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#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 105 specifies Test No. 3 of a series of five washing tests that have been established to investigate the fastness to washing of coloured textiles and which between them cover the range of washing procedures from mild to severe.

NOTE 1 This method is designed to determine the effect of washing only on the colour fastness of the textile. It is not intended to reflect the result of the comprehensive laundering procedure.

#### 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*.

ISO 105-A03:1987, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A03: Grey scale for assessing staining*.

ISO 105-F:1985, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part F: Standard adjacent fabrics*.

ISO 105-F10:1989, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part F10: Specification for adjacent fabric: Multifibre*.

#### 3 Principle

A specimen of the textile in contact with one or two specified adjacent fabrics is mechanically agitated under specified conditions of time and temperature in a soap solution, then rinsed and dried. The change in colour of the specimen and the staining of the adjacent fabric(s) are assessed with the grey scales.

#### 4 Apparatus and reagents

**4.1 Suitable mechanical device** (see clause 8), consisting of a water bath containing a rotatable shaft which supports, radially, glass or stainless-steel containers  $75 \text{ mm} \pm 5 \text{ mm}$  in diameter  $\times$   $125 \text{ mm} \pm 10 \text{ mm}$  high of  $550 \text{ ml} \pm 50 \text{ ml}$  capacity, the bottom of the containers being  $45 \text{ mm} \pm 10 \text{ mm}$  from the centre of the shaft. The shaft/container assembly is rotated at a frequency of  $40 \text{ min}^{-1} \pm 2 \text{ min}^{-1}$ . The temperature of the water bath is thermostatically controlled to maintain the test solution at the prescribed temperature of  $60^\circ\text{C} \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ .

**4.2 Soap**, containing not more than 5 % moisture and complying with the following requirements based upon dry mass:

- free alkali, calculated as  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ : 0,3 % maximum;
- free alkali, calculated as  $\text{NaOH}$ : 0,1 % maximum;
- total fatty matter: 850 g/kg minimum;