

Viscosity

Viscosity is perceived as 'thickness' or resistance to pouring, but there is more to viscosity than this. All fluids have an internal friction between molecules, which determines how well fluid flows. Due to this internal friction, energy is required to move the liquid and viscosity is the measure of the resistance to flow.

Fluids are categorised as Newtonian or non-Newtonian.

- **Newtonian fluids**, such as water and some oils, are fluids that continue to flow at a given temperature, regardless of the forces acting on it. No matter how fast it is stirred or mixed, Newtonian fluids will always behave in the same manner. Newtonian fluids are generally measured with flow and dip viscosity cups.

- **Non-Newtonian fluids**, such as paints and ketchup, are fluids which change viscosity when a force is applied. There are several different categories and sub-categories of non-Newtonian fluids, they can be described as the following:

Thixotropic - substances which are gel-like at rest but liquid when agitated, eg: non-drip paints, tomato ketchup and most varieties of honey.

Rheopectic - substances where viscosity increases with duration of stress, eg: some lubricants.

Pseudoplastics - also known as shear thinning - the viscosity decreases with increased shear rate, eg: blood, gelatin and clay.

Dilatant - also known as shear thickening - the viscosity increases with increased shear rate, eg: suspensions of rice, corn starch or concentrated sugar solution.

Measuring Viscosity

Non-Newtonian fluids are measured using Rotational viscometers (please see pages 19-25).

Elcometer manufactures and supplies a wide range of viscosity gauges from flow cups to dip cups to rotational viscometers.

- **Flow Cups:** The process of flow through an orifice can often be used as a relative measurement and classification of viscosity. This measured kinematic viscosity is generally expressed in seconds of flow time which can be converted into Centistokes using a viscosity disc calculator. (See table opposite).
- **Dip Cups:** Using the same principle as flow cups, dip cups - Frikmar, Zahn, Shell etc. - can be used to provide a quick viscosity measurement either on-site or on the shop-floor.
- **Rotational:** Rotational viscometers are used to determine the viscosity of liquids which do not depend solely on temperature and pressure.
- **Flow Measurement:** Simple to use instruments that measure the fluidity and flow of coatings, especially thick or paste-like materials.



Elcometer Viscosity Dip Cups

Elcometer viscosity dip cups are ideal for the quick testing of the viscosity of paints, varnishes and similar products during manufacturing processes.

Dip cups are dipped into the substance being tested and the viscosity is determined by the time it takes for the cup to empty with a steady flow.

Elcometer has a range of viscosity dip cups which includes Frikmar, Zahn, Shell, and Lory dip cups.

Elcometer Frikmar Viscosity Dip Cups

Thanks to its handle, this cup is very easy to use to perform checks on site or during the manufacturing process. It is ideal for measuring the consistency of paints, varnishes and similar products.

The cup is first dipped into the product to be measured, then the contents empty through the orifice. The measured kinematic viscosity is generally expressed in seconds (s) flow time, which can be converted to Centistokes (cSt) if the Standard stipulates a conversion method.

Several ranges are available, according to the Standards being used; from 7 to 1100cSt.



Technical Specification

certificate available

DIN Viscosity Dip Cups

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002434M001 | Elcometer 2434/1 DIN Dip Cup | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | - |
| K0002434M002 | Elcometer 2434/2 DIN Dip Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 96 - 683 |
| K0002434M003 | Elcometer 2434/3 DIN Dip Cup | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | - |
| K0002434M004 | Elcometer 2434/4 DIN Dip Cup | 8 | 8mm / 0.315" | - |
| K0002434M001C | Elcometer 2434/1 with calibration certificate | 2 ^(d) | 2mm / 0.079" | - |
| K0002434M002C | Elcometer 2434/2 with calibration certificate | 4 ^(e) | 4mm / 0.158" | 96 - 683 |
| K0002434M003C | Elcometer 2434/3 with calibration certificate | 6 ^(d) | 6mm / 0.236" | - |
| K0002434M004C | Elcometer 2434/4 with calibration certificate | 8 ^(d) | 8mm / 0.315" | - |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)
DIN 53211 (cup 4 only)

FORD/ASTM Viscosity Dip Cups

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002435M001 | Elcometer 2435/1 FORD/ASTM Dip Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 70 - 370 |
| K0002435M001C | Elcometer 2435/1 with calibration certificate | 4 ^(e) | 4mm / 0.158" | 70 - 370 |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)

ASTM D 1200

(1) For Information Only

(d) Dimensional Certificate

(e) Efflux Time Certificate

Technical Specification

 certificate available

ISO Viscosity Dip Cups

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|----------------------|---|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002437M002 | Elcometer 2437/2 ISO Dip Cup | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 7 - 42 |
| K0002437M003 | Elcometer 2437/3 ISO Dip Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 34 - 135 |
| K0002437M006 | Elcometer 2437/6 ISO Dip Cup | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 91 - 326 |
| K0002437M004 | Elcometer 2437/4 ISO Dip Cup | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | 188 - 684 |
| K0002437M005 | Elcometer 2437/5 ISO Dip Cup | 8 | 8mm / 0.315" | - |
| K0002437M002C | Elcometer 2437/2 with calibration certificate | 3 (e) | 3mm / 0.118" | 7 - 42 |
| K0002437M003C | Elcometer 2437/3 with calibration certificate | 4 (e) | 4mm / 0.158" | 34 - 135 |
| K0002437M006C | Elcometer 2437/6 with calibration certificate | 5 (e) | 5mm / 0.197" | 91 - 326 |
| K0002437M004C | Elcometer 2437/4 with calibration certificate | 6 (e) | 6mm / 0.236" | 188 - 684 |
| K0002437M005C | Elcometer 2437/5 with calibration certificate | 8 (d) | 8mm / 0.315" | - |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)

ASTM D 5125, DIN 53224, EN 535, **ISO 2431**, NBN T22-108, **NF T30-014**, NF T30-070

AFNOR Viscosity Dip Cups

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002436M001 | Elcometer 2436/1 AFNOR Dip Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 50 - 1100 |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)

AFNOR NF T30-014

Accessories

For a full range of accessories see page 17

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(d) Dimensional Certificate

(e) Efflux Time Certificate

Customers who have purchased the Elcometer Dip Cups also purchased:



◀ Elcometer 2400 Conversion Disc, page 17

Elcometer 2300 Rotational Viscometer, page 21 - 27 ▶



Elcometer 2210 Zahn Viscosity Dip Cups

The Elcometer 2210 Zahn Dip Cup is a small U-shaped cup suspended from a looped wire. This method is ideal for measuring the consistency of paints, varnishes and similar products.

Simply dip the cup into the product to be measured, lift it out and measure how long it takes for the contents to empty through the orifice.

There are five cups with five different orifices sizes available, ranging from 5 to 1840cSt.



Technical Specification

certificate available

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002210M001 | Elcometer 2210/1 Zahn Dip Cup | 1 | 1mm / 0.039" | 5 - 56 |
| K0002210M002 | Elcometer 2210/2 Zahn Dip Cup | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | 21 - 231 |
| K0002210M003 | Elcometer 2210/3 Zahn Dip Cup | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 146 - 848 |
| K0002210M004 | Elcometer 2210/4 Zahn Dip Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 222 - 1110 |
| K0002210M005 | Elcometer 2210/5 Zahn Dip Cup | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 460 - 1840 |
| K0002210M001C | Elcometer 2210/1 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 1 | 1mm / 0.039" | 5 - 56 |
| K0002210M002C | Elcometer 2210/2 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | 21 - 231 |
| K0002210M003C | Elcometer 2210/3 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 146 - 848 |
| K0002210M004C | Elcometer 2210/4 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 222 - 1110 |
| K0002210M005C | Elcometer 2210/5 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 460 - 1840 |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)

ASTM D 1084, **ASTM D 4212**, ASTM D 3794

(1) For Information Only

(e) Efflux Time Certificate

Accessories

For a full range of accessories, see page 17

Elcometer 2310 Shell Viscosity Dip Cups

The Elcometer 2310 Shell Viscosity Dip Cups are stainless steel cups for quick measurements on-site or during production. These cups are often used in the printing or ink industry.

Simply dip the cup into the product to be measured, lift it out and measure how long it takes for the contents to empty through the orifice.

The measured kinematic viscosity is generally expressed in seconds (s) flow time, which can be converted into Centistokes (cSt).

There are six different orifice sizes available, for measurements between 2 and 1300cSt.



Technical Specification

 certificate available

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------|---|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002310M001 | Elcometer 2310/1 Shell Dip Cup | 1 | 1mm / 0.039" | 2 - 20 |
| K0002310M002 | Elcometer 2310/2 Shell Dip Cup | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | 10 - 50 |
| K0002310M003 | Elcometer 2310/3 Shell Dip Cup | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 30 - 120 |
| K0002310M004 | Elcometer 2310/4 Shell Dip Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 70 - 270 |
| K0002310M005 | Elcometer 2310/5 Shell Dip Cup | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 125 - 520 |
| K0002310M006 | Elcometer 2310/6 Shell Dip Cup | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | 320 - 1300 |
| K0002310M001C | Elcometer 2310/1 with calibration certificate | 1 (e) | 1mm / 0.039" | 2 - 20 |
| K0002310M002C | Elcometer 2310/2 with calibration certificate | 2 (e) | 2mm / 0.079" | 10 - 50 |
| K0002310M003C | Elcometer 2310/3 with calibration certificate | 3 (e) | 3mm / 0.118" | 30 - 120 |
| K0002310M004C | Elcometer 2310/4 with calibration certificate | 4 (e) | 4mm / 0.158" | 70 - 270 |
| K0002310M005C | Elcometer 2310/5 with calibration certificate | 5 (e) | 5mm / 0.197" | 125 - 520 |
| K0002310M006C | Elcometer 2310/6 with calibration certificate | 6 (e) | 6mm / 0.236" | 320 - 1300 |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)
ASTM D 4212

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(e) Efflux Time Certificate

Accessories

For a full range of accessories, see page 17

Elcometer 2215 Lory Viscosity Cup

The Elcometer 2215 Lory Viscosity Cup is a conventional cylindrical cup with a needle fixed into the bottom for quick measurements on-site or during production.

The cup is first dipped into the product to be measured, then empties through the escape hole. Unlike other Viscosity cups, the flow time is measured as soon as the point of the needle appears.



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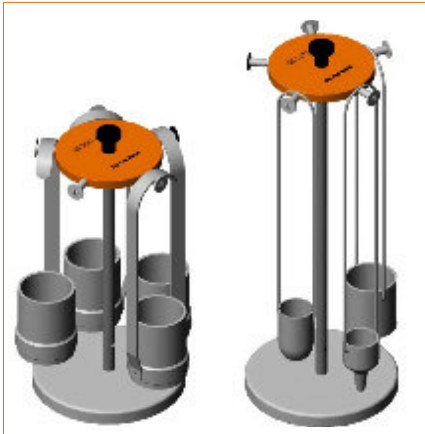
| Part Number | Model | Cup Number | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|
| K0002215M001 | Elcometer 2215 | 1 | 50 - 1100 |

(1) For Information Only

Elcometer Dip Cup Stands

The Elcometer Dip Cup Stands provide a useful, compact way of storing dip cups when they are not in use.

The stand has been designed specifically to hold up to 5 cups. Suitable for Elcometer Frikmar, Zahn, Shell and Lory Viscosity Dip Cups.



Technical Specification

| Part Number | Description |
|---------------------|---|
| K0002999M001 | Elcometer Dip Cup Stand for Zahn, Shell & Lory Cups |
| K0002999M002 | Elcometer Dip Cup Stand for Frikmar Cups |

Viscosity Flow Cups

Viscosity Flow cups are very easy to use instruments of anodized aluminium with a stainless steel orifice, for measuring the consistency of paints, varnishes and similar products. The measured kinematic viscosity is generally expressed in seconds (s) flow time. If the Standards stipulate conversion methods the flow time can be converted into Centistokes (cSt).

Elcometer offers the option to order viscosity cups complete with calibration certificates which offer traceability and assurance that the viscosity cups have been individually tested and comply to Standards. The cups can be supplied separately or with an adjustable stand which includes a precision level and an overflow glass draw plate. The stand can also be supplied with a flow jacket for temperature control (thermojacket).

Several ranges are available according to Standards, from 5 to 5100cSt; please refer to the table on page 8. For a full range of accessories, see page 17.



Technical Specification

 certificate available

ISO Viscosity Cups

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002353M001 | Elcometer 2353/1 ISO Viscosity Cup | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 7 - 42 |
| K0002353M002 | Elcometer 2353/2 ISO Viscosity Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 34 - 135 |
| K0002353M003 | Elcometer 2353/3 ISO Viscosity Cup | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 91 - 326 |
| K0002353M004 | Elcometer 2353/4 ISO Viscosity Cup | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | 188 - 684 |
| K0002353M005 | Elcometer 2353/5 ISO Viscosity Cup | 8 | 8mm / 0.315" | - |
| K0002353M001C | Elcometer 2353/1 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 7 - 42 |
| K0002353M002C | Elcometer 2353/2 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 34 - 135 |
| K0002353M003C | Elcometer 2353/3 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 91 - 326 |
| K0002353M004C | Elcometer 2353/4 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | 188 - 684 |
| K0002353M005C | Elcometer 2353/5 with calibration certificate ^(d) | 8 | 8mm / 0.315" | - |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)

ASTM D 5125, DIN 53224, EN 535, ISO 2431, NBN T22-108, NF T30-070

BS Viscosity Cups

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002354M001 | Elcometer 2354/1 BS Viscosity Cup | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | 6 - 43 |
| K0002354M002 | Elcometer 2354/2 BS Viscosity Cup | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 28 - 150 |
| K0002354M003 | Elcometer 2354/3 BS Viscosity Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 89 - 340 |
| K0002354M004 | Elcometer 2354/4 BS Viscosity Cup | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 79 - 441 |
| K0002354M005 | Elcometer 2354/5 BS Viscosity Cup | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | 369 - 1302 |
| K0002354M001C | Elcometer 2354/1 with calibration certificate ^(d) | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | 6 - 43 |
| K0002354M002C | Elcometer 2354/2 with calibration certificate ^(d) | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 28 - 150 |
| K0002354M003C | Elcometer 2354/3 with calibration certificate ^(d) | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 89 - 340 |
| K0002354M004C | Elcometer 2354/4 with calibration certificate ^(d) | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 79 - 441 |
| K0002354M005C | Elcometer 2354/5 with calibration certificate ^(d) | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | 369 - 1302 |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)

BS 3900 A6:1971, AS/NZS 1580.214.2 (cup 4 only)

(1) For Information Only

(d) Dimensional Certificate

(e) Efflux Time Certificate

Viscosity Flow Cups

Technical Specification

 certificate available

FORD/ASTM Viscosity Cups

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002351M001 | Elcometer 2351/1 FORD/ASTM Viscosity Cup | 1 | 1mm / 0.039" | 10 - 35 |
| K0002351M002 | Elcometer 2351/2 FORD/ASTM Viscosity Cup | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | 25 - 120 |
| K0002351M003 | Elcometer 2351/3 FORD/ASTM Viscosity Cup | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 49 - 220 |
| K0002351M004 | Elcometer 2351/4 FORD/ASTM Viscosity Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 70 - 370 |
| K0002351M005 | Elcometer 2351/5 FORD/ASTM Viscosity Cup | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 200 - 1200 |
| K0002351M001C | Elcometer 2351/1 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 1 | 1mm / 0.039" | 10 - 35 |
| K0002351M002C | Elcometer 2351/2 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | 25 - 120 |
| K0002351M003C | Elcometer 2351/3 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 3 | 3mm / 0.118" | 49 - 220 |
| K0002351M004C | Elcometer 2351/4 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 70 - 370 |
| K0002351M005C | Elcometer 2351/5 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 5 | 5mm / 0.197" | 200 - 1200 |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)
ASTM D1200

DIN Viscosity Cups

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|---------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002350M001 | Elcometer 2350/1 DIN Viscosity Cup | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | - |
| K0002350M002 | Elcometer 2350/2 DIN Viscosity Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 96 - 683 |
| K0002350M003 | Elcometer 2350/3 DIN Viscosity Cup | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | - |
| K0002350M004 | Elcometer 2350/4 DIN Viscosity Cup | 8 | 8mm / 0.315" | - |
| K0002350M001C | Elcometer 2350/1 with calibration certificate ^(d) | 2 | 2mm / 0.079" | - |
| K0002350M002C | Elcometer 2350/2 with calibration certificate ^(e) | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 96 - 683 |
| K0002350M003C | Elcometer 2350/3 with calibration certificate ^(d) | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | - |
| K0002350M004C | Elcometer 2350/4 with calibration certificate ^(d) | 8 | 8mm / 0.315" | - |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)
DIN 53211 (cup 4 only)

AFNOR Viscosity Cups

| Part Number | Description | Cup Number | Orifice Diameter | Range (cSt) ¹ |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| K0002352M001 | Elcometer 2352/1 AFNOR Viscosity Cup | 2.5 | 2.5mm / 0.098" | 5 - 140 |
| K0002352M002 | Elcometer 2352/2 AFNOR Viscosity Cup | 4 | 4mm / 0.158" | 50 - 1100 |
| K0002352M003 | Elcometer 2352/3 AFNOR Viscosity Cup | 6 | 6mm / 0.236" | 510 - 5100 |

Can be used in accordance with: (see Standards Explained inside Front Cover)
NF T30-014

(1) For Information Only

(d) Dimensional Certificate

(e) Efflux Time Certificate