masses and dimensions of the type 2 meteorological balloons shall conform to the values given in [Table 3](#).