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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3016:1994), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- inclusion of digital contact thermometer in [5.2.1](#);
- update of normative references in [Clause 2](#);
- chemicals and mixtures moved from former Clause 4 to [Annex B](#) (alignment with ISO 3015[1]);
- bath and sample temperature ranges have been aligned with ASTM D97[2], changes in bath temperature and the temperatures at which the test jars are moved to the batch with the next lower temperature have over the years (1994 up to the time of publication of this document) not led to observation of a bias versus test results obtained with the former edition;
- option for using automatic apparatus has been removed as being non-applicable;
- automated apparatus no longer being addressed as its use is at the discretion of the laboratory and the precision does not apply to that equipment;
- addition of sampling instructions in [Clause 6](#);
- alignment of [Clause 9](#) on precision, with ASTM D97[2] and introduction of [Annex C](#);
- addition of a Bibliography.

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