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QUALITY TOLERANCES FOR WATER FOR SWIMMING POOLS

(First Revision)

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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Water Sectional Committee had been approved by the Chemical Division Council.

Swimming pools may be divided into natural pools and artificial pools. For the natural swimming pools, it is not possible to lay down uniform standards because of the considerable variability in the quality of such waters. The artificial pools are either of fill-and-empty type or of continuous circulation type. The fill-and-empty type of pools is not favoured now because of the attendant accumulation of impurities.

This standard is intended to assist public health bodies and other organizations in maintaining a level of quality of water in swimming pools considered safe from the point of view of health and hygiene.

This standard was first published in 1965. Based on the experience gained over the years, the concerned technical committee responsible for the formulation of this standard decided to revise it. In this revision, requirements for total dissolved solids and chlorides have been incorporated besides, giving reference to the latest method of tests.

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 2:1960 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.
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(Page 1, clause 2) — Delete ‘3025 : 1964 Methods of sampling and test (physical and chemical) for water used in industry’ and insert the following after ‘3025 (Part 32) : 1988 Methods of sampling and test (physical and chemical) for water and wastewater: Part 32 Chlorides (first revision)’ under IS No. and Title:

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(Page 1, clause 3.2, line 3) — Delete ‘IS 3025 : 1964 and’.


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QUALITY TOLERANCES FOR WATER FOR SWIMMING POOLS

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1 SCOPE
This standard prescribes the quality tolerances for water used in swimming pools of continuous circulation type.

2 REFERENCES
The following Indian Standards listed below are the necessary adjuncts to this standard:

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3 TOLERANCES

3.1 Physical

3.1.1 Clearness
The water shall be clear odourless and colourless and shall be sufficiently clear at all times when the pool is in use to pass the following test:

Place a black disc, 150 mm in diameter and fixed to a white background, on the bottom of the pool at the deepest point. The disc shall be clearly visible from the side walks of the pool at all distances up to 9 meters in a line drawn across the pool through the said disc.

3.2 Chemical
The water shall comply with the chemical tolerances prescribed in Table 1. Tests shall be carried out as prescribed in IS 3025 : 1964 and various parts of IS 3025. Reference to relevant clauses of this standard is given in col 4 of the Table.

3.3 Bacteriological

3.3.1 Standard Plate Count
The standard plate count of the sample, determined as prescribed in Annex A, shall be not more than 100 per millilitre.
Table 1 Chemical Tolerances for Water for Swimming Pools

*Clauses 2.2 and 5.1*

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<td>pH value</td>
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<td>ii)</td>
<td>Total alkalinity (as CaCO₃), mg/l, Max</td>
<td>50 to 500 (see Note)</td>
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<td>Aluminium (as Al), mg/l, Max</td>
<td>0.1</td>
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<td>Total residual chlorine, mg/l</td>
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<td>Total dissolved solids, mg/l, Max</td>
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<td>Iron, mg/l, Max</td>
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<td>Heavy metals (as Pb), mg/l, Max</td>
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<td>x)</td>
<td>Colour, Hazen units, Max</td>
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**NOTE** — Too low an alkalinity and low pH are the most common causes of complaints of taste, odour and eye irritation. At pH lower than 7.5, there is an increased tendency for formation of dichloramine and nitrogen chlorides or similar compounds which cause eye irritation.

### 3.3.2 Coliform Organisms

When tested as prescribed in IS 1622 : 1981, not more than 10 percent of 10-ml portions of the sample tested over a period of one month shall show the presence of any coliform organism. If any Most Probable Number (MPN) result is more than 10 per 100 ml, a fresh sample shall be tested within 24 hours. The two consecutive results shall not show MPN index of coliform organism of more than 10 per 100 ml.

### 3.3.3 Sampling

4.1 Representative test samples of water shall be drawn as prescribed in 2 of IS 1622 : 1981, and 2 of IS 3025 : 1964.

### 5 Test Methods

5.1 Test shall be carried out as prescribed in IS 1622 : 1981, IS 3025 : 1964 and in Annex A. Reference to the relevant clauses of IS 1622 : 1981 and Annex A, is given in col 4 of Table 1 and 3.3.1.

### ANNEX A

*Clauses 3.3.1 and 5.1*

#### A-1 APPARATUS

**A-1.1 Dilution Bottles and Tubes**

Bottles or tubes of resistant glass, preferably pyrex, closed with glass stoppers, rubber stoppers, or screw caps equipped with liners that do not produce toxic or bacteriostatic compounds on sterilization shall be used. Cotton plugs shall not be used as closures. Graduation levels shall be indelibly marked on the side of dilution bottle.

**A-1.2 Autoclaves**

Of sufficient size and shall keep uniform temperature within the chamber up to and including the sterilizing temperature of 121°C. They shall be equipped with an accurate thermometer located so as to register the minimum temperature within the sterilizing chamber, a pressure gauge and properly adjusted safety valves.
A-1.3 Pipettes

1-ml, straight-sided delivery pipettes. The tips shall be unbroken.

A-1.4 Petri Dishes

Of 100 mm diameter and 15 mm depth. The bottom of the dishes shall be free from bubbles and scratches and shall be flat so that the medium shall be of uniform thickness throughout the plate.

A-1.5 Incubator

Maintaining a uniform and constant temperature of 35.0 ± 0.5°C at all times in all parts. The use of water-jacketed or anhydric type with thermostatically controlled low-temperature electric heating units and equipped with mechanical means of circulating air shall be preferred. The incubators shall have sufficient space to accommodate the culture racks and plates, with at least 2.5 cm space between adjacent stacks and between walls and stacks. They shall be provided with accurate thermometers and a daily record of the temperature shall be maintained.

A-1.6 Colony Counter

An approved counting aid, such as Quebec colony counter. If such a counter is not available, then counting may be done with a lens giving a magnification of 1.5 diameters. In order to ensure uniformity of conditions during counting, illumination equivalent to that provided by the Quebec colony counter shall be employed.

A-2 REAGENTS

A-2.1 Buffered Dilution Water

Dissolve 34.0 g of potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH₂PO₄) in 500 ml of distilled water, adjust to pH 7.2 with 1 M sodium hydroxide solution and make up to 1 litre with distilled water. Add 1.25 ml of the above solution to 1 litre of distilled water. Dispense in amounts that provide 99 ± 2 ml, or 9.0 ± 0.2 ml, after autoclaving for 20 minutes.

A-2.2 Tryptone Glucose Extract Agar Medium

Add 3 g of beef extract, 5 g of glucose, and 15 g of agar of each litre of distilled water. Heat to boiling until all ingredients are dissolved. Make up lost weight with hot distilled water. Adjust the reaction so that the pH reading after sterilization will be between 6.8 and 7.0. Bring to a boiling temperature, stirring vigorously. Make up lost weight with hot distilled water and clarify. Distribute to the desired containers and sterilize in the autoclave at 121°C. When the pressure reaches zero, remove the medium from the autoclave and cool quickly to avoid decomposition to sugars. Store the medium in a melted condition in a container which provides for maintenance of a temperature of 43 to 45°C.

A-3 STERILIZATION OF APPARATUS

A-3.1 Dilution Bottles or Tubes

Sterilize the bottles or tubes in the autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes after the temperature reaches 121°C.

A-3.2 Petri Dishes

Wrap the petri dishes in kraft paper and sterilize in the hot-air oven at 160°C for one hour.

A-3.3 Pipettes

Place the pipettes in copper, stainless steel or aluminium cylinders with cover or individually wrapped in paper and sterilize in the hot-air oven at 160°C for one hour.

A-4 PROCEDURE

A-4.1 Dilution

Fill the dilution bottles or tubes with proper amount of buffered dilution water so that after sterilization they contain the desired quantity with a tolerance of 2 percent. The exact amount of water to be placed in the bottle may be determined only by experiment with the particular autoclave in use. Only buffered dilution water is to be used for dilution. Tap water or distilled water shall not be used.

A-4.1.1 Shake the sample bottle vigorously 25 times. Transfer with a sterile pipette 10 ml, 1 ml or 0.1 ml of the sample to the proper dilution bottle, tube or petri dish as required. Shake each dilution bottle or tube vigorously 25 times after the addition of portion of the sample and before a second dilution or sample is removed.

A-4.2 Plating

The amount of the sample taken should be such as will give 30 to 300 colonies on a plate. Ordinarily, it is not desirable to plate more than 1 ml of water in a plate; therefore, when the total number of colonies developing from 1 ml is less than 30, it is obviously necessary to record the result as observed, disregarding the general rule given above. Take 1 ml, 0.1 ml or other appropriate volume of the sample dilution for plating in petri dish. Add not less than 10 ml of liquefied tryptone glucose extract agar medium at a temperature of 43 to 45°C to
water in the petri dish. Flame the lips of all test tubes or flasks used for pouring the medium. Lift the cover of the petri dish just enough for the introduction of either pipette or the culture medium. Mix thoroughly the medium and sample and uniformly spread over the bottom of the petri dish by tilting and rotating the dish. Solidify all plates as rapidly as possible after pouring and place them immediately in the incubator. Not more 20 minutes shall elapse between plating and pouring.

A-4.3 Incubation

Incubation shall be done at 35·0 ± 0·5°C. Incubate for 24 ± 2 h. Invert the glass covered petri dishes in the incubator. Place the dishes in the incubator as prescribed in A-1.5.

A-4.4 Counting

In determining the standard plate count, only such plates should be considered which sow 30 to 300 colonies except as provided in A-4.2. Counting shall be done with an approved counting aid (A-1.6).

A-4.4.1 If the same amount of water has been planted in 2 or more replicate plates and of these one shows colonies within the limits mentioned in A-4.4 while others show less than 30 or more than 300 colonies, the results recorded shall be the average of all the plates planted with this volume of sample.

A-4.4.2 In order to avoid fictitious accuracy and yet expense the numerical results by a method consistent with the precision of the technique employed, the recorded number of bacteria per millilitre shall be reported as follows:

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Counts shall be designated as the standard plate count at 35°C.
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