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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 35, *Paints and varnishes*, Subcommittee SC 9, *General test methods for paints and varnishes*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 2811-1:2011), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- a) the information on the accuracy of the analytical balance (6.2) and the thermometer (6.3) was changed;
- b) a requirement was added that the sample shall be free from air bubbles;
- c) the spelling of pycnometer was corrected.

ISO 2811 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Paints and varnishes — Determination of density*:

- *Part 1: Pycnometer method*
- *Part 2: Immersed body (plummet) method*
- *Part 3: Oscillation method*
- *Part 4: Pressure cup method*

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# Paints and varnishes — Determination of density —

## Part 1: Pycnometer method

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 2811 specifies a method for determining the density of paints, varnishes and related products using a metal or Gay-Lussac pycnometer.

The method is limited to materials of low or medium viscosity at the temperature of test. The Hubbard pycnometer (see ISO 3507) can be used for highly viscous materials.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1513, *Paints and varnishes — Examination and preparation of test samples*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1 density

$\rho$

mass divided by the volume of a portion of a material

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in grams per cubic centimetre.

### 4 Principle

A pycnometer is filled with the product under test. The density is calculated from the mass of the product in the pycnometer and the known volume of the pycnometer.

### 5 Temperature

The effect of temperature on density is highly significant with respect to filling properties, and varies with the type of product.

For international reference purposes, it is essential to standardize one test temperature, and (23,0 ± 0,5) °C is specified in this part of ISO 2811. It can be more convenient, however, to carry out comparative testing at some other agreed temperature, for example (20,0 ± 0,5) °C, as specified by relevant weights and measures legislation (see [B.2](#)).