

## **Porosity Testing Checklist**

1. Select Measurement Techniques
[] Mercury Porosimetry: Suitable for larger pore sizes and bulk materials.
[] Gas Adsorption (BET Analysis): Ideal for specific surface area and microporosity.
[] Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM): Provides detailed visualization of pore structures.
[ ] Other:
2. Prepare the Sample
[] Ensure samples are clean and free of contaminants.
[] Adjust sample size and geometry for the selected measurement technique.
[] Store samples in a controlled environment before testing (e.g., desiccator for dry samples).
[] Record sample details (e.g., source, weight, dimensions).
3. Calibrate Equipment
[] Verify instrument calibration before testing.
[] Use appropriate calibration standards for the selected technique.
[] Document calibration results and confirm equipment performance.
4. Conduct the Test



[] Set up equipment according to the chosen technique.



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[] Input sample data and test parameters (e.g., pressure range for mercury porosimetry).
[] Monitor the test to ensure stable and accurate readings.
[] Save raw data and observations during the test.
5. Analyze Results
[] Review raw data and ensure consistency.
[] Calculate key metrics:
[] Pore size distribution.
[] Specific surface area.
[] Porosity percentage.
[] Cross-check results with material specifications or desired outcomes.
[] Identify any anomalies or unexpected results for further investigation.
6. Report Findings
[] Compile data into a clear and concise report.
[] Include graphs or images (e.g., pore distribution curves, SEM images).
[] Highlight critical findings and deviations from expected values.
[] Provide actionable recommendations based on the results.
7. Maintain Equipment

[] Clean and store equipment according to manufacturer guidelines.





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[] Replace consumables or damaged parts as needed.
[] Schedule routine maintenance to ensure long-term accuracy.
[] Record maintenance actions in the equipment log.

