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# Test report

## Testing of Kitchen mixers from Akvatur IVS, type Taurus.3-1, 4-1 and 5-1

### Test method NS-EN 817:2008



Test 107

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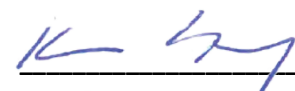
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The tests according to NS-EN 817 were conducted by Geir Lippe Stavnes (Research engineer). The tests were carried out in the Sanitary lab. (U47) between 14/4-2020 and 12/5-2020.

Evaluations of impartiality have been performed in all steps of the testing process, and impartiality has been found to be in accordance with SINTEF's quality management system and the current standard for the activity.

## 2. TEST METHOD

The tests have been carried out in accordance with NS-EN 817:2008 " *Sanitary tapware – Mechanical mixing valves (PN 10) - General technical specification*".

See Table 4.1 for conducted tests.

## 3. TEST OBJECT

The test objects from Akvatur IVS are kitchen mixers, see Figure 3.1-3.3. All models are designed to be used with additional parts such as filters, coolers, and/or heaters. Only the water cooler unit (Fig. 3.4) was delivered to SINTEF in addition to the test objects. Leaktightness testing of the cooler was performed as a supplement to the testing of the mixer taps.

The mixers were delivered with flexible hoses from Neoperl and Tucai.

The mixers are produced by Eloira Sanitaryware Co.,Ltd. and they were delivered to SINTEF Community on 14.4.2020. They were selected by the customer and in good condition on arrival.

*Table 3.1: Controlled mixers*

| Mixer      | Number | Figure | Manufacturer                 | Hose    |
|------------|--------|--------|------------------------------|---------|
| Taurus 3-1 | 3      | 3.1    | Eloira Sanitaryware Co.,Ltd. | Tucai   |
| Taurus 4-1 | 3      | 3.2    |                              | Neoperl |
| Taurus 5-1 | 3      | 3.3    |                              | Neoperl |
| Bioice HP  | 1      | 3.4    | Aquabio.it. srl.             | -       |



*Fig. 3.1: Taurus 3-1*



*Fig. 3.2: Taurus 4-1*



*Fig. 3.3: Taurus 5-1*



*Fig. 3.4: Bioice HP*

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## 4. TESTS, METHODS, REQUIREMENTS AND RESULTS

Table 4.1: Summary of results

| Chapter | Clause in NS-EN 817 | Test  | Passed |    | Accredited test |    |
|---------|---------------------|---|--------|----|-----------------|----|
|         |                     |   | Yes    | No | Yes             | No |
| 4.1     | 4.1                 | Marking   | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.2     | 4.2                 | Identification  | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.3     | 5.1                 | Chemical and hygiene requirements   | - 2)   |    | x               |    |
| 4.4     | 5.2                 | Exposed surface conditions  | - 2)   |    |                 | x  |
| 4.5     | 6                   | Dimensional characteristics   | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.6     | 8.3                 | Leaktightness of the mixing valve upstream of the obturator                 | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.7     | 8.4                 | Leaktightness of the mixing valve downstream of the obturator               | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.8     | 8.5                 | Leaktightness of manually operated diverter                                 | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.9     | 8.6                 | Leaktightness and operation of diverter with automatic return               | - 1)   |    | x               |    |
| 4.10    | 8.7                 | Leaktightness of the obturator: cross flow between hot water and cold water | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.11    | 9.4                 | Mechanical behaviour upstream of the obturator                              | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.12    | 9.5                 | Mechanical behaviour downstream of the obturator                            | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.13    | 10.6                | Determination of flow rate  | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.14    | 10.7                | Sensitivity   | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.15    | 11                  | Mechanical strength characteristics – torsion test for operating mechanism  | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.16    | 12.1                | Mechanical endurance of the control device                                  | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.17    | 12.2                | Mechanical endurance of diverters   | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.18    | 12.3                | Mechanical endurance of swivel spouts                                       | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.19    | 13                  | Backflow protection   | x      |    |                 | x  |
| 4.20    | 14                  | Acoustic characteristics  | x      |    | x               |    |
| 4.21    |                     | Dry weight  | x      |    |                 | x  |

1) Not applicable

2) Not considered

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#### 4.1 Marking (NS-EN 817, Clause 4.1)

Method: Visual inspection

| Mixer      | Passed | Not passed |
|------------|--------|------------|
| Taurus 3-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | x      |            |

Remark: The mixers are marked with a "drop" logo for Akvatur IVS

#### 4.2 Identification (NS-EN 817, Clause 4.2)

Method: Visual inspection

| Mixer      | Passed | Not passed |
|------------|--------|------------|
| Taurus 3-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | x      |            |

#### 4.3 Chemical and hygienic characteristics (NS-EN 817, Clause 5.1)

Method: NKB 4, Clause 3.3.2

| Mixer | Passed | Not passed |
|-------|--------|------------|
|       | -      |            |

Remark: Not considered

#### 4.4 Exposed surface conditions (NS-EN 817, Clause 5.2)

Method: EN 248

| Mixer | Passed | Not passed |
|-------|--------|------------|
|       | -      |            |

Remark: Not considered

#### 4.5 Dimensional characteristics (NS-EN 817, Clause 6)

Method: Measurements and visual inspection

| Mixer      | Passed | Not passed |
|------------|--------|------------|
| Taurus 3-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | x      |            |

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#### 4.6 Leaktightness of the mixing valve upstream of the obturator (NS-EN 817, Clause 8.3)

*Method: Outlet orifice open and the obturator closed*

| Mixer      | Water pressure<br>(MPa) | Result |            |
|------------|-------------------------|--------|------------|
|            |                         | Passed | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 1,6                     | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 1,6                     | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 1,6                     | x      |            |
| Bioice HP  | 1,6                     | x      |            |

#### 4.7 Leaktightness of the mixing valve downstream of the obturator (NS-EN 817, Clause 8.4)

*Method: Outlet orifice closed and the obturator open*

| Mixer      | Water pressure<br>(MPa) | Result |            |
|------------|-------------------------|--------|------------|
|            |                         | Passed | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 0,4                     | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 0,4                     | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 0,4                     | x      |            |

#### 4.8 Leaktightness of manually operated diverter (NS-EN 817, Clause 8.5)

*Method: Flow to bath and bath to flow*

| Mixer      | Water pressure<br>(MPa) | Result |            |
|------------|-------------------------|--------|------------|
|            |                         | Passed | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 0,4                     | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 0,4                     | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 0,4                     | x      |            |

Remark: The diverter is the valve on the DW-outlet.

#### 4.9 Leaktightness and operation of diverter with automatic return (NS-EN 817, Clause 8.6)

*Method: flow to bath and bath to flow*

| Mixer | Water pressure<br>(MPa) | Result |            |
|-------|-------------------------|--------|------------|
|       |                         | Passed | Not passed |
|       | 0,4                     | -      |            |

Remark: Not applicable

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#### 4.10 Leaktightness of the obturator: cross flow between hot water and cold water (NS-EN 817, Clause 8.7)

*Method: Outlet orifice open and the obturator closed*

| Mixer      | Water pressure (MPa) | Result |            |
|------------|----------------------|--------|------------|
|            |                      | Passed | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 0,4                  | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 0,4                  | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 0,4                  | x      |            |

#### 4.11 Mechanical behaviour upstream of the obturator (NS-EN 817, Clause 9.4)

*Method: Outlet orifice open and the obturator closed*

| Mixer      | Water pressure (MPa) | Result          |            |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
|            |                      | Passed          | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 2,5                  | x               |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 2,5                  | x               |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 2,5                  | x <sup>1)</sup> |            |

Remark <sup>1)</sup>: The mixer is not leak tight above 19 bar, but no deformation is registered.

#### 4.12 Mechanical behaviour downstream of the obturator (NS-EN 817, Clause 9.5)

*Method: Outlet orifice open and the obturator open*

| Mixer      | Water pressure (MPa) | Result |            |
|------------|----------------------|--------|------------|
|            |                      | Passed | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 0,4                  | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 0,4                  | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 0,4                  | x      |            |

#### 4.13 Determination of flow rate (NS-EN 817, Clause 10.6)

Method: Measuring the flow rate at 0,3 MPa

| Mixer      | Passed | Not passed |
|------------|--------|------------|
| Taurus 3-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | x      |            |

Remark: The flow rate measured at 0,3 MPa shall be at least 0,15 l/s from fully open cold water to fully open hot water when the tap is delivered with flexible supply hoses.

According to EN 817:2008, a flow rate of 0,06 l/s is permissible for water saving mixers.

See Table 4.2 for results.

Table 4.2: Measured flow rate

| Taurus 3-1            | Flow rate (l/s) |         |         | Result |            |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|--------|------------|
|                       | 0,1 MPa         | 0,3 MPa | 0,5 MPa | Passed | Not passed |
| Fully open cold water | 0,08            | 0,13    | 0,16    | x      |            |
| 34 °C                 | 0,10            | 0,17    | 0,22    | x      |            |
| 38 °C                 | 0,10            | 0,17    | 0,22    | x      |            |
| 42 °C                 | 0,10            | 0,17    | 0,22    | x      |            |
| Fully open hot water  | 0,08            | 0,13    | 0,16    | x      |            |

| Taurus 4-1            | Flow rate (l/s) |         |         | Result |            |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|--------|------------|
|                       | 0,1 MPa         | 0,3 MPa | 0,5 MPa | Passed | Not passed |
| Fully open cold water | 0,06            | 0,10    | 0,14    | x      |            |
| 34 °C                 | 0,07            | 0,11    | 0,14    | x      |            |
| 38 °C                 | 0,07            | 0,11    | 0,14    | x      |            |
| 42 °C                 | 0,07            | 0,11    | 0,14    | x      |            |
| Fully open hot water  | 0,06            | 0,10    | 0,14    | x      |            |

| Taurus 5-1            | Flow rate (l/s) |         |         | Result |            |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|--------|------------|
|                       | 0,1 MPa         | 0,3 MPa | 0,5 MPa | Passed | Not passed |
| Fully open cold water | 0,07            | 0,12    | 0,15    | x      |            |
| 34 °C                 | 0,08            | 0,14    | 0,17    | x      |            |
| 38 °C                 | 0,08            | 0,14    | 0,17    | x      |            |
| 42 °C                 | 0,08            | 0,14    | 0,17    | x      |            |
| Fully open hot water  | 0,07            | 0,12    | 0,16    | x      |            |

Measurement uncertainty  $\pm 2\%$

**Remark: The test was carried out with the factory installed aerator**



#### 4.14 Sensitivity (NS-EN 817, Clause 10.7)

*Method: Measuring the sensitivity at 0,3 MPa*

| Mixer      | Passed | Not passed |
|------------|--------|------------|
| Taurus 3-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | x      |            |

Remark: See Appendix 1.

#### 4.15 Mechanical strength characteristics - torsion test for operating mechanism (NS-EN 817, Clause 11)

*Method: Subjecting the handle to a given torque*

| Mixer      | Torque (Nm) | Result |            |
|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
|            |             | Passed | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 6           | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 6           | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 6           | x      |            |

#### 4.16 Mechanical endurance of the control device (NS-EN 817, Clause 12.1)

*Method: Subjecting the control device to a specific number of movements*

| Mixer      | Movements | Result |            |
|------------|-----------|--------|------------|
|            |           | Passed | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 70 000    | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 70 000    | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 70 000    | x      |            |

#### 4.17 Mechanical endurance of diverters (NS-EN 817, Clause 12.2)

Method: Subjecting the diverter to a specific number of movements

| Mixer      | Movements | Result |            |
|------------|-----------|--------|------------|
|            |           | Passed | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 30 000    | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 30 000    | x      |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 30 000    | x      |            |

#### 4.18 Mechanical endurance of swivel spouts (NS-EN 817, clause 12.3)

Method: Subjecting the swivel nozzle to a specific number of movements

| Mixer      | Movements | Result |            |
|------------|-----------|--------|------------|
|            |           | Passed | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | 80 000    | x      |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | 80 000    | -1)    |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | 80 000    | x      |            |

Remark 1): The mixer has a pull-out spout, hence there is no water pressure on the swivel joint.

#### 4.19 Backflow protection (NS-EN 817, clause 13)

Method: EN 1717

| Mixer      | Result          |            |
|------------|-----------------|------------|
|            | Passed          | Not passed |
| Taurus 3-1 | x <sup>1)</sup> |            |
| Taurus 4-1 | x <sup>2)</sup> |            |
| Taurus 5-1 | x <sup>1)</sup> |            |

Remark 1: There is an airgap between the outlet and the highest level of sink

Remark 2: The mixers are equipped with a check valve on the outlet. The valve itself is not tested by SINTEF Community

#### 4.20 Acoustic characteristics (NS-EN 817, clause 14)

Method: EN ISO 3822

| Mixer      | Acoustic Group |                    |                 | 0,3 MPa |      |       | 0,5 MPa |      |       |
|------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|-------|
|            |                |                    |                 | Cold    | Hot  | Mixed | Cold    | Hot  | Mixed |
| Taurus 3-1 | II             | Fully open         | L <sub>ap</sub> | 23      | 18   | 20    | 26      | 26   | 26    |
|            |                |                    | I/s             | 0,13    | 0,13 | 0,17  | 0,16    | 0,17 | 0,22  |
|            |                | Max sound pressure | L <sub>ap</sub> | 23      | 18   | 20    | 26      | 26   | 26    |
|            |                |                    | I/s             | 0,13    | 0,13 | 0,17  | 0,16    | 0,17 | 0,22  |
| Taurus 4-1 | I              | Fully open         | L <sub>ap</sub> | 15      | 15   | 19    | 19      | 23   | 24    |
|            |                |                    | I/s             | 0,10    | 0,10 | 0,11  | 0,14    | 0,14 | 0,14  |
|            |                | Max sound pressure | L <sub>ap</sub> | 15      | 15   | 19    | 19      | 23   | 24    |
|            |                |                    | I/s             | 0,10    | 0,10 | 0,11  | 0,14    | 0,14 | 0,14  |
| Taurus 5-1 | I              | Fully open         | L <sub>ap</sub> | 15      | 13   | 15    | 18      | 20   | 20    |
|            |                |                    | I/s             | 0,12    | 0,12 | 0,14  | 0,15    | 0,16 | 0,17  |
|            |                | Max sound pressure | L <sub>ap</sub> | 18      | 16   | 18    | 21      | 22   | 26    |
|            |                |                    | I/s             | 0,10    | 0,08 | 0,09  | 0,09    | 0,14 | 0,15  |

Measurement uncertainty  $\pm 3$  dB

**Remark: The acoustic test was carried out with the factory installed aerator**

#### 4.21 Dry weight

Method: Dry weight of mixer without connecting hose or copper pipe

| Mixer      | Result             |
|------------|--------------------|
|            | Weight (Grams)     |
| Taurus 3-1 | 1680 <sup>2)</sup> |
| Taurus 4-1 | 2700 <sup>1)</sup> |
| Taurus 5-1 | 2007 <sup>2)</sup> |

Remark 1: Weight is with supply hoses.

Remark 2: Weight is without supply hoses.

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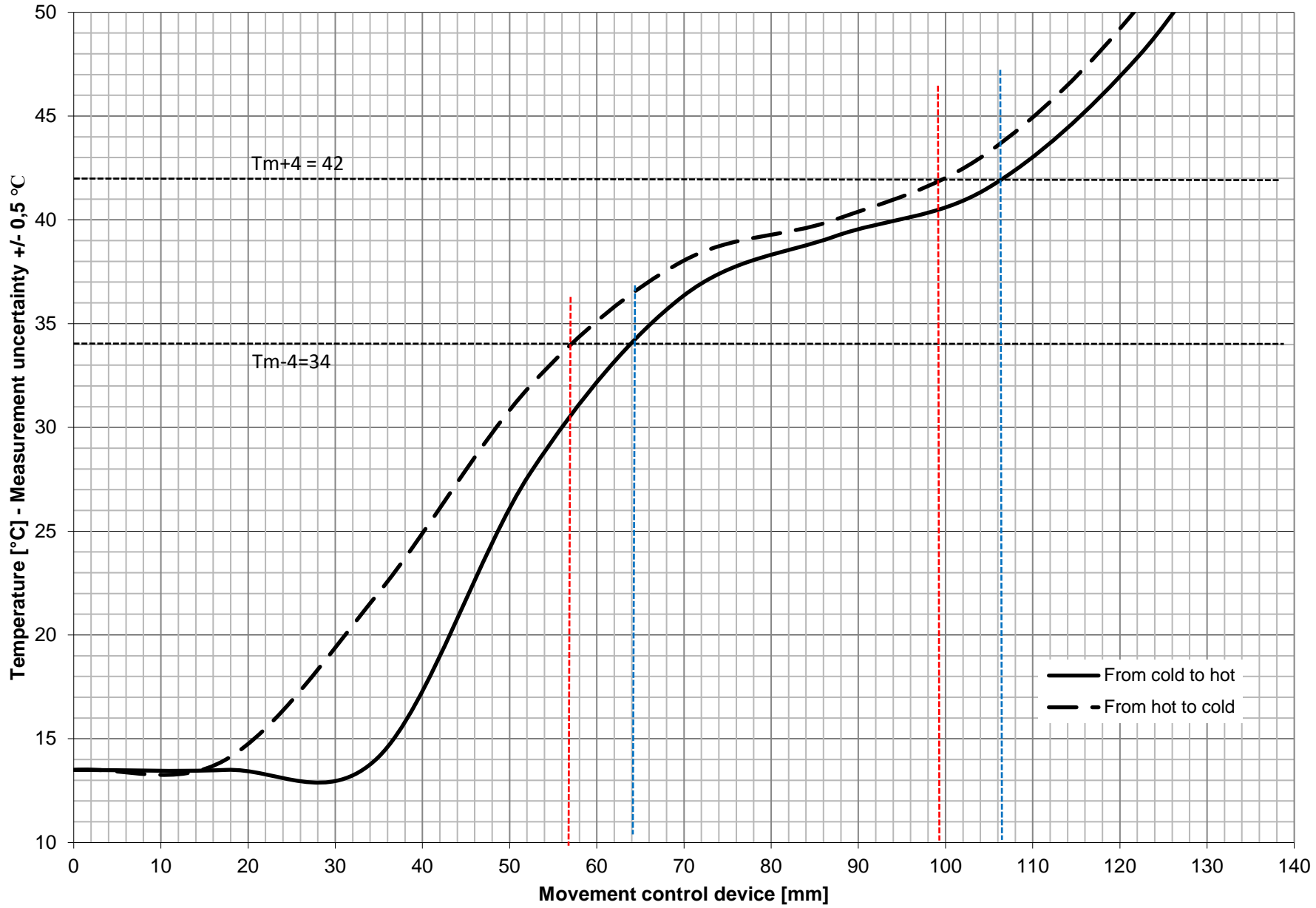
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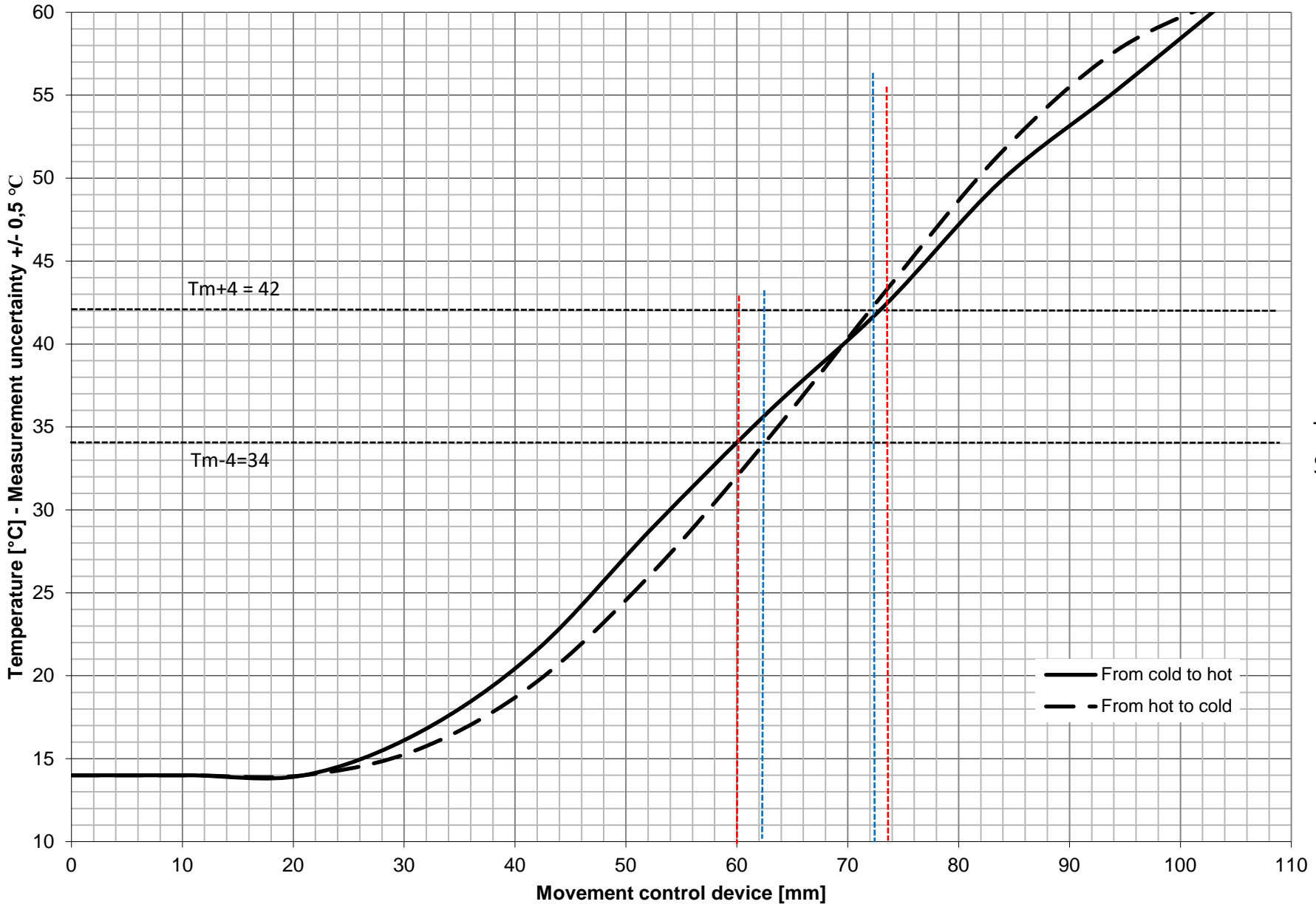
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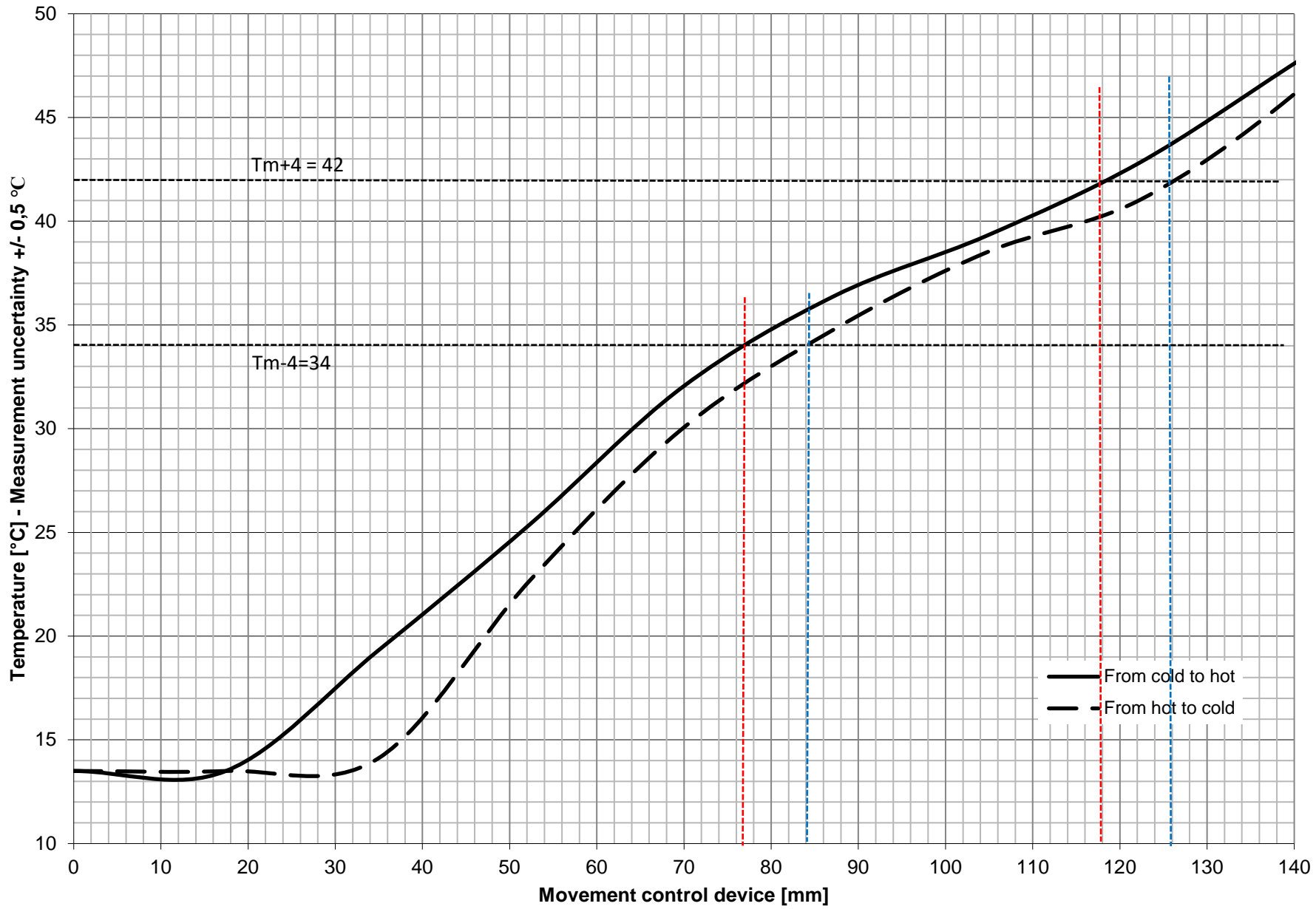
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Taurus 3-1  
Sensitivity



Taurus 4-1  
Sensitivity



Taurus 5-1  
Sensitivity

**Applied equipment - testing of Sanitary Tapware**

|                     |                                     | <i>Equipment no.</i> | <i>Type</i>             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Capacity</b>     | Grundfos CR16-120                   |                      | Pump                    |
|                     | Grundfos CR2                        |                      | Pump                    |
|                     | Grundfos CR4                        |                      | Pump                    |
|                     | Grundfos CRE4                       |                      | Pump                    |
|                     | Heinrichs EP-H-309/UMF              | 3830 + 3832          | Flow meter              |
|                     | Heinrichs EP-P-010/UMF              | 3829 + 3831          | Flow meter              |
|                     | Heinrichs EP-P-008/UMF              | 3833 + 3834          | Flow meter              |
| <b>Temperature</b>  | NBI Prod. Temp - Channel 40-45      |                      | Temperature sensor      |
|                     | HMP233                              | M5335                | Temperature sensor      |
| <b>Tightness</b>    | Leva M3 + P15RVA                    | M5344                | Pump and pressure meter |
|                     | HMB Typ P4                          | M5807-5810           | Pressure meter          |
|                     | HBM/WE2108                          | M5332                | Pressure meter          |
|                     | HBM 1-TG001E                        | -                    | Logger/amplifier        |
|                     | Kulite XTL-190SM-15BARA             | 4205                 | Pressure meter          |
|                     | Druck PDCR 830                      | M5719                | Pressure meter          |
| <b>Measurements</b> | Saltuz DAZ                          | M5650                | Torque meter            |
|                     | NBI Prod. Torque                    | M6043                | Torque meter            |
|                     | Blankenholm thread gauges           | M5232                | Thread gauge            |
|                     | Mitutoyo                            | M5386                | Slide gauge             |
| <b>Acoustics</b>    | Norsonic environmental analyser 121 | M5502                | Sound analyser          |
|                     | Norsonic environmental analyser 140 |                      | Sound analyser          |
|                     | Norsonic sound calibrator type 1251 | M5238                | Calibrator              |
|                     | Norsonic type 1201/18084            |                      | Microphone              |
| <b>Scales</b>       | Mettler AE 260 Deltarange           | M5063                | Scale                   |
|                     | Mettler PE 1600                     | M4906                | Scale                   |
|                     | Sartorius Excellence                | M5032                | Scale                   |
| <b>Misc.</b>        | Metrohm 794 Basic Titrino           | M5950                | pH meter                |
|                     | HP3497A +HBM AE3407                 | M5655                | Logger and amplifier    |
|                     | Agilent Tech. A34980A + HBM AE3407  | M5612                | Logger and amplifier    |
|                     | HBM 1-TG001E                        |                      | Logger and amplifier    |
|                     | Metrohm 827 pH lab                  | M5971                | pH meter                |
|                     | Ikamag RCT                          |                      | heater/stirrer          |
|                     | ELGA Purelab Option Q               |                      | Water deionizer         |
|                     | Grundfos CR16-120                   |                      | Pump                    |