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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9202:1991), which has been technically revised.

The major technical changes are the following:

- a) inclusion of a recommended method in [Table 1](#);
- b) deletion of carat in [Table 1](#);
- c) addition of finesses in [Table 1](#);
- d) International Standard was editorially revised.

Introduction

The following definitions apply in understanding how to implement an ISO International Standard and other normative ISO deliverables (TS, PAS, IWA).

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” is used to indicate that something is permitted;
- “can” is used to indicate that something is possible, for example, that an organization or individual is able to do something.

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Jewellery — Fineness of precious metal alloys

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a range of fineness of precious metal alloys (excluding solders) recommended for use in the field of jewellery.

National legal requirements for the designation, marking, and stamping of finished articles in the respective countries have to be taken into account.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 11210, *Jewellery — Determination of platinum in platinum jewellery alloys — Gravimetric method after precipitation of diammonium hexachloroplatinate*

ISO 11426, *Jewellery — Determination of gold in gold jewellery alloys — Cupellation method (fire assay)*

ISO 11427, *Jewellery — Determination of silver in silver jewellery alloys — Volumetric (potentiometric) method using potassium bromide*

ISO 11490, *Jewellery — Determination of palladium in palladium jewellery alloys — Gravimetric determination with dimethylglyoxime*

ISO 11494, *Jewellery — Determination of platinum in platinum jewellery alloys — ICP OES method using yttrium as internal standard element*

ISO 11495, *Jewellery — Determination of palladium in palladium jewellery alloys — ICP OES method using yttrium as internal standard element*

ISO 13756, *Determination of silver in silver jewellery alloys — Volumetric (potentiometric) method using sodium chloride or potassium chloride*

ISO 15093, *Jewellery — Determination of precious metals in 999 ‰ gold, platinum and palladium jewellery alloys — Difference method using ICP-OES*

ISO 15096, *Jewellery — Determination of silver in 999 ‰ silver jewellery alloys — Difference method using ICP-OES*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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fineness

minimum content of the named precious metal, measured in terms of parts per thousand (‰) by weight of alloy

4 Analytical methods for determining fineness

For determining the fineness of precious metal alloys, one of the following test methods shall be used: ISO 11210, ISO 11426, ISO 11427, ISO 11490, ISO 11494, ISO 11495, ISO 13756, ISO 15093, or ISO 15096.

The recommended methods are listed in [Table 1](#).

5 Range of fineness

Table 1 — Fineness of precious metal alloys

Precious metal	Fineness ^a min.	Recommended method
Gold	333 ^b 375 417 585 750 916 990	ISO 11426
	999	ISO 11426 or ISO 15093
Platinum	500 600 850 900 950 990	ISO 11210 ISO 11494
	999	ISO 15093
Palladium	500 950 990	ISO 11490 ISO 11495
	999	ISO 15093
Silver	800 925 958 990	ISO 11427 ISO 13756
	999	ISO 15096
^a The fineness is stated as minimum value. No minus tolerance is allowed. ^b Values are given in parts per thousand (‰).		

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