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## Foreword

This document EN 820-1:2002 has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 184 "Advanced technical ceramics", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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- *Part 1 : Determination of flexural strength at elevated temperatures*
- *Part 2 : Determination of self-loaded deformation*
- *Part 3 : Determination resistance to thermal shock by water quenching*

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### 1 Scope

This Part of this European Standard specifies a method of determining the three-point or four-point flexural strength of advanced monolithic technical ceramics at elevated temperatures as agreed between parties to the test. The test can be performed in any appropriate atmosphere.

### 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and in the publications listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 843-1, *Advanced technical ceramics – Monolithic ceramics – Mechanical tests at room temperature – Part 1: Determination of flexural strength.*

ENV 843-5, *Advanced technical ceramics – Monolithic ceramics – Mechanical tests at room temperature – Part 5: Statistical analysis of fracture data.*

EN 10002-2, *Metallic materials – Tensile testing – Part 2: Verification of the force measuring system of the tensile testing machine.*

EN ISO 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.*

IEC 60584, *Thermocouples - Part 1: Reference tables.*

IEC 60584, *Thermocouples - Part 2: Tolerances.*

ISO 3611, *Micrometer callipers for external measurement.*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### **nominal flexural strength**

maximum nominal stress at the instant of failure supported by the material when loaded in elastic bending

**NOTE** It is recognised that flexural strength tests on ceramics at elevated temperature may reveal inelastic behaviour in the material. Under such conditions, the nominal flexural strength calculated in accordance with this standard is not strictly a valid result, since it tends to overestimate the true surface stress in the test piece. This method requires that the load/displacement relationship for each test piece at each temperature is inspected, and the validity of the result determined.

#### 3.2

##### **three-point flexure**

means of bending a beam test piece whereby the test piece is supported on bearings near its ends, and a central load is applied

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