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# Foreword

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— full text review and new laboratory analysis with statistical evaluation.

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## Part 3:
## Test method for determination of the particle size distribution by sieve fractionation

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for measuring particle size distributions up to 850 µ of cross-linked polyacrylate superabsorbent powders. It applies only to measurements made where sieve shaking is used for the separation. Tapping equipment is not expected to deliver the same results.

This method is applicable to powdered polymeric superabsorbent materials that are free-flowing under the specified test conditions.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 187, *Paper, board and pulps — Standard atmosphere for conditioning and testing and procedure for monitoring the atmosphere and conditioning of samples*

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

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

**3.1**
**sample**
product or portion of a product taken from a production lot for testing purposes and identifiable and traceable back to its origin

**3.2**
**specimen**
specific portion of the identified *sample* (3.1) upon which a test is performed

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