



Standard Practice for Specimen Preparation for Determination of Linear Thermal Expansion of Vitreous Glass Enamels and Glass Enamel Frits by the Dilatometer Method¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the preparation of vitreous glass enamels and glass enamel frit specimens for the measurement of linear thermal expansion using Test Method E 228.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For specific hazard statements, see Section 6.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

E 228 Test Method for Linear Thermal Expansion of Solid Materials With a Vitreous Silica Dilatometer²

3. Significance and Use

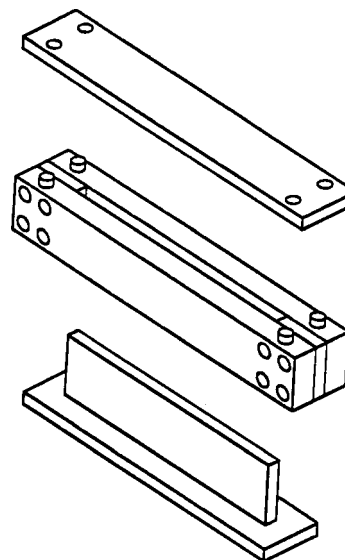
3.1 The dilatometer method of measuring linear thermal expansion of vitreous glass enamels and glass enamel frits has the advantage of simplicity, lends itself to automatic, self-recording arrangements, and requires test specimens of simple configuration.

4. Apparatus

4.1 *Powder Pressing Die*, whose top and bottom sections are free to move such that density variations within the bar are minimized (see Fig. 1).

4.2 Hydraulic Press.

4.3 *Furnace*, for firing test specimen, electrically heated and controlled to a minimum rate of heating of 1°C/min from room temperature to the maximum temperature of the test. It shall be so designed that the temperature variation over the length of the test specimen shall be less than 2°C during the entire range of heating.



NOTE 1—Material: No. 316 stainless steel.

FIG. 1 Powder Pressing Die

4.4 *Scale or Caliper*, capable of measuring the length of the test specimen to an accuracy of 0.1 %.

5. Reagents and Materials

5.1 *Hydroxypropyl Cellulose Solution in Water* (1 weight%).

5.2 *Powder Sample*.

6. Hazards

6.1 Appropriate ventilation should be provided when handling powdered frits or enamels containing toxic ingredients.

6.2 Ingestion or inhalation of test materials should be avoided. Protective clothing such as gloves, respirators, etc., may be advisable. If ingestion occurs, seek medical attention immediately.

6.3 Caution should be exercised when placing specimens in furnaces. Tongs and insulated gloves should be used. To avoid accidental contact and serious thermal burns, care should be taken to guard hot-fired specimens while they are being cooled.

7. Test Specimen Preparation

7.1 Collect vitreous glass enamel or glass enamel frit

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

particles within the 60 to 200 mesh particle size range and combine with 0.5 to 1.0 weight % of the hydroxypropyl cellulose solution.

7.2 Using the die in 4.1 and the hydraulic press in 4.2, press the powder prepared in 7.1 at 34 MPa (5000 psi) into a bar consistent with the dimensional guidelines found in Test Method E 228.

7.3 Fire and anneal the test specimen prepared in 7.2 using a time/temperature cycle consistent with that used commer-

cially for the vitreous glass enamel or glass enamel frit involved.

7.4 The ends of the fired test specimen shall conform to the guidelines given in Test Method E 228.

7.5 Measure the length of the test specimen to an accuracy of 0.1 % with the test specimen at a temperature equivalent to the temperature of the dilatometer at the initiation of the test procedure (normally room temperature).

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