

Trace Evidence: Glass

I. Glass Introduction

A. = a _____ type of trace evidence

B. _____ of glass

1. Common material in our _____

2. Found in many _____, sizes, _____, and types

3. Composed of fused _____ material

o Mixture of:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- Other trace elements

4. Variation in _____ formulas can alter significantly its characteristic _____

5. Additives' responsibilities

a. Alumina (_____)

- o Aluminum oxide
- o Improves chemical _____ and _____

b. Boron Oxide (_____)

- o Addition used in borosilicate & aluminoborosilicate glasses.
- o Very _____

a. Lime (_____)

- o Added to improve _____ & chemical _____

c. Lead oxide (_____)

- o High lead content lowers _____ = _____
hardness, but _____ refractive index

II. _____ of Glass

a. Aluminosilicate & borosilicate

- o Can _____ temps.

b. Laminated glass

- o Glass w _____ - used in car _____

c. _____ glass

- o Fine crystal

d. Soda lime glass

- o _____ & _____ glass, glass containers, electric _____
_____, art objects

e. _____ (stressed) glass

- o Side & back windows of cars; breaks into _____

III. Glass as Evidence

A. Physical—_____

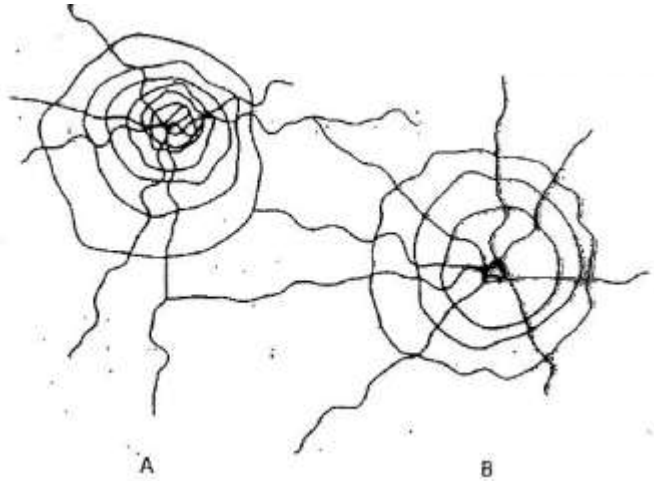
1. Can be used to _____ people at a crime scene and _____
sequence of events

- o Does this make glass CLASS or INDIVIDUAL evidence???

- Can be used to reconstruct events
- _____
- Blood
- Glass is slightly _____
 - When it reaches its _____ = _____
 - this leads to _____
 - 2 Distinct types of fractures
 1. _____
 2. _____

Key = _____ cracks will _____ when they hit _____ cracks. This info can help determine _____ of events.

Figure 17-3: Impact radial fracture lines in glass end abruptly at fracture lines produced by a previous impact. In this case, Fracture B followed Fracture A.



- Direction of Impact
 - Found from _____ marks on the _____ of broken glass.
 - At the _____ of _____, glass will break with a _____ pattern (shell-like)

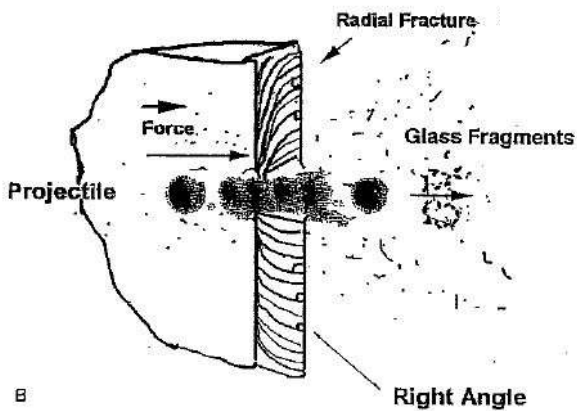


Figure 16.8B Coring effect fracture. The result of the impact of a high velocity projectile on glass. The fragmentation, coring, and fracture lines that confirm the direction from which the force originated can be seen.

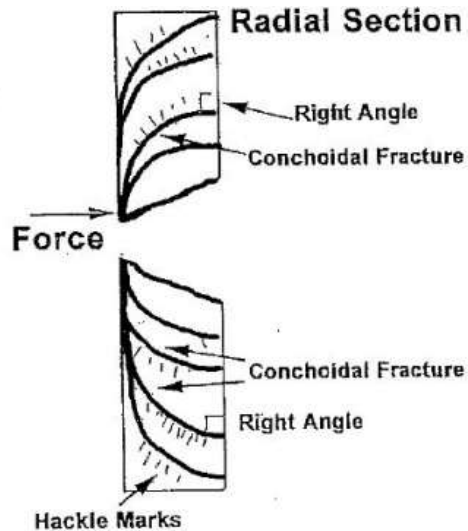


Figure 16.9 Expanded view of the conchoidal marks that appear on a fractured glass edge. The smaller hackle marks and the missing core area mentioned in Figure 14.8B are also shown.

B. Density determination =

C. Refractive index (____) determination

1. Background:

- a. **Refraction** = the _____ of a _____ wave as it passes from one _____ to another
- b. **Refractive Index (RI)** = a _____ of the speed of _____ in a vacuum to the speed of light in _____ substance
 - o **Sample calculation:** speed of light in vacuum is 3.00×10^{10} and the speed of light in water is 2.25×10^{10}
 - o Thus RI of water =

2. Determining the RI from samples in an investigation:

- a. Different types of _____ will have _____
- b. To analyze this property →
Glass fragments can be _____ in a liquid with a _____ refractive index to help _____ the RI of the _____
 - i. Analysis method 1

Liquid	Refractive index
Ethyl acetate	1.373
n-butyl alcohol	1.402
Olive oil	1.467
Corn oil	1.473
Castor oil	1.482
Methyl salicylate	1.522
Clove oil	1.543
Canola oil	1.465-1.467

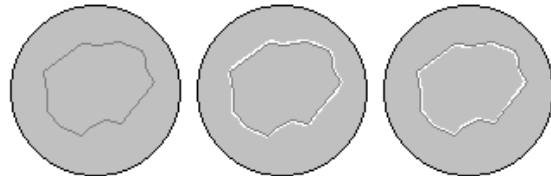
--If the liquid has the _____ RI as the glass sample, the glass will _____ under a microscope.

--If the liquid has a _____ or _____ RI, the glass is visible and a _____ appears around perimeter (we call this halo the _____).

... when RIs are the _____, the Becke line _____

... if Becke line appears on the _____ perimeter = Glass has _____

... if Becke line appears on _____ perimeter = Glass has _____



ii. Analysis method 2

- RI is dependant on:
 - o The _____ of light
 - o The _____ of the medium
 - o When the temp. of a liquid is changed, the RI changes rapidly, but the RI of an immersed solid will not
 - o _____ usually used
 - o Oil _____ so RI can be determined from its temp.
 - o Sample glass is immersed in oil
 - o Oil is _____ to determine match temp.
 - Glass _____
 - Oil RI = Glass RI

D. Chemical Tests

- _____
- Test for silicates, metal oxides, trace evidence