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## Paraformaldehyde for industrial use — Methods of test — Part IV : Determination of water-insoluble matter

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## FOREWORD

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Prior to 1972, the results of the work of the technical committees were published as ISO Recommendations; these documents are in the process of being transformed into International Standards. As part of this process, Technical Committee ISO/TC 47, *Chemistry*, has reviewed ISO Recommendation R 1391-1970 and found it technically suitable for transformation. The technical committee, however, divided the recommendation into four parts (ISO 1391, parts I to IV), which therefore replace ISO Recommendation R 1391-1970, to which they are technically identical.

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India

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France  
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## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This part of ISO 1391 specifies a method for the determination of the water-insoluble matter in paraformaldehyde for industrial use.

This document should be read in conjunction with part I (see the annex).

## 2 PRINCIPLE

Dissolution of a test portion in very dilute sodium hydroxide solution, filtration through a tared filter crucible and, after drying the residue at  $100 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ , determination of the water-insoluble matter by difference.

## 3 REAGENTS

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

### 3.1 Sodium hydroxide, 300 g/l solution.

## 4 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

### 4.1 Sintered glass crucible, pore size index P 10 or P 16 (see ISO 4793\*).

### 4.2 Electric oven, capable of being controlled at $100 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ .

## 5 PROCEDURE

Weigh accurately 5,0 g of the test sample into a 150 ml flask. Add 100 ml of water and 1 drop (approximately 0,05 ml) of the sodium hydroxide solution (3.1). Boil gently for 30 min, avoiding any substantial loss of water. Filter off any insoluble matter using the sintered glass crucible (4.1), previously heated for 30 min at  $100 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ , cooled in a desiccator and weighed to the nearest 0,000 1 g. Wash the residue with water and dry for 30 min in the oven (4.2), controlled at  $100 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ . Allow to cool in a desiccator and weigh to the nearest 0,000 1 g.

## 6 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

The water-insoluble matter, expressed as a percentage by mass, is given by the formula

$$\frac{100 m_1}{m_0}$$

where

$m_0$  is the mass, in grams, of the test portion;

$m_1$  is the mass, in grams, of the residue.

## ANNEX

### ISO PUBLICATIONS RELATING TO PARAFORMALDEHYDE FOR INDUSTRIAL USE

ISO 1391/I — General.

ISO 1391/II — Determination of ash.

ISO 1391/III — Determination of iron content — 2,2'-Bipyridyl photometric method.

ISO 1391/IV — Determination of water-insoluble matter.

\* In preparation.