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Paints and varnishes — Determination of water content — Gas-chromatographic method

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the water content of water-borne coating materials and their raw materials by using a gas chromatograph. The preferred working range of this test method is from a water mass fraction of 15 % to a water mass fraction of 90 % but the method can be applied outside of this range.

2 Normative references

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ISO 760, *Determination of water — Karl Fischer method (General method)*

ISO 1513, *Paints and varnishes — Examination and preparation of test samples*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4618, *Paints and varnishes — Terms and definitions*

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

3 Terms and definitions

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state of a product when it is mixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in the correct proportions and thinned if required using the correct thinners so that it is ready for application by the approved method

[SOURCE: ISO 11890-2:2013, 3.4]

4 Principle

A suitable amount of the sample is internally standardized, diluted with appropriate organic solvent, and then injected into a gas chromatographic column that separates water from other components, after which the water is detected by a thermoconductivity detector and quantified from the peak areas using the internal standard.

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