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analysis — General principles of
testing**

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Foreword

This Ethiopian Standard has been prepared under the direction of Technical Committee for Textile Fabrics (TC 70) and published by the Ethiopian Standards Agency (ESA).

The standard is identical with ISO 20705:2019 *extiles – Quantitative microscopical analysis – General principles of testing*, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

For the purpose of this Ethiopian Standard, the adopted ISO text shall be modified as follows:

- The phrase “International Standard” shall be read as “Ethiopian Standard” and
- A full stop (.) shall substitute comma (,) as decimal maker.

Textiles — Quantitative microscopical analysis — General principles of testing

1 Scope

This document specifies common methods for the quantitative microscopical analysis of various mixtures of fibres. The methods described are based on the use of a light microscope (LM) or a scanning electronic microscope (SEM), on the measurements of the fibre apparent diameter (preparation of longitudinal views) or on the measurements of fibre section area (preparation of cross views), depending on the section shape of the fibres.

NOTE 1 When the section shape is circular or almost circular, the longitudinal views are appropriate. For the other section shapes, the cross views are adequate and [Annex A](#) lists conventional density of fibres to be used for the calculation of the mass percentage of the components. Pictures of section shapes of fibres can be found in ISO/TR 11827.

NOTE 2 [Annex B](#) presents statistical data on fibre diameter measurements (longitudinal view) and on fibre area measurements (cross view).

The given procedures apply to fibres in any textile form when mixtures of fibres cannot be separated by manual methods or by chemical methods.

Examples of mixtures of fibres are cashmere and wool, cotton and flax, flax and hemp.

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 1833-1, *Textiles — Quantitative chemical analysis — Part 1: General principles of testing*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following term and definition apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

test specimen unit

linear portion of a single thread

Note 1 to entry: The length of the test specimen unit depends on the test specimen holder dimension.

Note 2 to entry: This expression is not applicable to test specimen prepared from samples of loose fibre (see [7.1.2](#)) or sliver (see [7.1.3](#)).

4 Principle

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