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## Foreword

This document (EN 1159-2:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 184 "Advanced technical ceramics", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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EN 1159 consists of four parts :

- *Part 1 : Determination of thermal expansion*
- *Part 2 : Determination of thermal diffusivity*
- *Part 3: Determination of specific heat capacity*
- *Part 4: Determination of thermal conductivity*

Annex A is informative.

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## EN 1159-2:2003 (E)

### 1 Scope

This part of EN 1159 describes the laser flash method for the determination of thermal diffusivity of ceramic matrix composites with continuous fibre reinforcement.

The experimental conditions are such that the material behaves in an homogeneous manner for each of its axes of anisotropy and that the heat transfer occurs only by thermal conduction.

The method is applicable to materials which are physically and chemically stable during the measurement, and covers the range of temperature between 100 K and 2 800 K. It is suitable for the measurement of thermal diffusivity values in the range between  $10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

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

ENV 13233, *Advanced technical ceramics — Ceramic composites — Notations and symbols.*

EN 60584-1, *Thermocouples — Part 1: Reference tables (IEC 60584-1:1995).*

ISO 3611, *Micrometer callipers for external measurement.*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in ENV 13233 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **thermal diffusivity, $a$**

ratio of the thermal conductivity to the product of the bulk density and the specific heat capacity

#### 3.2

##### **transient half time, $t_{1/2}$**

time from the initiation of the pulse until the increase of the temperature on the back face of the test specimen reaches one half of the maximum temperature increase

#### 3.3

##### **thickness, $h$**

dimension of the test specimen in the direction of heat transfer measurement

### 4 Principle

One side of a plane and parallel test piece is exposed to a uniformly distributed energy pulse that is of very short duration compared to the transient half time.

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