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1 Scope

This part of ISO 105 specifies a method for determining the resistance of the colour of textiles of all kinds and in all forms to the action of dilute alkaline solutions.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 105. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 105 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 105-A01:1989, Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A01: General principles of testing.

ISO 105-A02:1987, Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour.

3 Principle

Drops of a solution of sodium carbonate are placed on the specimen, the surface of which is rubbed gently with a glass rod to ensure penetration. The change in colour of the textile is assessed with the grey scale.

4 Apparatus and reagents

4.1 Pipette or dropper.

- 4.2 Glass rod, with rounded end.
- **4.3 Grey scale for assessing change in colour**, complying with ISO 105-A02.
- **4.4 Sodium carbonate**, solution containing 100 g of anhydrous sodium carbonate per litre of water (4.5).
- **4.5 Grade 3 water** (see ISO 105-A01:1989, subclause 8.2).

5 Test specimen

- 5.1 If the textile to be tested is fabric, use a specimen measuring 40 mm \times 100 mm.
- **5.2** If the textile to be tested is yarn, knit it into fabric and use a specimen measuring 40 mm \times 100 mm, or make a wick of parallel lengths 100 mm long and about 5 mm in diameter, tied near both ends.
- **5.3** If the textile to be tested is loose fibre, comb and compress enough of it to form a sheet measuring 40 mm \times 100 mm.

6 Procedure

- **6.1** Spot the specimen at room temperature with the sodium carbonate solution (4.4) so that after working the solution into the specimen with the glass rod, a spot of diameter approximately 20 mm is formed. In the case of water-repellent fabrics, the amount of solution shall not exceed 0,5 ml.
- **6.2** Dry the specimen by hanging it in air at room temperature; brush it to remove sodium carbonate residues.