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**Glass — Viscosity and viscometric fixed points —**

**Part 2 :**  
Determination of viscosity by rotation viscometers

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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 7884-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 48, *Laboratory glassware and related apparatus*.

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# Glass — Viscosity and viscometric fixed points —

## Part 2 : Determination of viscosity by rotation viscometers

### 0 Introduction

International Standard ISO 7884, *Glass — Viscosity and viscometric fixed points*, consists of the following separate parts:

*Part 1: Principles for determining viscosity and viscometric fixed points.*

*Part 2: Determination of viscosity by rotation viscometers.*

*Part 3: Determination of viscosity by fibre elongation viscometer.*

*Part 4: Determination of viscosity by beam bending.*

*Part 5: Determination of working point by sinking bar viscometer.*

*Part 6: Determination of softening point.*

*Part 7: Determination of annealing point and strain point by beam bending.*

*Part 8: Determination of (dilatometric) transformation temperature.*

### 1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 7884 specifies a method of determining, by means of rotation viscometers, the dynamic viscosity of glass and, in particular, the viscosity-temperature relationship at any temperature or viscosity within the range of measurement. This covers the ranges of viscosity for melting, refining and working of glass.

This method allows for continuous measurements and for measurements under various shearing stresses (i.e. for the determination of flow curves) in order to check whether or not the glass behaves as a Newtonian liquid.

Dependent on the particular viscosity-temperature relationship of the glass tested, the viscosity range covered by this method extends approximately from 10 to 10<sup>8</sup> dPa·s\* in the tempera-

ture range from about 1 600 to 600 °C, the torque necessary ranging from 0,1 to 20 N·mm according to the construction of the apparatus. The method is applicable if the rotational frequency does not exceed 8 s<sup>-1</sup>; however, at rotational frequencies above 1 s<sup>-1</sup> it should be ascertained that inertia forces are negligible.

### 2 Reference

IEC Publication 584-1, *Thermocouples — Part 1: Reference tables.*

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 7884, the following definitions apply.

#### 3.1 Field of flow, crucible and plunger

**3.1.1 field of flow:** The whole gap filled by the molten glass sample and the spatial distribution of the flow velocities within it, including its boundaries.

**3.1.2 crucible:** The outer boundary of the molten glass sample corresponding to the inner surface of the crucible up to the level of the melt.

**3.1.3 plunger:** The inner boundary of the molten glass sample corresponding to the outer surface of the plunger up to the level of the melt.

#### 3.2 Flow field coefficient and instrument constant

**3.2.1** Rotation viscometers are either of the Searle type or of the Couette type, both of which allow the determination of the viscosity according to basic equation (1):

$$\eta = f \frac{T}{n} \quad \dots (1)$$

where

$\eta$  is the viscosity;

\*  $1 \text{ dPa}\cdot\text{s} = 1 \frac{\text{dN}\cdot\text{s}}{\text{m}^2} = 1 \text{ P}$   
(P is the symbol for poise)