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Foreword

This document (EN 16058:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 164 "Water supply", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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With respect to potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption caused by metallic materials, attention is drawn to the fact that the relevant national regulations remain in force until the adoption of verifiable European acceptance criteria. Water intended for human consumption is hereafter referred to as "drinking water" and means the same as the definition given at Article 2(1) of the Council Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption.

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Introduction

Contact between metallic materials and drinking water can cause metal release to the water. Metal released from product surfaces in contact with drinking water is caused by corrosion of any metal films or layers present on the products and the bulk material.

Metal release from the bulk material depends on the composition of the material. The bulk material can release metals for a long period. This long term behaviour depends on the formation of protective layers of corrosion products on the surface of the material. It is possible to test materials to assess their behaviour in releasing metals from the bulk material (EN 15664-1 and -2) so that products made of accepted materials do not have to be tested for this characteristic.

The metal release from metal layers due to coating or other production processes depends on the characteristics of those processes. Therefore products must be tested for metal release due to the presence of films or layers on the surface of products.

The test method given in this standard is designed to provide information on nickel release over time from surfaces of products having a coating containing nickel which are in contact with drinking water. This nickel coating may be added intentionally or part formed unintentionally i.e. it might appear due to electrostatic conditions in the process. For testing nickel release caused by the bulk material the test procedure according to EN 15664-1 and -2 is required.

This test is based on EN 15664-1, *Influence of metallic materials on water intended for human consumption — Dynamic rig test for assessment of metal release — Part 1: Design and operation*. It includes alternating periods of once-through flow and stagnation in a rig, simulating the conditions in a domestic distribution system.

For the commonly used chrome plating process of sanitary tap ware, preliminary research indicates that the water composition does not significantly influence the release of nickel from such surface nickel layers. The use of this method in product testing might give more information about the influence of water composition.

If this test method is used to measure the release of other metals it must be taken into account that the water composition has a strong influence on the results.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a procedure to determine the release of nickel from nickel layers or a coating containing nickel on inner surfaces of products which are intended to come into contact with drinking water¹⁾.

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.

EN 12502-1:2004, *Protection of metallic materials against corrosion — Guidance on the assessment of corrosion likelihood in water distribution and storage systems — Part 1: General*

EN 15664-1:2008, *Influence of metallic materials on water intended for human consumption — Dynamic rig test for assessment of metal release — Part 1 Design and operation*

EN ISO 8044:1999, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Basic terms and definitions (ISO 8044:1999)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 8044:1999, EN 12502-1:2004 and the following apply.

3.1

test rig

assembly of a number of test lines and one control line

Note 1 to entry: See Clause 5 and Annex A, Figure A.1.

3.2

line

for a test rig equipped with end point device products: Continuous part between a check valve and the free outlet(s)

for a test rig equipped with in-line devices products: Continuous part between a check valve and the corresponding flow regulator

3.3

test line

line containing one product for end point devices or up to five products for in-line devices

3.4

control line

line containing a single length of pipe made on an inert material for the purposes of the test

3.5

dummy line

pipe made of an inert material for the purpose of the test used for the conditioning run of a newly built test rig

1) Water intended for human consumption is referred to as "drinking water" and means the same as the definition given at Article 2(1) of the Council Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption. Luxembourg, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities. 3 November 1998.

3.6

product

product as manufactured with the process parameters which are used in normal production

3.7

end point device

product used to control the flow of water and releasing it to the atmosphere

EXAMPLES Taps for kitchen and wash basins.

3.8

in-line device

product used in a drinking water system that is not a tube or pipe, e.g. valve used to control the flow of water in an installation system but not dispensing to atmosphere

EXAMPLE Ball valves.

3.9

local water

drinking water from a particular supply zone

3.10

test water

water used for testing purposes

Note 1 to entry: See 7.1.

3.11

contact water

test water which has been in contact with a test line

3.12

control water

test water which has been in contact with a control line

3.13

flow regime

consecutive alternating periods of flow, at a given flow rate, and stagnation of the test water in the test rig

3.14

representative water sample

volume of water in the test line containing metals released from the product(s) to be tested

3.15

period of operation or operation period (*T*)

period of time during which the flow regime is operated for a particular test

Note 1 to entry: Time is expressed in weeks.

3.16

stagnation time (*t*)

period of time when the test water is static in the test rig

Note 1 to entry: Time is expressed in hours.

3.17

run-time curve

graphical representation of the relationship between the concentration after 4 hours of stagnation, over the period of operation (*T*)

4 Principle

Representative samples of endpoint and inline devices to be tested are installed in a test rig which is operated for 26 weeks under controlled conditions of water quality, temperature and flow regime.

Water samples are taken at specified operation periods after 4 h stagnation time throughout the whole of the test and analyzed for the nickel concentrations.

The products for testing shall be representative for the products intended to be placed on the market. If the same product might come from several manufacturing (plating) operations samples of each plant shall be tested.

5 Test rig

The test rig shall be constructed in accordance with Annex A in addition to the requirements given in this clause.

For in-line devices, a total of fifteen representative samples of the product to be tested shall be installed in a minimum of three test lines of a test rig (see Figure A.1).

For endpoint devices, five test lines each containing one representative sample of the product to be tested shall be installed in a test rig (see Figure A.2).

In addition to the test lines one control line shall be installed and operated in the same way as the test lines.

With the exception of the products under test, all materials used in the test rig that come into contact with the test water shall be inert for the purpose of the test.

Precautions shall be taken to ensure there is no transformation or contamination of the surface of products to be tested during preparation for installation or during the installation itself.

End point devices: where there are hoses or pipes for cold and hot water inlets, both shall be fed with the test water. The valves shall be set to fully open in mixed water position for the duration of the test.

In-line devices: where these are valves e.g. ball valves, they shall be set in half-open position. Other adjustable products shall be set accordingly or to a partially open position.

The product samples shall be marked so that each sample can be identified. The manufacturer shall also disclose the standard operating conditions and range of process parameters of the complete plating process.

6 Operation

6.1 General

The test rig shall be operated for 26 weeks under controlled conditions of water quality, temperature and flow regime. It shall be operated at a room temperature of (20 ± 5) °C and shall not be thermally insulated. Temporary deviations of the temperature shall be recorded. The temperature of the test water shall be in the range from 10 °C to 25 °C. The test water supply shall be able to maintain a supply pressure of at least 1.5 bar over the whole period of the test.

The regular daily operation of the test rig shall be automatically controlled in accordance with the flow regime shown in EN 15664-1:2008, Annex B, Table B.1. The flow rate shall be $(5 \pm 0,5)$ l/min.

For a newly built test rig, conditioning (6.2) and for in-line devices fractional sampling according to EN 15664-1 shall be carried out before using it for testing.

6.2 Conditioning

A newly built rig shall be operated for a minimum of one week using free outlets for end point devices or dummy lines for in-line devices instead of product samples in order to test the proper function of the components used and to flush the system.

7 Test water

7.1 General

The test water used for testing shall be a local drinking water.

7.2 Check of test water

The test water shall be checked upstream of the test rig. The nickel concentration of the test water shall be less than 10 µg/l.

During the test period, the parameters of the test water listed in EN 15664-1:2008, Annex C, shall be measured and recorded:

- Parameters pH, conductivity, temperature and dissolved oxygen shall be measured and recorded at least four times per day, e.g. by automatic recording.
- Other parameters listed in EN 15664-1:2008, Annex C shall be measured with the frequency as defined in the table in EN 15664-1:2008, Annex C.

8 Sampling

8.1 General

Water samples shall be taken for:

- analysis of test water composition (see Clause 9 and EN 15664-1:2008);
- analysis of nickel concentration in the stagnation water (see Clause 9).

Test lines shall not be emptied as a result of sampling.

Water samples for the analysis of metals shall be acidified to a pH < 2.

Short term interruption (less than three days) of the flow regime due to maintenance or problems shall be permitted without invalidating the test. Water samples, however, shall not be taken within five days following restart. Any interruption in the test shall be reported in the test report (see Clause 11) together with a justification or explanation.

8.2 Test water sampling

For the analysis of test water, samples shall be taken from the sampling point at the entry of the test rig (see Annex A, Figure A.1. and Figure A.2) after flushing.

8.3 Sampling to determine metal release

At weekly intervals, starting at the 3rd day of operation, water samples shall be taken in accordance with EN 15664-1:2008, from each test line after 4 h (± 5 min) stagnation time.

During the sampling procedure the flow rate shall be $(5 \pm 0,5)$ l/min (turbulent flow).

8.4 Sampling volumes

For end point devices the volume of the representative water sample shall be the first (500 ± 50) ml.

For in-line devices the volume of the representative water sample shall be determined according to EN 15664-1:2008, 6.3.

9 Analysis

Analyse the test water, contact water and control water using the measurement methods specified in EN 15664-1:2008, Table C.1.

NOTE General guidance on analytical performance requirements such as detection limits and accuracy is contained in ENV ISO 13530.

10 Expression of results

10.1 Nickel concentration calculation for end point devices

For each individual test line (n) with end point devices, at every operating time (T), calculate the nickel concentration as follows:

$$c_n^*(T) = [c_n(T) - c_{CL}(T)] \frac{V_{S,n}}{V_{ref}}$$

where

$c_n^*(T)$ is the nickel concentration per liter corrected by subtraction of blind value and normalized to a water sample volume of 1000 ml for line (n);

$c_n(T)$ is the nickel concentration in the water sample taken from the individual test line (n);

$c_{CL}(T)$ is the nickel concentration in the water sample taken from the control line CL ;

$V_{S,n}$ is the volume of the water sample in mL taken from test line n ;

V_{ref} is the reference volume of 1000 ml.

For the condition:

n : number of the test line ($n=1, 2, 3, 4$ or 5)

When $c_{CL}(T)$ is lower than the quantification limit of the analysis then:

$$c_n^*(T) = c_n(T) \frac{V_{S,n}}{V_{ref}}$$

Any negative result shall be reported as below quantification limit.

10.2 Nickel concentration calculation for in-line devices

For each individual test line (n) with in-line devices, at every operating time (T), calculate the nickel concentration as follows:

$$c_{EP,n}^*(T) = [c_n(T) - c_{CL}(T)] \frac{V_{S,n}}{V_{TS}}$$

where

$c_{EP,n}^*(T)$ is the equivalent pipe concentration corrected by subtraction of blind value for line (n);

$c_n(T)$ is the nickel concentration in the water sample taken from the individual test line (n);

$c_{CL}(T)$ is the nickel concentration in the water sample taken from the control line CL ;

$V_{S,n}$ is the volume of the water sample taken from test line (n) in ml;

V_{TS} is the volume of the water in the test samples installed in the test line in ml.

For the condition:

n : number of the test line ($n=1, 2, 3, \dots$)

when

$c_{CL}(T)$ is lower than the quantification limit of the analysis then

$$c_{EP,n}^*(T) = c_n(T) \frac{V_{S,n}}{V_{TS}}$$

Any negative result shall be reported as below quantification limit.

10.3 Mean concentration after a given period of operation (T)

Calculate the arithmetic mean and the standard deviation of the nickel concentrations of the different test lines.

10.4 Presentation of results

The individual values shall be tabulated.

For each test line, the nickel concentrations after 4h-stagnation according to 10.1 for end point devices or 10.2 for in-line devices shall be plotted over the period of operation (T) (see Annex B).

11 Test report

The test report shall contain:

- a) name and address of the test institute;
- b) name(s), function(s) and signature(s) or equivalent identification of person(s) authorising the test report;
- c) registration mark or number of the test report;
- d) name and address of the customer and/or producer of the tested material;
- e) name and address of the manufacturer and the plating plant;
- f) number of this standard and year of its publication;
- g) description of products under test;
 - 1) cross sectional and dimensional drawing of the tested products;
 - 2) detailed description of the process and the parameters of the plating process;
 - 3) production date and specific storing conditions;
- h) dates of starting and finishing rig testing;
- i) relevant testing conditions;
 - 1) water source;
 - 2) test water analysis during the testing period (see EN 15664-1:2008, Annex C);
 - 3) graphs of the following test water parameters against the operating period, T , for the whole testing period:
 - i) temperature;
 - ii) conductivity;
 - iii) alkalinity;
 - iv) pH-value;
 - v) oxygen;
 - vi) TOC;
 - 4) graph of room temperature against the operating period, T , for the whole testing period;
- j) description of any deviations from the specified procedure;
- k) specification of the analytical devices used and their detection limits;
- l) test results according to Clause 10;
- m) date of report and signature.

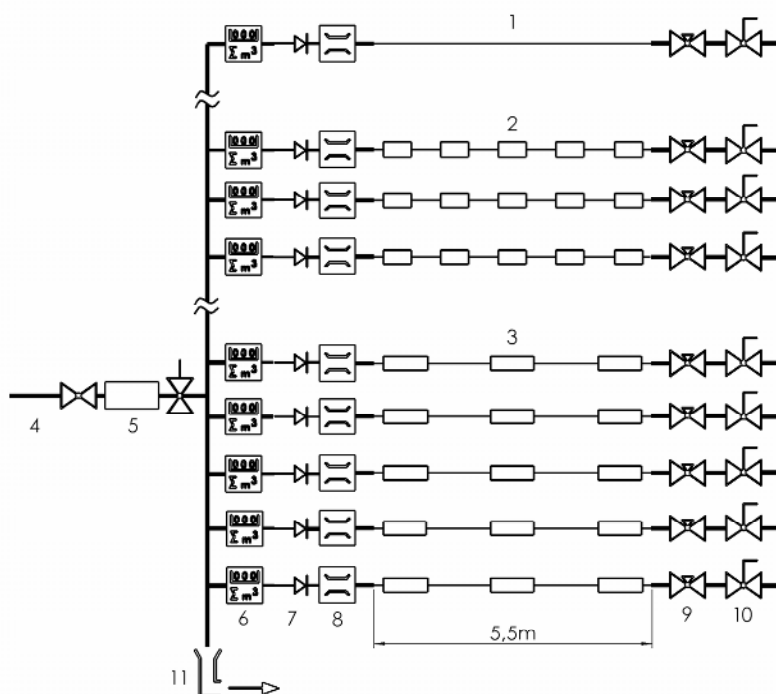
Annex A (normative)

Test rig components and assembly — Test rig

The test rig shall be set up as shown in Figure A.1 for in-line devices and Figure A.2 for end point devices. Check valves shall be provided in order to prevent interferences between test and control lines and vice versa.

The shut-off time of the outlet valves shall be in the range of 50 ms to 100 ms.

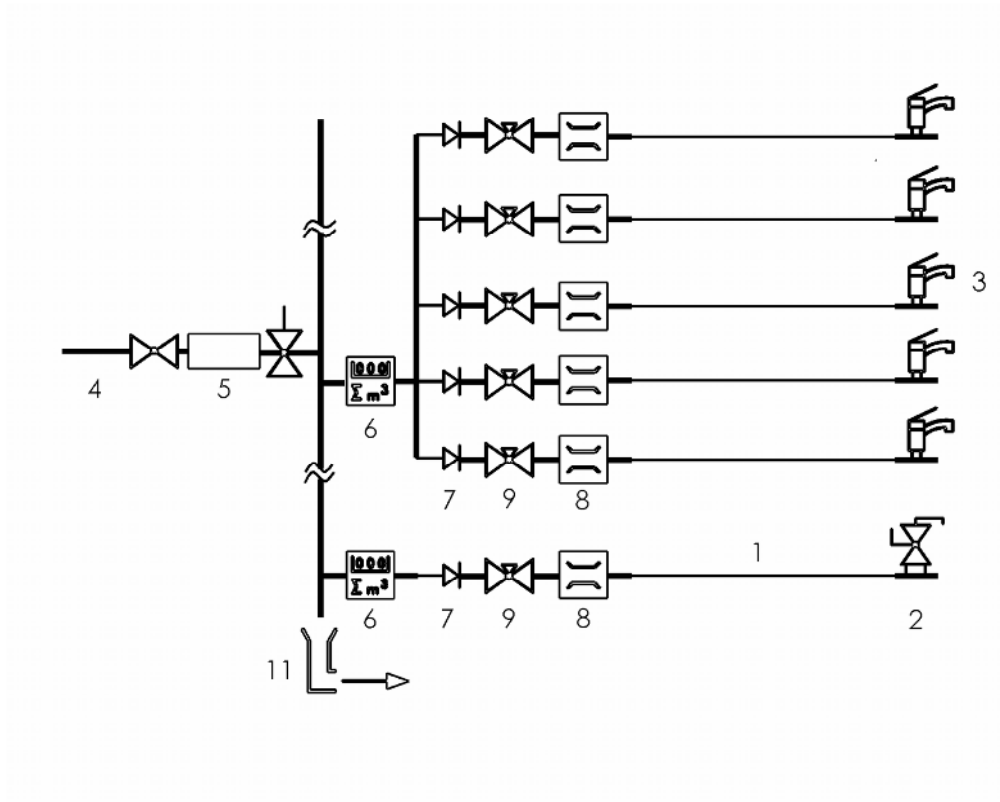
For in-line devices the flow regulator shall be at the outlet of the test lines and for end point devices the flow regulator shall be at the inlet connection of the test line.



Key

1	control line	7	check valve
2	3 test lines with 5 samples	8	flow meter (optional)
3	alternatively: 5 test lines with 3 samples	9	flow regulator
4	test water inlet	10	outlet valve
5	filter	11	inlet test water sampling point
6	water meter		

Figure A.1 — Schematic of test rig for testing in-line devices



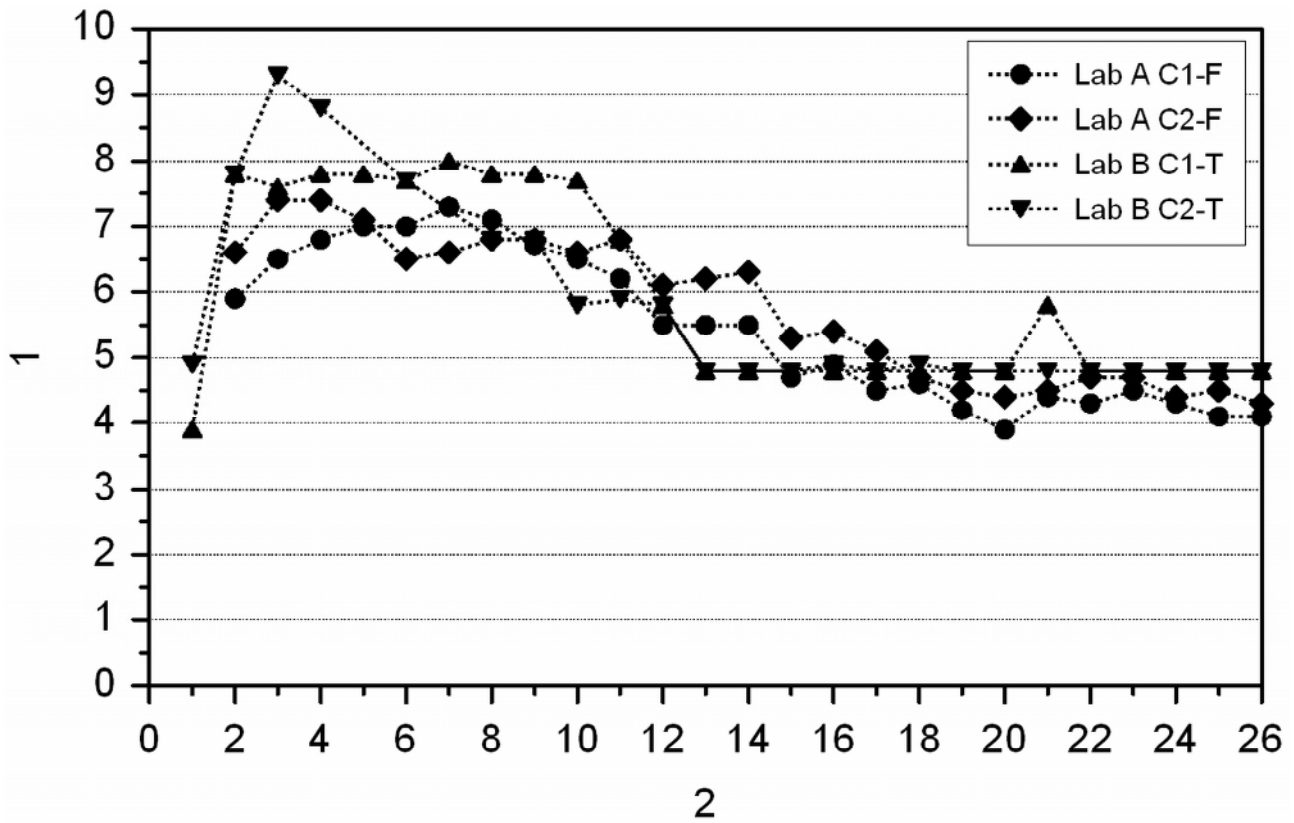
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| 1 | control line | 6 | water meter |
| 2 | outlet valve | 7 | check valve |
| 3 | test line with sample | 8 | flow meter (optional) |
| 4 | test water inlet | 9 | flow regulator |
| 5 | filter | 11 | inlet test water sampling point |

Figure A.2 — Schematic of a test rig for testing end point devices

Annex B (informative)

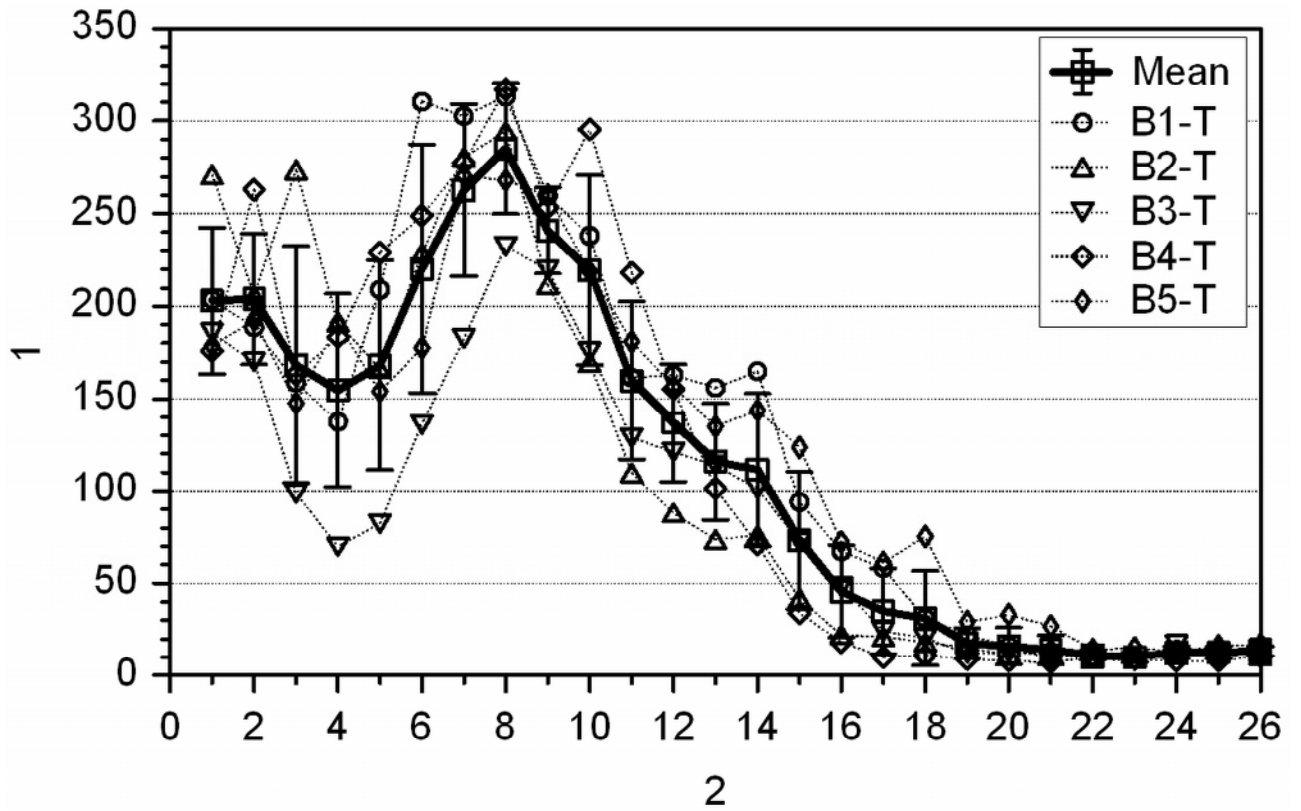
Example of graphs for expression of results



Key

- 1 nickel concentration in µg/l
- 2 operation time in weeks

Figure B.1 — Example of a run-time curve for the 4h stagnation samples



Key

- 1 concentration (µg/l)
- 2 operation period (weeks)

Figure B.2 — Example of a run-time curve for the 4h stagnation samples

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