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Foreword

This standard makes references to the following British Standard: BS 509, *Acetone*.

This British Standard, first published in 1958, was based on recommendations prepared by the Local Authorities Standards Advisory Committee and the Hospital Equipment Standards Advisory Committee, and developed in collaboration with brush manufacturers.

In drafting the requirements the technical committee concerned also took account as far as possible of the needs of Government departments and the Services.

The changes made in this revision of the standard are intended to bring the requirements into line with the changeover to metric measurements.

A method for determining the weight of filling material is described in Appendix A.

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Summary of pages

This document comprises a front cover, an inside front cover, pages i and ii, pages 1 to 40, an inside back cover and a back cover.

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1 Scope

This British Standard specifies dimensional requirements for a range of painters' and decorators' brushes for use by Government departments, local authorities and other large-scale users. It includes requirements for the weight of filling materials, but does not specify the quality of those materials. The items dealt with are:

Distemper brushes

Washdown and lime-wash brushes

Paint brushes

Round and flat fitches and lining tools

Glue brushes

Sash tools

Tar brushes

Varnish brushes

Paper-hangers' smoothing brushes

Jamb dusters

Flat distemper brushes

Stencil brushes

Squirrel hair lacquer brushes.

NOTE Some typical patterns which may be supplied against these specifications are illustrated in the text for guidance in checking dimensions. They do not constitute part of the standard requirements.

2 Definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard the following definitions apply:

2.1 hair

the hair of any animal

2.2

bristle

the hair of the hog, pig or boar only

3 Manufacture

Brushes shall be manufactured in accordance with the requirements given in the tables.

4 Fillings

4.1 Weight of fillings

4.1.1 The weights of fillings shown in the tables are minimum values.

4.1.2 Tests to determine the weight of filling shall be in accordance with the procedure described in Appendix A. All the brushes tested shall comply with the requirements given in the tables in respect of filling weight. Where weight is specified per dozen brushes there shall be no unreasonable variation between individual brushes.

4.2 Length of fillings

- **4.2.1** Fillings shall be of sufficient length to allow them to be securely held in the ferrule or other specified fixing and to meet the requirements given in the tables.
- **4.2.2** The proportion of filaments of a shorter length than is specified shall be the minimum necessary to achieve a brush of satisfactory taper and solidity. Brushes shall contain no greater proportion of short filaments than is present in the approved sample (see Clause **5**).
- **4.3 Mixture fillings**. In all cases where an unspecified mixture filling is prescribed in the tables, the nature and proportions of its constituents shall be the subject of agreement between the supplier and the purchaser.
- **4.4 Disinfection**. All filling materials shall be disinfected as required by and in accordance with Home Office Regulations, S.R.O. obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office.

5 Approved sample

A sample submitted by the supplier and approved by the purchaser shall constitute the standard in respect of quality and composition of filling material, solidity of dressing (percentage of filaments of any lengths less than the top length) and any other properties not defined in this specification.

6 Setting media

Brushes set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin shall be capable of withstanding immersion for 48 hours in acetone to BS $509^{1)}$, without loosening of the heads and without the development of softening or other defects in the setting such as to impair their general serviceability. For the purposes of this requirement the brushes shall be suspended in the solvent with the filling and one quarter of the ferrule immersed.

¹⁾ BS 509, "Acetone".

7 Other materials

Handles shall be made of either wood or polypropylene.

Wood used for handles, stocks and other parts shall be suitably seasoned and free from decay, splits and other defects. The grain shall run parallel to the length of the handle or part. Where ramin is used, it shall be sanded to a smooth finish.

NOTE Polypropylene handles may be of the structural foam type and should contain no more than $30\,\%$ of fillers.

8 Ferrule dimensions

The ferrule dimensions specified in the tables are internal, measured as the diameter for round ferrules, and thickness at the point where the radius of the ends meet the parallel sides for flat sided ferrules, together with the overall distance between end circumferences. The dimensions shall be subject to the following tolerances:

Diameter or width: 6 mm brushes 0.35 mm 12 mm brushes 0.70 mm 18 mm brushes 1.05 mm Other sizes +5%-0 Thickness: $+2\frac{1}{2}\%-0$

The specified gauges and depths of ferrules are minima.

9 Identification

Brushes complying with this British Standard shall be identified by the following statement, either in the contract of sale or on the invoice, and in no other way:

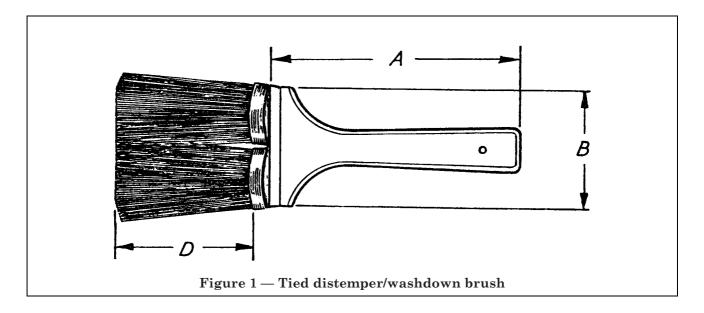
"This brush complies/these brushes comply with BS 2992, which lays down requirements for dimensions and weight of fillings only, and not for the quality of fillings."

Manufacturers identifying their products by reference to the British Standard shall satisfy themselves that the brushes comply with all the requirements, including the approval of a sample in accordance with Clause 5.

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Table 1 — Requirements for distemper brushes

		Handles					
			Approximate measurements				
Item No.	Description	Wood	Length out of binding or ferrule	Breadth under binding or ferrule B	Thickness under binding or ferrule		
			mm	mm	mm		
1/1	Distemper brush, 2-knot 280 g (tied)	Beech or sycamore	225	110	14		
1/1A	Distemper brush, 2-knot 280 g (ferruled)	Beech or sycamore	225	120	14		
1/2	Distemper brush, 2-knot 250 g (tied)	Beech or sycamore	225	105	14		
1/2A	Distemper brush, 2-knot 250 g (ferruled)	Beech or sycamore	225	110	14		
^a See Clause 5	: Approved sample.	ı		1	1		



 ${\bf Table~1-Requirements~for~distemper~brushes}$

		Details of fillin	gs	
Binding wire of ferrule	Descriptiona	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above binding or ferrule D	Finish etc.
		g	mm	
Copper shouldered: bound 12 rounds 1 mm diameter copper wire	100 % bristle	280	135	_
Half-hard copper solid-drawn 1 mm thick	100 % bristle	280	135	Ferrule turned in over bristle: set in vulcanized rubber (see Clause 6)
Copper shouldered 1 mm diameter bound 12 rounds copper wire soldered	100 % bristle	250	135	_
Half-hard copper solid-drawn 1 mm thick	100 % bristle	250	135	Ferrule turned in over bristle; set in vulcanized rubber (see Clause 6)

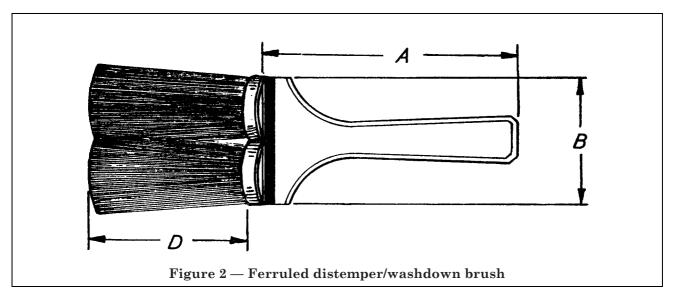
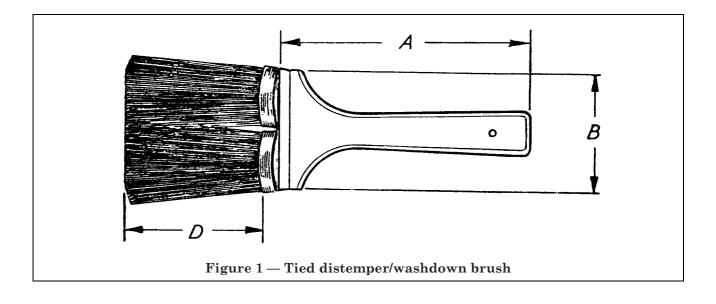


Table 2 — Requirements for washdown and lime-wash brushes

		Handles					
Item No.			Appro	oximate measuren	nents		
	Description	Wood	Length out of binding or ferrule A	Breadth under binding or ferrule B	Thickness under binding or ferrule		
			mm	mm	mm		
2/1	Washdown brush, 2-knot, 225 g (tied)	Beech or sycamore	210	115	14		
2/1A	Washdown brush, 2-knot 225 g (oval ferruled)	Beech or sycamore	210	115	14		
2/2	Limewash brush, 2-knot, 280 g (tied)	Beech or sycamore	225	115	14		

b See 4.3: Mixture fillings.



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Table 2 — Requirements for washdown and lime-wash brushes

		Details of fi		
Binding wire of ferrule	Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above binding or ferrule D	Finish etc.
		g	mm	
Copper shouldered: 1 mm diameter bound 12 rounds copper wire soldered	Mixture ^b	225	110	_
Half-hard copper, solid-drawn 1 mm	Mixture ^b	225	115	Ferrule turned in over filling: set in vulcanized rubber (see Clause 6)
Bound 12 rounds 1 mm diameter copper wire soldered	Istle (White mex fibre)	280	135	_

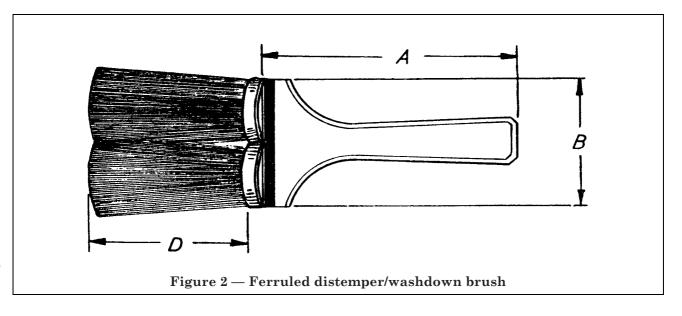


Table 3 — Requirements for one-knot paint brushes

		Handles					
			Approximate measurements				
Item No.	Description	Wood	Length out of binding or ferrule	Breadth under binding or ferrule B	Thickness under binding or ferrule		
			mm	mm	mm		
3/1	Paint brush 8/0 (tied)	Beech or sycamore	200	68	15		
3/1A	Paint brush 8/0 (oval-ferruled)	Beech or sycamore	200	68	15		
3/2	Paint brush 6/0 (tied)	Beech or sycamore	195	65	15		
3/2A	Paint brush 6/0 (oval-ferruled)	Beech or sycamore	195	65	15		
^a See Claus	se 5 : Approved sample.	l	I	I	l		

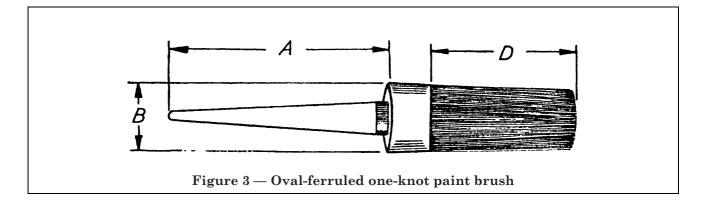


Table 3 — Requirements for one-knot paint brushes

		Details of fil	llings	
Binding wire of ferrule	Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above binding or ferrule D	Finish etc.
Copper shouldered: 1 mm diameter 12 rounds copper wire soldered	100 % bristle	g 160	mm 120	Fillings to be ground if specified by the purchaser
Half-hard copper, solid-drawn 1 mm	100 % bristle	155	120	Fillings to be ground if specified by the purchaser. Ferrule turned in over bristle: set in vulcanized rubber (see Clause 6)
Copper shouldered: 1 mm diameter 12 rounds copper wire soldered	100 % bristle	155	110	Fillings to be ground if specified by the purchaser
Half-hard copper, solid-drawn 1 mm	100 % bristle	145	110	Fillings to be ground if specified by the purchaser. Ferrule turned in over bristle: set in vulcanized rubber (see Clause 6)

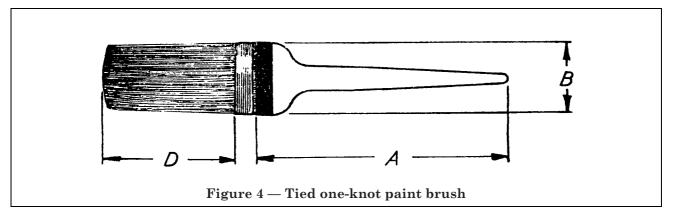


Table 3 — Requirements for one-knot paint brushes

		Handles					
Item No.			Approximate measurements				
	Description	Wood	Length out of binding or ferrule	Breadth under binding or ferrule B	Thickness under binding or ferrule		
3/3	Paint brush 4/0 (tied)	Beech or sycamore	mm 185	mm 60	mm		
3/3A	Paint brush 4/0 (over-ferruled)	Beech or sycamore	185	60	15		
3/4	Paint brush 3/0 (tied)	Beech or sycamore	185	60	15		
3/4A	Paint brush 3/0 (oval-ferruled)	Beech or sycamore	185	60	15		
^a See Claus	e 5: Approved sample.	ı	1	1	1		

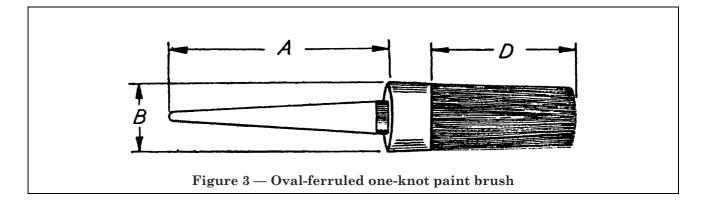


Table 3 — Requirements for one-knot paint brushes

		Details of fil	llings	
Binding wire of ferrule	Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above binding or ferrule D	Finish etc.
		g	mm	
Copper shouldered 1 mm diameter bound 12 rounds copper wire soldered	100 % bristle	140	110	Fillings to be ground if specified by the purchaser
Half-hard copper, solid-drawn 1 mm	100 % bristle	135	110	Fillings to be ground if specified by the purchaser. Ferrule turned in over bristle: set in vulcanized rubber (see Clause 6)
Copper shouldered: 1 mm diameter bound copper wire soldered	100 % bristle	125	100	Fillings to be ground if specified by the purchaser
Half-hard copper, solid-drawn 1 mm	100 % bristle	120	100	Fillings to be ground if specified by the purchaser. Ferrule turned in over bristle: set in vulcanized rubber (see Clause 6)

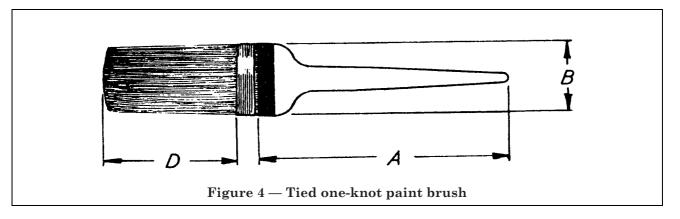
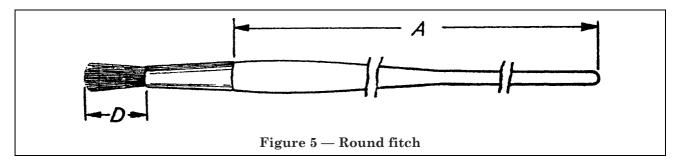


Table 4 — Requirements for round and flat fitches and lining tools (slant liners)

			Handles		
Item	Item No. Description			ate measurements	, ,
No.		Wood	Length out of ferrule	Breadth and thickness under ferrule	- Ferrule
4/1	Fitch, round: Size 2	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	mm 250	To fit ferrule	Made of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered: length 34 mm tapering from 6 mm to 3 mm
4/2	Fitch, round: Size 4	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Made of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered: length 37 mm tapering from 7.5 mm to 4.5 mm
4/3	Fitch, round: Size 6	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Made of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered: length 40 mm tapering from 9 mm to 6 mm
4/4	Fitch, round: Size 8	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Made of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered: length 45 mm tapering from 12 mm to 9 mm
4/5	Fitch, round: Size 10	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Made of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered: length 48 mm tapering from 15 mm to 12 mm
4/6	Fitch, round: Size 12	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Made of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered: length 50 mm tapering from 18 mm to 15 mm
4/7	Fitch, round: Size 14	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Made of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered: length 57 mm tapering from 22 mm to 18 mm
^a See Cla	use 5 : Approved sa	imple.			



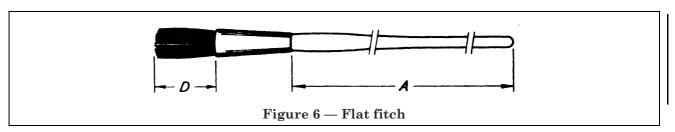


Table 4 — Requirements for round and flat fitches and lining tools (slant liners)

	Details of fillings		
Description ^a	Weight per dozen brushes finished	Minimum length above ferrule D	Finish etc.
100 % bristle	g 7	mm 15	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	10.5	22	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	17.5	28	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	42	35	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	84	40	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	126	45	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	196	45	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)

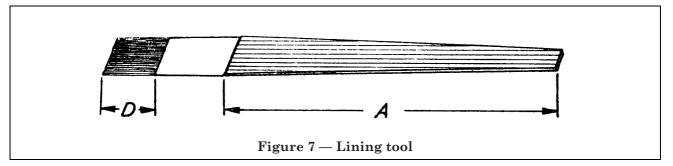


Table 4 — Requirements for round and flat fitches and lining tools (slant liners)

			Handles		
			Approximate	e measurements	
Item No.	Description	Wood	Length out of ferrule	Breadth and thickness under ferrule	Ferrule
4/1A	Fitch, flat: Size 2	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	mm 250	To fit ferrule	Parallel tube of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered or aluminium/nickel-plated seamless brass 4 mm i.d. flattened to a width of 6 mm
4/2A	Fitch, flat: Size 4	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Parallel tube of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered or aluminium/nickel-plated seamless brass 5 mm i.d. flattened to a width of 7.5 mm
4/3A	Fitch, flat: Size 6	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Parallel tube of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered or aluminium/nickel-plated seamless brass 7 mm i.d. flattened to a width of 9 mm
4/4A	Fitch, flat: Size 8	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Parallel tube of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered or aluminium/nickel-plated seamless brass 9 mm i.d. flattened to a width of 12 mm
4/5A	Fitch, flat: Size 10	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Parallel tube of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered or aluminium/nickel-plated seamless brass 12 mm i.d. flattened to a width of 18 mm
4/6A	Fitch, flat: Size 12	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Parallel tube of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered or aluminium/nickel-plated seamless brass 15 mm i.d. flattened to a width of 22 mm
4/7A	Fitch, flat: Size 14	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	250	To fit ferrule	Parallel tube of 0.23 mm thick tinned steel lapped and soldered or aluminium/nickel-plated seamless brass 18 mm i.d. flattened to a width of 25 mm

Table 4 — Requirements for round and flat fitches and lining tools (slant liners)

	Details of fillings		
Description ^a	Weight per dozen brushes finished	Minimum length above ferrule D	Finish etc.
100 % bristle	g 5	mm 15	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	8	22	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	16	28	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	28	35	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	68	40	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	82	45	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)
100 % bristle	123	45	Handles attached by beading or rolling in rear-end of ferrule: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6)

Table 4 — Requirements for round and flat fitches and lining tools (slant liners)

		Handles		
D	Approximate measurements			T. 1
Description	Wood	Length out of ferrule	Breadth and thickness under ferrule	Ferrule
Lining tool (slant liner): (6 mm)	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	mm 200	To fit ferrule	Brass, copper, or tinned steel or nickel-plated steel: length 31 mm tapering from 4.5 mm to 3 mm
Lining tool (slant liner): (12 mm)	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	200	To fit ferrule	Brass, copper, or tinned steel or nickel-plated steel: length 32 mm tapering from 4.5 mm to 3 mm
Lining tool (slant liner): (18 mm)	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	200	To fit ferrule	Brass, copper, or tinned steel or nickel-plated steel: length 34 mm tapering from 4.5 mm to 3 mm
Lining tool (slant liner): (25 mm)	Alder, beech, birch, ramin or sycamore	200	To fit ferrule	Brass, copper, or tinned steel or nickel-plated steel: length 36 mm tapering from 4.5 mm to 3 mm
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 ${\bf Figure~5-Round~fitch}$

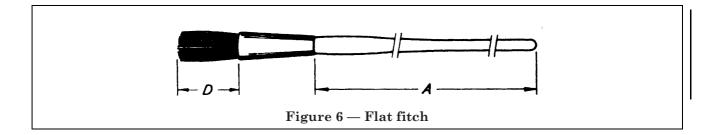


Table 4 — Requirements for round and flat fitches and lining tools (slant liners)

	Details of fill	lings	
Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ferrule D	Finish etc.
	g	mm	
100 % bristle	0.5	20	Handles attached by pinning and clinching
100 % bristle	1.75	25	Handles attached by pinning and clinching
100 % bristle	2.5	30	Handles attached by pinning and clinching
100 % bristle	4	35	Handles attached by pinning and clinching

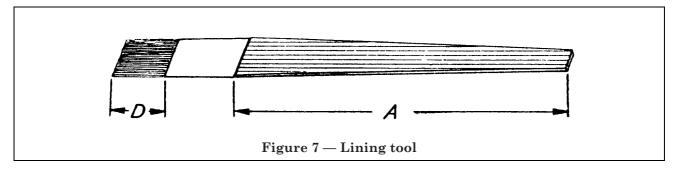
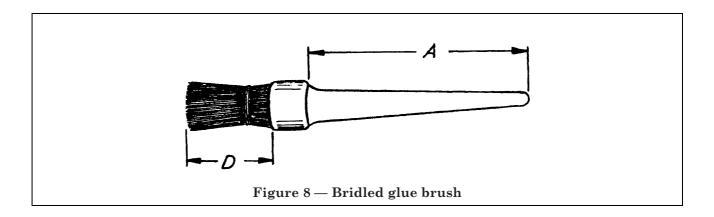


Table 5 — Requirements for glue brushes

			Handles		
Item No.		Approximate measurements			
	Description	Wood	Length out of ferrule	Breadth and thickness under ferrule	- Ferrule
5/1	Glue brush (12 mm)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	mm 150	To fit ferrule	Steel ferrule 0.8 mm Internal diameter 12 mm
5/2	Glue brush (18 mm)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	160	To fit ferrule	Steel ferrule 0.8 mm Internal diameter 18 mm
5/3	Glue brush (25 mm)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	175	To fit ferrule	Steel ferrule 1 mm Internal diameter 25 mm
5/4	Glue brush (37 mm)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	200	To fit ferrule	Steel ferrule 1 mm Internal diameter 37 mm

Items 5/1 and 5/2: 0.50 mm Items 5/3 and 5/4: 0.80 mm



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a See Clause 5: Approved sample.
b Bridles shall be of two strands of copper wire to grip at approximately one third of the visible length out. The diameter of the wire shall be as follows:

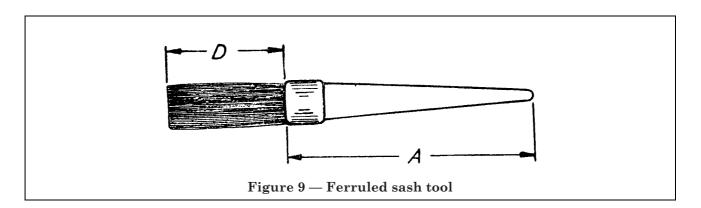
Table 5 — Requirements for glue brushes

	Details of filling	ıgs				
Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ferrule D	Finish etc.			
100 % bristle	10.5	mm 45	Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends: set in vulcanized rubber. To be bridled if specified by the purchaser ^b			
100 % bristle	21	45	Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin. To be bridled if specified by the purchaser ^b			
100 % bristle	28	60	Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends: set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin. To be bridled if specified by the purchaser ^b			
100 % bristle	70	70	Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends: set in vulcanized rubber. To be bridled if specified by the purchaser ^b			

Table 6 — Requirements for sash tools

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			Handles		
Item No.		Approximate measurements			Binding twine or ferrule
	Description	Wood	Overall length including ferrule A	Diameter under binding or ferrule B	(dimensions are internal)
			mm	mm	
6/1	Sash tool: Size 12 mm (ferruled)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	150	To fit ferrule	Metal ferrule ^b . Min. depth 16 mm Diameter at bristle end 12 mm
6/1A	Sash tool: Size 12 mm (string-bound)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	150	12	Good quality hemp or flax twine
6/2	Sash tool: Size 18 mm (ferruled)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	155	To fit ferrule	Metal ferrule ^b . Min. depth 16 mm Diameter at bristle end 18 mm
6/2A	Sash tool: Size 18 mm (string-bound)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	155	18	Good quality hemp or flax twine
6/3	Sash tool: Size 25 mm (ferruled)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	160	To fit ferrule	Metal ferrule ^b . Min. depth 18 mm Diameter at bristle end 25 mm
6/3A	Sash tool: Size 12 mm (string-bound)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	160	25	Good quality hemp or twine

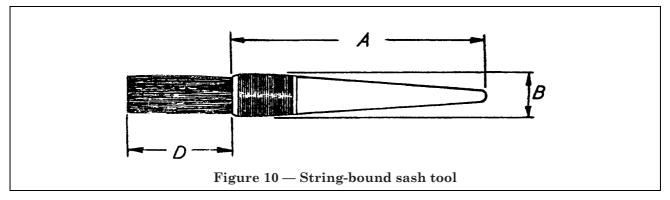
a See Clause 5: Approved sample.
 b Aluminium 0.56 mm or copper or mild steel 0.45 mm in diameter, which has been plated, painted or otherwise coated against rust.



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Table 6 — Requirements for sash tools

I	etails of fillin	gs	
Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above binding or ferrule D	Finish etc.
100 % bristle dressed solid to root	g 6.25	mm 50	Handle shall butt up to root of bristle. Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue. Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends or at bristle ends only with other end securely pinned to handle
100 % bristle dressed solid to flag	7	50	Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue
100 % bristle dressed solid to root	11.5	55	Handle shall butt up to root of bristle. Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue. Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends or at bristle end only with other end securely pinned to handle
100 % bristle dressed solid to flag	14	55	Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue
100 % bristle dressed solid to root	23	65	Handle shall butt up to root of bristle. Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue. Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends or at bristle end only with other end securely pinned to handle
100 % bristle dressed solid to flag	28	65	Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue

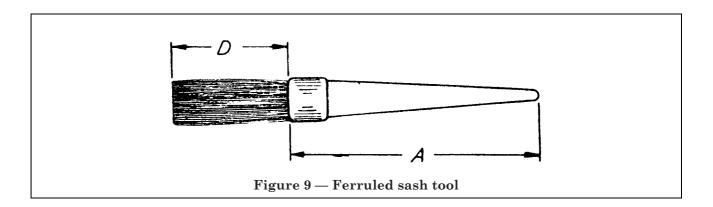


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Table 6 — Requirements for sash tools

			Handles			
T4		Approximate measuremen			1	
Item No.	Description	Wood	Overall length including ferrule A	Diameter under binding or ferrule B	Binding twine or ferrule (dimensions are internal)	
			mm	mm		
6/4	Sash tool: Size 28 mm (ferruled)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	170	To fit ferrule	Metal ferrule ^b . Min. depth 18 mm Diameter at bristle end 28 mm	
6/4A	Sash tool: Size 28 mm (string-bound)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	170	28	Good quality hemp or flax twine	
6/5	Sash tool: Size 30 mm (ferruled)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	175	To fit ferrule	Metal ferrule ^b . Min. depth 30 mm Diameter at bristle end 30 mm	
6/5A	Sash tool: Size 30 mm (string-bound)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	175	30	Good quality hemp or flax twine	
6/6	Sash tool: Size 37 mm (ferruled)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	185	To fit ferrule	Metal ferrule ^b . Min. depth 30 mm Diameter at bristle end 35 mm	
6/6A	Sash tool: Size 37 mm (string-bound)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	185	37	Good quality hemp or flax twine	

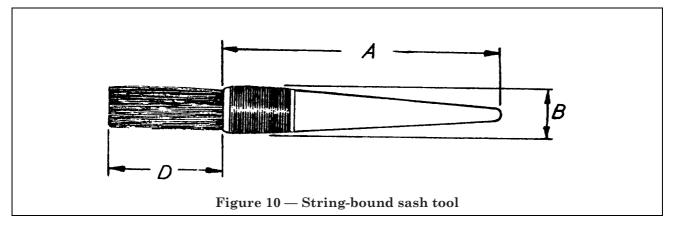
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^b Aluminium 0.56 mm or copper or mild steel 0.45 mm in diameter, which has been plated, painted or otherwise coated against



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Table 6 — Requirements for sash tools

	Details of fill	ings	
Descriptiona	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above binding or ferrule D	Finish etc.
100 % bristle dressed solid to root	g 34	mm 70	Handle shall butt up to root of bristle. Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue. Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends or at bristle end only with other end securely pinned to handle
100 % bristle dressed solid to root	42	75	Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue
100 % bristle dressed solid to root	42	75	Handle shall butt up to root of bristle. Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue. Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends or at bristle end only with other end securely pinned to handle.
100 % bristle dressed solid to root	63	80	Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue
100 % bristle dressed solid to root	63	85	Handle shall butt up to root of bristle. Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue. Ferrule compressed or turned in at both ends or at bristle end only with other end securely pinned to handle
100 % bristle dressed solid to flag	77	85	Set in vulcanized rubber, synthetic resin or marine glue



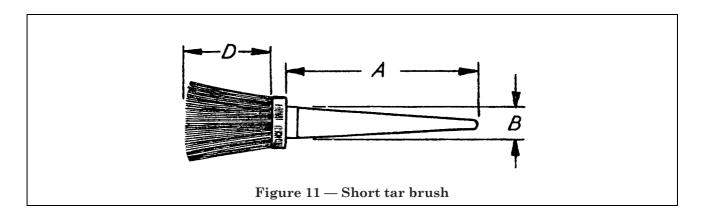
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Table 7 — Requirements for tar brushes

Item No.	Description		Approximate me	easurements	Ring
		Wood	$ \begin{array}{c} \text{Length out of ring} \\ A \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diameter} \\ B \end{array}$	
7/1	Tar brush (short)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	mm 225	mm 30 (under ring)	Iron ring 50 mm × 22 mm nailed
7/2	Tar brush (long)	Alder, beech, birch or sycamore	1 350	30	Iron ring 50 mm × 22 mm nailed

^a See Clause 5: Approved sample.

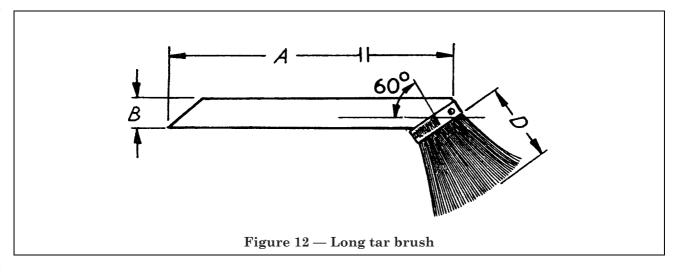
^b The handle shall be set with its axis at 60° to the axis of the central plug unless otherwise agreed between the supplier and the purchaser.



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Table 7 — Requirements for tar brushes

Details	of fillings		
Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ring D	Finish etc.
Equal parts of horsehair, coco fibre and kitool	g 110	mm 90	Nailed through ring into centre plug of brush with two nails: handle tapered
Equal parts of horsehair, coco fibre and kitool	110	90	Nailed through ring into centre plug of brush with two nails: handle tapered and nailed to head with three clout nails or bolted: heat set on at an angle ^b



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Table 8 — Requirements for varnish brushes

			Handles			
Item	D		Approximate measurements			
No.	Description	Material	Length out of ferrule	Breadth under ferrule B	Thickness under ferrule	
			mm	mm	mm	
8/1	Varnish brush, 12 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	120	12	9	
8/2	Varnish brush, 18 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	125	18	11	
8/3	Varnish brush, 25 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	125	25	15	
8/4	Varnish brush, 37 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	130	37	15	
8/5	Varnish brush, 50 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	130	50	18	
8/6	Varnish brush, 62 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	140	62	22	
8/7	Varnish brush, 75 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	140	75	22	
8/8	Varnish brush, 100 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	150	100	25	

^a See Clause **5**: Approved sample.

^b Measurements for width and thickness are taken at inner surfaces of ferrules, at the point where the filling leaves the ferrule.

Table 8 — Requirements for varnish brushes

	Det	tails of fillin	g		
Ferrule ^b	Descriptiona	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ferrule D	Finish etc.	
$\begin{array}{c} \text{(min.)} \\ 0.16 \text{ mm} \\ 12 \text{ mm wide} \times 9 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 30 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	g 3	mm 40	Set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6). Ferrule of tinned or nickel-plated steel (at option of purchaser) lapped and securely soldered or spot welded, except that ferrules for items 8/1 and 8/2	
$\begin{array}{c} 0.16 \text{ mm} \\ 18 \text{ mm wide} \times 12 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 30 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	9	45	and 8/3A to 8/8A may be alternatively closed with folded seam. Handles polished or plain as specified by	
0.25 mm $25 \text{ mm wide} \times 15 \text{ mm}$ $\text{thick} \times 34 \text{ mm deep}$	100 % bristle	13	50	purchaser. Bristle secured in ferrule either by pinning through ferrule and bristle with a minimum number of pins as follows: Items 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/3A, 8/4, 8/4A, 8/5A, 8/6A and 8/7A — no pins; Items 8/5	
$\begin{array}{c} 0.25 \text{ mm} \\ 37 \text{ mm wide} \times 15 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 37 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	24	55	and 8/6 — 2 pins; Item 8/7 — 3 pins; Items 8/8 and 8/8X — 4 pins or alternatively items 8/5, 8/6, 8/7, 8/8 and 8/8X may be secured by inserts; Item 8/8A secured by	
0.28 mm $50 \text{ mm wide} \times 18 \text{ mm}$ $\text{thick} \times 38 \text{ mm deep}$	100 % bristle	34	60	insert or 2 pins. The tips of all pins to be securely clinched down or rivetted. Handles secured in ferrule by pinning on	
$\begin{array}{c} 0.28 \text{ mm} \\ 62 \text{ mm wide} \times 22 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 41 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	63	70	both sides the number of pins being as follows: Item 8/1 and 8/2 — no pins: pricked on or crimped on; Items 8/3, 8/3A, 8/4 and 8/4A — three pins (2 and 1); Items 8/5, 8/5A,	
$\begin{array}{c} 0.31 \text{ mm} \\ 75 \text{ mm wide} \times 22 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 41 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	76	75	8/6, 8/6A, 8/7 and 8/7A — four pins (2 and 2); Items 8/8 and 8/8X — six pins (3 and 3); Item 8/8A — four pins (2 and 2). Alternatively if plastics handles are fitted,	
$\begin{array}{c} 0.31 \text{ mm} \\ 100 \text{ mm wide} \times 25 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 43 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	115	85	Items 8/3A, 8/4A and 8/5A may be firmly crimped on; and items 8/8 and 8/8X — 4 pins (2 and 2).	

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Table 8 — Requirements for varnish brushes

			Handles			
Item	Description		Approximate measurements			
No.	Description	Material	Length out of ferrule A	Breadth under ferrule B	Thickness under ferrule	
8/8X	Varnish brush, 100 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	mm 150	mm 100	mm 22	
8/3A	Varnish brush, 25 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	125	25	12	
8/4A	Varnish brush, 37 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	130	37	12	
8/5A	Varnish brush, 50 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	130	50	14	
8/6A	Varnish brush, 62 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	135	62	15	
8/7A	Varnish brush, 75 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	140	75	15	
8/8A	Varnish brush, 100 mm	Beech, birch or sycamore or polypropylene	150	100	18	

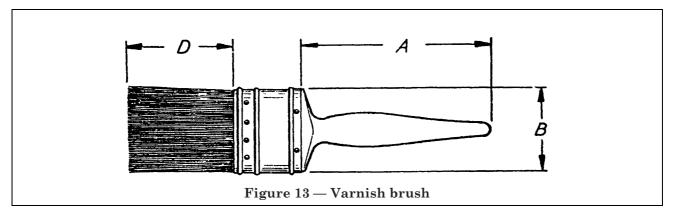
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a See Clause 5: Approved sample.

b Measurements for width and thickness are taken at inner surfaces of ferrules, at the point where the filling leaves the ferrule. See Clause 8.

Table 8 — Requirements for varnish brushes

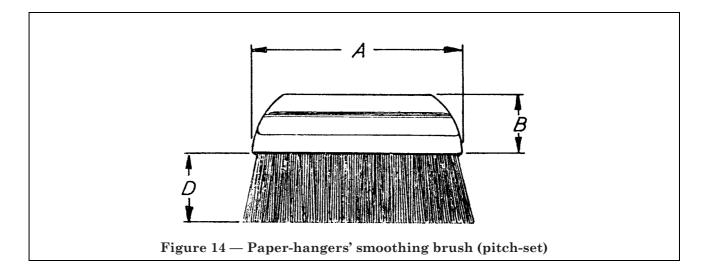
	Details of filling					
$\mathbf{Ferrule}^{\mathrm{b}}$	Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ferrule D	Finish etc.		
$\begin{array}{c} \text{(min.)} \\ 0.31 \text{ mm} \\ 100 \text{ mm wide} \times 22 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 43 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	g 105	mm 85	Set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6). Ferrule of tinned or nickel-plated steel (at option of purchaser) lapped and securely soldered or spot welded, except that ferrules for items 8/1 and 8/2 and 8/3A to 8/8A may be		
$\begin{array}{c} 0.25 \text{ mm} \\ 25 \text{ mm wide} \times 12 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 34 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	9	43	alternatively closed with folded seam. Handles polished or plain as specified by purchaser. Bristle secured in ferrule either by pinning through ferrule and bristle with a minimum number of pins		
$\begin{array}{c} 0.25 \text{ mm} \\ 37 \text{ mm wide} \times 12 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 34 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	14	50	as follows: Items 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/3A, 8/4, 8/4A, 8/5A, 8/6A and 8/7A — no pins; Items 8/5 and 8/6 — 2 pins; Item 8/7 — 3 pins; Items 8/8 and 8/8X — 4 pins or		
$\begin{array}{c} 0.28 \text{ mm} \\ 50 \text{ mm wide} \times 14 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 38 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	21	56	alternatively items 8/5, 8/6, 8/7, 8/8 and 8/8X may be secured by inserts; Item 8/8A secured by insert or 2 pins. The tips of all pins to be securely clinched down or rivetted.		
$\begin{array}{c} 0.28 \text{ mm} \\ 62 \text{ mm wide} \times 15 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 38 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	28	56	Handles secured in ferrule by pinning on both sides the number of pins being as follows: Item 8/1 and 8/2 — no pins: pricked on or crimped on; Items 8/3, 8/3A, 8/4 and 8/4A — three pins (2 and 1);		
$\begin{array}{c} 0.31 \text{ mm} \\ 75 \text{ mm wide} \times 15 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 38 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	38	62	Items 8/5, 8/5A, 8/6, 8/6A, 8/7 and 8/7A — four pins (2 and 2); Items 8/8 and 8/8X — six pins (3 and 3); Item 8/8A — four pins (2 and 2). Alternatively if plastics handles are fitted,		
$\begin{array}{c} 0.31 \text{ mm} \\ 100 \text{ mm wide} \times 15 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 38 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % bristle	56	68	Items 8/3A, 8/4A and 8/5A may be firmly crimped on; and items 8/8 and 8/8X — 4 pins (2 and 2).		



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Table 9 — Requirements for paper-hangers' smoothing brushes

		Handles						
Item No.	Description		Approxima	ate measurem	ents			
		Wood	Overall width A	$\overset{\text{Depth}}{B}$	Thickness			
9/1	Paper-hangers' smoothing brush (pitch-set or synthetic resin set)	Beech or sycamore	mm 225	mm 62	mm 37			
9/2	Paper-hangers' smoothing brush (ferruled)	Beech or sycamore	200	62	18			
^a See Claus	^a See Clause 5 : Approved sample.							



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Table 9 — Requirements for paper-hangers' smoothing brushes

		Details of filli	ng	
Ferrule	Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ferrule or out of handle D	Finish etc.
	100 % bristle 68 knots (28 in centre)	g 120	mm 75	Plain handle with grooved sides. Bristle securely set in pitch or synthetic resin
Copper 0.50 mm 25 mm deep (min)	100 % bristle	110	75	Plain handle with grooved sides. Bristle securely set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6). Bristle secured in ferrule by pinning through ferrule and bristle at intervals of not less than 15 mm nor more than 25 mm, the tips of the pins being securely clinched or riveted. Handle secured in ferrule by at least four pins each side

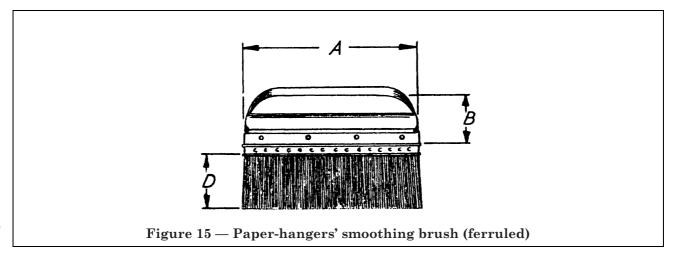
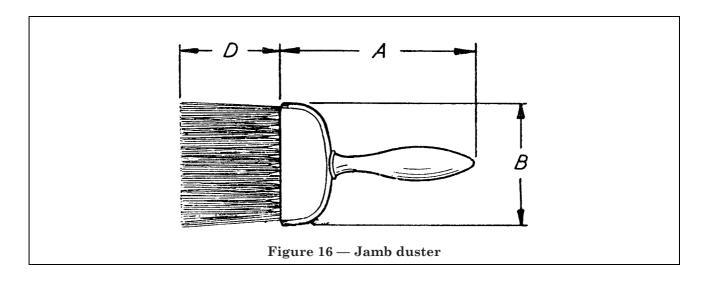


Table 10 — Requirements for jamb dusters

		Handles					
Item No.	Description		Approxi	mate measure	ments		
	•	Wood	Overall length A	$_{B}^{\operatorname{Breadth}}$	Thickness		
			mm	mm	mm		
10/1	Jamb-duster (pitch-set or synthetic resin set)	Beech, birch or sycamore	160	100	30		
10/1A	Jamb duster (vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin set)	Beech, birch or sycamore	160	100	25		
10/1B	Jamb duster (machine-made)	Beech, birch or sycamore	160	100	30		

^a See Clause **5**: Approved sample.

 $^{^{\}rm b}\,\mathrm{As}$ specified by the purchaser.



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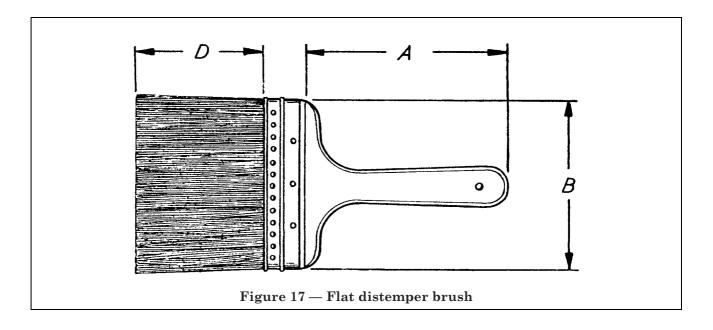
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	De	tails of filling		
Ferrule	Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ferrule or out of handle D	Finish etc.
_	100 % bristle or horse-hair ^b : 36 knots (8 in centre)	g 55	mm 85	
Tinned steel 25 mm deep (min.)	100 % bristle	55	85	Bristle securely set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6). Bristle secured in ferrule by pinning through ferrule and bristle at intervals of not less than 15 mm nor more than 25 mm, the tips of the pins being securely clinched or riveted. Handle secured in ferrule by at least two pins each side
	Horsehair: 34 knots (8 in centre)	50	75	Machine-stapled: handle housed at shoulder with pin 22 mm × 14 mm diameter glued and nailed

Table 11 — Requirements for flat distemper brushes

			Handles					
Item No.	D 1.11		Approximate measurements					
Item No.	Description	Wood	Length out of ferrule A	Breadth under ferrule B	Thickness under ferrule			
			mm	mm	mm			
11/1	Flat distemper brush (175 mm)	Beech or sycamore	225	175 (top)	14			
11/2	Flat distemper brush (150 mm)	Beech or sycamore	210	150 (top)	14			
11/3	Flat distemper brush (100 mm)	Beech or sycamore	160	100 (top)	12			
11/1A	Flat distemper brush (175 mm)	Beech or sycamore	225	175 (top)	14			
11/2A	Flat distemper brush (150 mm)	Beech or sycamore	210	150 (top)	14			
11/3A	Flat distemper brush (100 mm)	Beech or sycamore	160	100 (top)	12			

^a See Clause **5**: Approved sample. ^b See **4.3**: Mixture fillings.



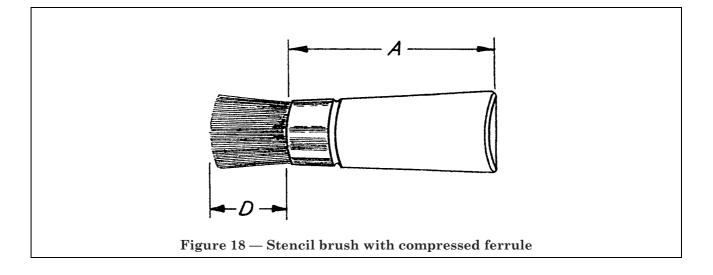
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Table 11 — Requirements for flat distemper brushes

	Details of filling			
Ferrule	Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ferrule D	Finish etc.
0.50 mm Copper 175 mm wide × 28 mm deep × 25 mm thick	100 % bristle	g 225	mm 120	Set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6). Ferrule lapped and securely soldered. Handles polished or plain as specified by purchaser. Bristle secured in ferrule
0.50 mm Copper 150 mm wide × 28 mm deep × 25 mm thick	100 % bristle	165	110	by pinning through ferrule and bristle at intervals of not less than 15 mm nor more than 25 mm with phosphor bronze pins or rivets, the tips of the pins being securely
0.50 mm Copper 100 mm wide $\times 28 \text{ mm}$ deep $\times 25 \text{ mm}$ thick	100 % bristle	100	85	clinched down or riveted. Handle secured in ferrule by pinning with six pins (three on each side)
0.50 mm Copper 175 mm wide × 28 mm deep × 25 mm thick	Mixture ^b	225	120	
0.50 mm Copper 150 mm wide \times 28 mm deep \times 25 mm thick	Mixture ^b	165	110	
0.50 mm Copper 100 mm wide × 28 mm deep × 25 mm thick	Mixture ^b	100	85	

Table 12 — Requirements for stencil brushes

		Handles					
Item No.	5		Approximate measurements				
	Description	Wood	Overall length including ferrule A	Diameter under ferrule			
12/1	Stencil brush, size (25 mm)	Beech	mm 85	To fit ferrule			
12/2	Stencil brush, size (28 mm)	Beech	85	To fit ferrule			
12/3	Stencil brush, size (37 mm)	Beech	100	To fit ferrule			
12/1A	Stencil brush, size (25 mm)	Beech	85	To fit ferrule			
12/2A	Stencil brush, size (28 mm)	Beech	85	To fit ferrule			
12/3A	Stencil brush, size (37 mm)	Beech	100	To fit ferrule			
a See Clause 5: Approved sample.							



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Table 12 — Requirements for stencil brushes

Details of fillings			ings	
Ferrule	Descriptiona	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ferrule D	Finish etc.
Tinned steel 0.25 mm, minimum depth 56 mm, internal diameter 30 mm, tapered to 25 mm	100 % bristle	g 21	mm 30	
Tinned steel 0.25 mm, minimum depth 56 mm, internal diameter 32 mm, tapered to 28 mm	100 % bristle	26	32	Set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6). Handle in contact with base of bristle
Tinned steel 0.25 mm, minimum depth 68 mm, internal diameter 40 mm, tapered to 37 mm	100 % bristle	56	45	
Steel, solid drawn: minimum depth 18 mm, internal diameter 30 mm, tapered to 25 mm	100 % bristle	18	30	
Steel, solid drawn: minimum depth 19 mm, internal diameter 32 mm, tapered to 28 mm	100 % bristle	23	32	Set in vulcanized rubber or synthetic resin (see Clause 6). Ferrules compressed onto handle or pinned with three pins
Steel, solid drawn: minimum depth 25 mm, internal diameter 43 mm, tapered to 37 mm	100 % bristle	45	45	

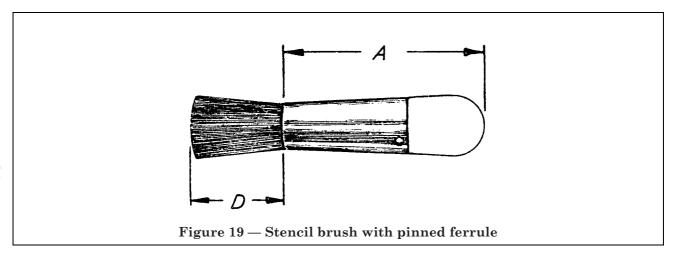


Table 13 — Requirements for squirrel hair lacquer brushes

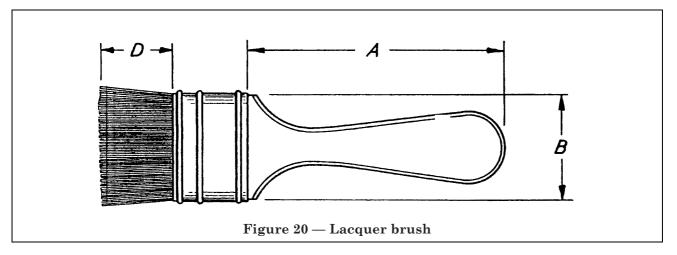
Item No.	Description	Handles				
		Wood	Approximate measurements			
			Length out of ferrule	Breadth under ferrule B	Thickness under ferrule	
13/1	Lacquer brush (12 mm)	Beech, birch or sycamore	mm 90	mm 12	mm 6	
13/2	Lacquer brush (25 mm)	Beech, birch or sycamore	105	25	6	
13/3	Lacquer brush (50 mm)	Beech, birch or sycamore	115	50	6	
13/4	Lacquer brush (75 mm)	Beech, birch or sycamore	125	75	6	
13/5	Lacquer brush (100 mm)	Beech, birch or sycamore	150	100	6	

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a See Clause 5: Approved sample.
 b Measurement for width and thickness are taken at inner surfaces of ferrules, at the point where the filling leaves the ferrule.

Table 13 — Requirements for squirrel hair lacquer brushes

	Details of fillings				
$\mathbf{Ferrule}^{\mathrm{b}}$	Description ^a	Weight per brush finished	Minimum length above ferrule D	Finish etc.	
0.20 mm 12 mm wide × 6 mm thick × 30 mm deep	100 % squirrel hair	g 1.5	mm 20	Set in synthetic resin. Ferrule of nickel-plated steel, lapped and securely soldered or spot-welded. Handles plain. Handles secured in	
0.25 mm $25 \text{ mm wide} \times 6 \text{ mm}$ $\text{thick} \times 30 \text{ mm deep}$	100 % squirrel hair	2	30	ferrule by adhesion to the setting or by pinning on both sides, the number of pins being as follows: Item 13/1 — no pins, pricked on; Items 13/2, 13/3 — three pins (two & one); Item 13/4 — four pins (two & two); Item 13/5 — five pins (three & two)	
$\begin{array}{c} 0.30 \text{ mm} \\ 50 \text{ mm wide} \times 6 \text{ mm} \\ \text{thick} \times 30 \text{ mm deep} \end{array}$	100 % squirrel hair	3.5	30		
0.30 mm 75 mm wide × 6 mm thick × 30 mm deep	100 % squirrel hair	5	35		
0.40 mm 100 mm wide × 6 mm thick × 30 mm deep	100 % squirrel hair	7	35		



Appendix A Determination of weight of filling material

Remove the handle, ferrule, binding, staples, etc. from the brush by mechanical means. Thrums can be removed from pitch-set fillings after softening of the setting.

Soak the setting medium, if any, in an appropriate solvent until it is sufficiently friable to be broken down. Trichloroethylene or methylene chloride is suitable for rubber or pitch settings, acetone for synthetic resin settings.

Break down the setting by rubbing it between the finger and thumb or by hammering it lightly, these processes being carried out over a large sheet of paper, and repeated at intervals of about ¼ hour until all the setting medium has been removed.

Nails, pins and wedges may be removed at any stage as convenient.

Spread all the filling material, including any pieces broken off in the above processes, in a thin layer on a sheet of paper, to allow the solvent to evaporate.

Condition the residue in an atmosphere having a relative humidity of 65 ± 2 % at a temperature of 20 ± 2 °C until equilibrium is reached, and determine its weight without removal from that atmosphere.

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