



Short enclosed-scale thermometers for precision use

Thermomètres de précision, à échelle protégée, type court

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Foreword

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This International Standard cancels and replaces ISO Recommendation R 656-1968, of which it constitutes a technical revision.

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0 Introduction

This International Standard is based on ISO 386, *Liquid-in-glass laboratory thermometers — Principles of design, construction and use*. It is one of four International Standards specifying requirements for basic series of long and short solid-stem and enclosed-scale thermometers, intended for general use in precision work.

For ease of reference, each thermometer of the series has been allocated a combination of letters and figures indicating the type of thermometer, the value of the smallest scale interval and the upper and lower limits of the nominal scale range. The letter abbreviations given below have been selected, after taking into account the descriptions in various languages usually given to these types of thermometers :

STL..... Long solid-stem thermometers;
STC Short solid-stem thermometers;
EL..... Long enclosed-scale thermometers;
EC Short enclosed-scale thermometers.

The method for determining the change in the zero indication is given in the annex.

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies requirements for a basic series of liquid-in-glass enclosed-scale thermometers, not exceeding 250 mm in length, for general use in precision work.

NOTE — There are in existence many different specifications for thermometers of the general types covered by this series. It is intended that this series should replace all such specifications, except those for which there is a well-established justification.

2 Temperature scale

The thermometers shall be graduated in accordance with the Celsius scale as defined in the current definition of the International Practical Temperature Scale (IPTS) adopted by the Conférence générale des poids et mesures, and in accordance with the International System of Units (SI).

3 Immersion

3.1 The thermometers shall be adjusted for use at total immersion (i.e. the reading shall be correct when the thermometer is immersed so that the top of the liquid column is in the same plane as, or no more than two scale divisions above, the surface of the medium the temperature of which is required to be measured).

3.2 Thermometers having a smallest scale division of 0,1 °C or 0,2 °C may alternatively be adjusted for complete immersion (i.e. the reading shall be correct when the entire thermometer is immersed in the medium) and if so shall be identified by marking [see 10 b)].

4 Glass

The thermometer shall be made of suitable thermometric glass¹⁾ selected and processed so that the finished thermometer shows the following characteristics.

4.1 Stress in the glass of the bulb capillary tube and sheath shall be reduced to a level sufficient to minimize the possibility of fracture due to thermal or mechanical shock.

4.2 The bulb glass shall be stabilized by suitable heat treatment to ensure that the accuracy requirements of 9.1 and 9.3 can be met.

4.3 The legibility of the reading shall not be impaired by devitrification or clouding.

1) An International Standard (ISO 4795) dealing with glasses for thermometer bulbs is in preparation.