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used in hydraulic fracturing and gravel-
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utilisés dans les opérations de fracturation hydraulique et de
remplissage de gravier*

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matériaux de soutènement*



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Page 1, Clause 1

Replace the last line with the following:

The objective of this part of ISO 13503 is to provide a consistent methodology and specifications for testing performed on hydraulic fracturing and/or gravel-packing proppants.

Page 1, Clause 2

Add the date to ASTM E11 as follows:

ASTM E11-04, *Standard Specification for Wire Cloth and Sieves for Testing Purposes*

Page 28, after Annex A

Add the following Annex B.

Annex (informative)

Proppant specifications

B.1 Fracturing proppant sizes

A minimum of 90 % of the tested proppant sample shall pass the coarse designated (or first primary) sieve and be retained on the fine designated (or second primary) sieve (i.e. 12/20, 20/40, 40/60, etc.). For 20/40 sieve sizes, a minimum of 90,0 % of the tested proppant sample shall pass the 20 mesh sieve and be retained on the 40 mesh sieve. Not over 0,1 % of the total tested proppant sample shall be larger than the first sieve size in the sieve stack specified in Table B.1 and not over 1,0 % of the total tested proppant sample shall be smaller than the last designated sieve size.

EXAMPLE For 20/40 sieve sizes, no more than 0,1 % of the total tested proppant sample shall be retained on the 16 mesh sieve (the first sieve size in the stack) and no more than 1,0 % of the total tested proppant sample shall be smaller than the 50 mesh sieve.

The median diameter and sieve distribution of each grade shall be made available.

Table B.1 — Sieve sizes

Sieve opening sizes µm	3 350/ 11 700	2 360/ 1 180	1 700/ 1 000	1 700/ 850	1 180/ 850	1 180/ 600	850/ 425	600/ 300	425/ 250	425/ 212	212/ 106
Typical proppant/ gravel pack size designation ^a	6/12	8/16	12/18	12/20	16/20	16/30	20/40	30/50	40/60	40/70	70/140
Coarse sieve ^b	4	6	8	8	12	12	16	20	30	30	50
	6	8	12	12	16	16	20	30	40	40	70
	8	10	14	14	18	18	25	35	45	45	80
Fine sieve ^c	10	12	16	16	20	20	30	40	50	50	100
	12	14	18	18	25	25	35	45	60	60	120
	14	16	20	20	30	30	40	50	70	70	140
	16	20	30	30	40	40	50	70	100	100	200
	pan	pan	pan	pan	pan	pan	pan	pan	pan	pan	pan

^a Stack of sieves in vertical order top to bottom as defined in ASTM E 11–04.

^b Coarse designated (or first primary) sieve is shaded.

^c Fine designated (or second primary) sieve is shaded.

B.2 Gravel packing sizes

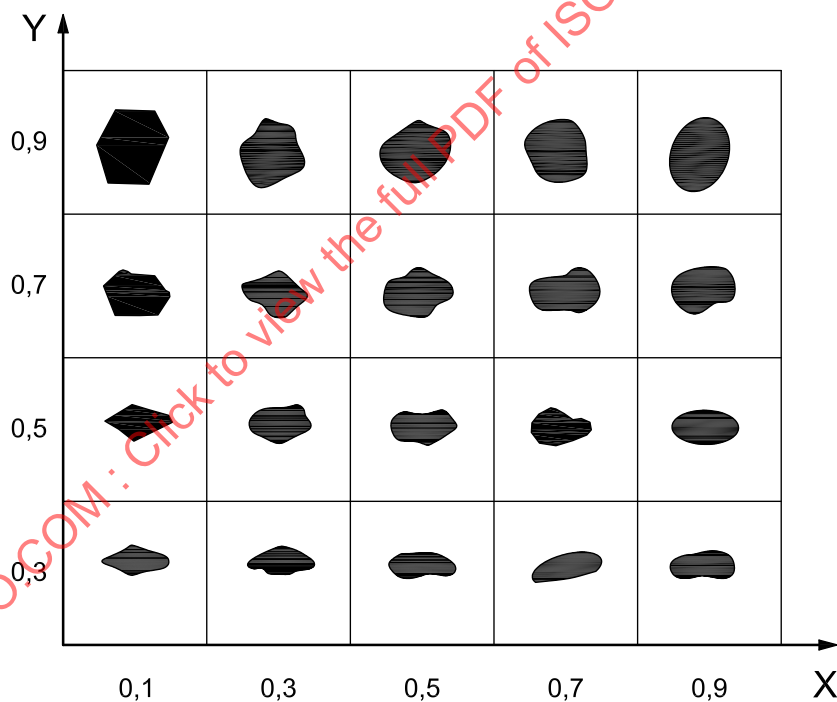
A minimum of 96,0 % of the tested proppant sample shall pass the coarse designated (or first primary) sieve and be retained on the fine designated (or second primary) sieve (i.e. 12/20, 20/40, 40/60, etc.). For 20/40 sieve sizes, a minimum of 96,0 % of the tested proppant sample shall pass the 20 mesh sieve and be retained on the 40 mesh sieve. Not over 0,1 % of the total tested proppant sample shall be larger than the first sieve size in the stack specified in Table B.1 and not over 1,0 % of the total tested proppant sample shall be smaller than the last designated sieve size.

EXAMPLE A 20/40 proppant sample shall have no more than 0,1 % of the total tested proppant sample retained on the 16 mesh sieve and no more than 1,0 % of the total tested proppant sample shall be smaller than the 50 mesh sieve.

The median diameter and sieve distribution shall be made available.

B.3 Sphericity and roundness

Ceramic proppants and resin-coated ceramic proppants shall have an average sphericity of 0,7 or greater and an average roundness of 0,7 or greater. All other proppants shall have an average sphericity of 0,6 or greater and an average roundness of 0,6 or greater.



Key
X roundness
Y sphericity

Figure B.1 — Chart for visual estimation of sphericity and roundness

B.4 Acid solubility

The acid soluble material in proppants shall not exceed the values shown in Table B.2.

Table B.2 — Maximum acid solubility

Proppant size mesh	Maximum solubility % mass fraction
Hydraulic fracturing sand, resin coated sand, gravel packing sand proppants	
— Larger than or equal to 30/50	2,0
— Smaller than 30/50	3,0
Ceramic proppants and resin coated ceramic proppants	7,0

B.5 Maximum proppant turbidity

The turbidity of all fracturing and gravel packing proppants shall not exceed 250 FTU (NTU).

B.6 Maximum crush material

B.6.1 General

The provisions of B.6 do not apply to curable resin coated proppants. Consolidated wafers fall outside this test.

B.6.2 Gravel packing proppants

Samples of gravel packing proppant subjected to this test shall not produce average fines in excess of the fines specified in Table B.3, at a stress of 13,8 MPa (2 000 psi).

Table B.3 — Maximum fines

Proppant size mesh	Crushed material max. % mass fraction
8/16	8,0
12/20	4,0
16/30	2,0
20/40	2,0
30/50	2,0
40/60	2,0