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Standard Specification for Laboratory Glass Dewar Flask¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification provides standard material and performance requirements for glass Dewar flasks suitable for general laboratory use.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[B85 Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Die Castings](#)

[E438 Specification for Glasses in Laboratory Apparatus](#)

[E671 Specification for Maximum Permissible Thermal Residual Stress in Annealed Glass Laboratory Apparatus](#)

3. Classification

3.1 Glass Dewar flasks shall be of the following sizes: 265 mL, 665 mL, 1000 mL, 1900 mL, 4300 mL

NOTE 1—The term millilitre (mL) is commonly used as a special name

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for the cubic centimetre (cm^3) and similarly the litre (L) for 1000 cubic centimetres, in accordance with the International System of Units (SI).

4. Material and Annealing

4.1 Flasks shall be made of borosilicate glass conforming to the requirement of Type I, Class A, Specification [E438](#).

4.2 Maximum residual thermal stress shall conform to Specification [E671](#).

4.3 Aluminum base alloy metal shall conform to Alloy Number A380 of Specification [B85](#).

5. Appearance

5.1 The general appearance of the flasks shall conform to [Fig. 1](#).

6. Design

6.1 Flasks shall be cylindrically shaped and have double walls silvered on the inside. The space between the walls shall be evacuated to a vacuum level of 5×10^{-7} Torr and sealed. Temperatures are to be held in excess of 500°C during evacuation.

6.2 Flasks shall be firmly cemented into the base to protect the sealing tip.

6.3 Flasks shall have a protective plastic mesh, or shall be coated with a baked-on plastisol over exposed glass surface.

7. Capacity and Dimensions

7.1 Standard Dewar flasks for government use shall conform to the requirements of [Table 1](#).

7.2 Other Dewar flasks (not found in [Table 1](#)) are approved for use if they meet all of the design criteria found in Section [6](#).

8. Keywords

8.1 dewar; flasks; glass