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( दूसरा पुनरीक्षण )

**Silica Flour for Use in Foundries —  
Specification**  
( *Second Revision* )

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## FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Second Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standard, after the draft finalized by the Foundry and Steel Casting Sectional Committee had been approved by the Metallurgical Engineering Division Council.

This standard was first published in 1965 and subsequently revised in 1975. This revision has been brought out to bring the standard in the latest style and format of the Indian Standards. In addition, the following changes have been made:

- a) Reference clause has been added;
- b) Notes under **8** for grain fineness has been modified; and
- c) Marking clause has been modified;

This standard has been prepared to specify the requirements of foundries for silica flour, keeping in view the quality of raw materials available in the country.

Silica flour is a good refractory material for moulding work. It is used particularly in the steel foundry as dressing for moulds and cores and also for adding to moulding sand mixtures. Silica flour is also used to obtain elevated temperature strength, high density and resistance to metal penetration in cores.

The composition of the Committee responsible for the formulation of this standard is given in [Annex B](#).

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

*Indian Standard***SILICA FLOUR FOR USE IN FOUNDRIES — SPECIFICATION***( Second Revision )***1 SCOPE**

This standard covers the requirements for silica flour for use in foundries.

**2 REFERENCES**

The standards listed in [Annex A](#) contain provisions, which through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of these standards.

**3 SUPPLY OF MATERIAL**

General requirements relating to the supply of silica flour for use in foundries shall be as laid down in IS 1387.

**4 SAMPLING**

Representative samples shall be drawn according to the scheme of sampling given in IS 1811.

**5 MANUFACTURE**

Silica flour shall be produced by crushing, washing and grading the high grade quartz, quartzitic rocks or from white silica sand or other deposits sufficiently pure to get the desired material.

**6 CHEMICAL COMPOSITION**

The silica flour, when analysed in accordance with IS 1917 (Part 1) and (Part 3), shall conform to the following requirements:

<i>Sl No.</i>	<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Requirement</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
i)	Silica, percent by weight, <i>Min</i>	98.0
ii)	Moisture, percent by weight, <i>Max</i>	1.0

**7 FUSION POINT**

When tested in accordance with the method given

in IS 1918, the fusion temperature of silica flour shall be not below 1 700 °C.

**8 GRAIN FINENESS**

When tested in accordance with the method given in IS 1918, 100 percent of silica flour shall pass through 150 micron IS Sieve (*see* IS 460) and at least 95 percent shall pass through 75 micron IS Sieve.

## NOTES

**1** The sieve analysis of the material shall be carried out in accordance with IS 5461. The size distribution shall be mutually agreed upon between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

**2** The test sieves used shall be in accordance with sizes specified in IS 460 (Part 1) and IS 460 (Part 2). The standard test sieve will, after period of time, become less accurate. The sieve shall, therefore, be periodically checked according to IS 460 (Part 3) and the correction factor to be applied to the result shall be determined.

**3** If required, silica flour of coarser variety may also be supplied subject to the agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

**9 PACKING**

Unless specified otherwise, silica flour shall be supplied in polyethylene lined gunny bags each containing 50 kg.

**10 MARKING**

**10.1** Each container of powder shall be suitably marked with the following information:

- Manufacturer's name or trade-mark;
- Batch number;
- Date of manufacture; and
- Quantity.

**10.2 BIS Certification Marking**

The products(s) conforming to the requirements of this standard may be certified as per the conformity assessment schemes under the provision of the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016* and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder, and the product may be marked with the Standard Mark.

## ANNEX A

(Clause 2)

## LIST OF REFERRED STANDARDS

<i>IS No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>IS No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
IS 460	Test sieves — Specifications	IS 1917	Chemical analysis of quartzite and high silica sand
(Part 1) : 2020	Wire cloth test sieve ( <i>fourth revision</i> )	(Part 1) : 1991	Determination of loss on ignition ( <i>first revision</i> )
(Part 2) : 2020	Perforated plate test sieves ( <i>fourth revision</i> )	(Part 3) : 1992	Determination of silica ( <i>first revision</i> )
(Part 3) : 2020	Methods of examination of apertures of test sieves ( <i>fourth revision</i> )	IS 1918 : 1966	Methods of physical tests for foundry sands
IS 1387 : 1993	General requirements for the supply of metallurgical materials ( <i>second revision</i> )	IS 5461 : 1984	Method for sieve analysis of metal powders ( <i>first revision</i> )
IS 1811 : 1984	Methods of sampling foundry sand ( <i>first revision</i> )		

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## ANNEX B

*(Foreword)*

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