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# Dental Zinc Oxide – Eugenol and Zinc Oxide – Non-Eugenol Cements

Modified adoption of ISO 3107:1988, Dental zinc oxide —  
eugenol cements and dental zinc oxide — non-eugenol



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OXIDE–NON-EUGENOL CEMENTS**

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### **FOREWORD**

(This foreword does not form a part of the ANSI/ADA Specification No. 30 for Dental Zinc Oxide–Eugenol and Zinc Oxide–Non-Eugenol Cements)

This specification is essentially identical (exceptions noted below) to the ISO Standard 3107, Dental Zinc Oxide–Eugenol Cements and Zinc Oxide–Non-Eugenol Cements, which was approved by Technical Committee ISO TC106, Dentistry, of the International Organization of Standardization (ISO).

This specification mainly differs from ISO 3107 in the following:

- 1) The minimum setting time at 37 °C for Type III materials has been lowered from 3 minutes to 2 minutes. This change was made so that otherwise acceptable commercial products could meet the specification.
- 2) Film thickness for type I cements has been changed from 25 to 40 µm. This change was made because materials currently marketed as type I cements do not meet the 25 µm requirement. The working group agreed that there was no clinical justification for a temporary luting cement to be so restricted.

The change in film thickness is the only revision made in the Revised American National Standard/American Dental Association Specification No. 30 for Dental Zinc Oxide–Eugenol Cements and Zinc Oxide–Non-Eugenol Cements, which was approved in March 1990. As the title implies, this specification covers non-eugenol cements containing oxide and aromatic oils intended for temporary cementation. In addition, it also includes a paste/paste category for temporary restorations.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Specific qualitative and quantitative requirements of freedom from biological hazard are not included in this national standard but it is recommended that, in assessing possible biological or toxicological hazards, reference should be made to ISO/TR 7405 Biological Evaluation of Dental Materials.

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### 1. SCOPE

This standard specifies the requirements and test methods for zinc oxide–eugenol or zinc oxide–non-eugenol cements supplied as two separate components that may be either powder/liquid or paste/paste and are suitable for use in the oral cavity. These non-aqueous cements may contain eugenol or an aromatic oil, compounds capable of reacting with zinc oxide—such as accelerators—and gums, resins and inert inorganic fillers.

### 2. FIELD OF APPLICATION

This standard covers commercially manufactured zinc oxide–eugenol and modified zinc oxide–eugenol cements suitable for use in restorative dentistry for temporary cementation, for permanent cementation—such as temporary restorations and bases—and as cavity liners. This standard also covers non-eugenol cements containing zinc oxide and aromatic oils suitable for temporary cementation.

### 3. REFERENCES

ISO 2590 General Method for the Determination of Arsenic-Silver Diethyldithiocarbamate Photometric Method

ISO/TR 7405 Biologic Evaluation of Dental Materials

### 4. CLASSIFICATION

For the purposes of this standard, zinc oxide–eugenol cements are classified, according to their intended use in restorative dentistry, into the following types:

#### **Type I: For temporary cementation—Setting and non-setting**

Class 1: Powder and liquid

Class 2A: Setting paste and paste containing eugenol

Class 2B: Setting paste and paste not containing eugenol

Class 3: Non-setting paste and paste

#### **Type II: For permanent cementation**

Class 1: Powder and liquid

#### **Type III: For temporary restorations and bases**

Class 1: Powder and liquid

Class 2: Paste and paste

#### **Type IV: For cavity liners**

Class I: Powder and liquid

Class II: Setting paste and paste

Zinc oxide–non-eugenol cements covered by this standard are indicated as such.

### 5. REQUIREMENTS

#### 5.1 Material

The components of the material, when mixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, shall produce a material with characteristics suitable for its intended use within a given time.