



# GLUTEN INDEX

APPLICATION AND  
METHOD



**Perten Glutomatic® 2000 System**  
Measure Gluten Quantity and Quality



WORLD STANDARD TEST FOR GLUTEN IN FLOUR, WHEAT, DURUM, AND SEMOLINA



RESULTS AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATED AND STORED IN GLUTOMATIC 2000

## The World Standard Method

In many world markets, wheat and flour quality is often based upon protein content. While total protein content is very important, it is only part of the information required to determine suitable wheat and flour usage. Many situations require additional information about the functional properties and quality of the protein to predict dough and baking properties.

### Gluten

**Gluten** is the functional component of protein and determines many dough and processing characteristics of wheat and wheat flour. Protein content is a purely quantitative analysis that may or may not be indicative of protein quality. While gluten content and protein content are correlated, there are situations during which protein content will not be indicative of quality. These situations include:

- Variable Growing Conditions
- Yearly Growing Variation
- Wheat Varietal Variation
- Wheat or Flour Blends
- Heat Damage and Bug Damage
- Enzymatic Addition

**It is under these conditions** when the reported protein content is not indicative of quality that another set of tests is required. The Glutenomatic system is designed to measure protein quality for the following parameters:

- Wet Gluten Content and Dry Gluten Content
- Water Binding of Gluten
- Gluten strength by Gluten Index

### The Glutenomatic System Uses

**The Glutenomatic System** helps users identify wheat and flour with the properties necessary for particular products. Most breads and pastas require high protein content with strong gluten. Cakes, crackers and pastries require weaker gluten to produce high quality end products.

**The Glutenomatic System** is rapid, easy to use, and the results are easy to interpret. The test can be performed at silos, by grain traders, flour millers, bakers, pasta producers and any other flour users. By setting a Gluten Index specification on incoming materials, one of the more important properties can become more consistent. Gluten quality does not only effect end-product quality, but plays an important role in processing.

**The Glutenomatic Method** provides a way for users to measure many gluten properties in one test. The Gluten Index method is the only method to determine gluten quality without first extracting flour. The method is suitable for both wheat meal and flour.



### Calculation

$$\text{Gluten Index (GI)} = \frac{\text{Wet Gluten remained on sieve (g)}}{\text{Total Wet Gluten (g)}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Wet Gluten Content (WGC)} = \text{Total Wet Gluten (g)} \times 10$$

$$\text{Dry Gluten Content (DGC)} = \text{Dry Gluten Weight (g)} \times 10$$

$$\text{Water Binding in Wet Gluten (WB)} = \text{WGC} - \text{DGC}$$



FLOUR, WHEAT, DURUM, AND SEMOLINA



COMPARABLE GLUTEN QUALITY AND QUANTITY RESULTS

## Benefits of the Gluten Index Test

The **Glutomatic system** provides important information of gluten properties. It is a valuable tool for breeders, grain traders/handlers, flour mills, bakeries, pasta producers and vital wheat gluten manufacturers.



### Breeding

**By measuring** the functional properties of protein at an early stage – without having to extract flour – breeders can select the appropriate wheat classes for further breeding and refinement.



### Grain Trading and Handling

**The ease of use** and the speed of the method enable the user to classify the incoming wheat based on gluten quantity and quality, essential for maximizing trade margins and supplying products suitable for varying end-use purposes.



### Flour Milling

**Millers can blend flour** to meet end-user demands while not selling high quality product at a low price thereby improving operating margins. With the Gluten Index, the Wet Gluten Content and the Falling Number analysis results available, millers can quickly predict the final baking quality, reducing the requirement for test baking.



### Baking

**The gluten properties and structure are important to:** Form elastic dough, retain gas during fermentation and baking, allow expansion, carry expansion, retain the shape of loaf.

**As baking quality** is both related to starch and protein characteristics, a combination of the results from the Falling Number and Glutomatic tests can be used to predict the baking quality.



### With the Gluten quality and quantity

information at hand, bakeries are able to use the most cost effective grade of flour while still meeting end user quality. Maximizing the use of high quality flour and minimizing addition of expensive vital gluten results in substantial savings.



### Durum and Pasta

**The Gluten Index** is reported worldwide in crop reports as an important quality indicator. During pasta manufacturing, gluten has great influence in: forming non-sticky dough, achieving desired processing characteristics, maintaining firmness and cooking stability, obtaining products with desired cooking characteristics.

# The Gluten Index Method with Perten Glutomatic® 2000 System

**Definition:** The Gluten Index is defined as the percentage of wet gluten which remains on a special sieve when prepared and centrifuged according to the prescribed standardized method.

**Principle:** Wet Gluten is prepared from whole meal or flour by the Glutomatic 2000 gluten washer. Gluten Index Centrifuge 2010 is used to force the wet gluten through a specially designed sieve cassette. The relative amount of gluten passing through the sieve indicates the gluten characteristics. The wet gluten is further dried in the Glutork 2020 for dry gluten content and water binding in the wet gluten calculation.

## Gluten Content and Gluten Index

AACC/No. 38-12.02  
ICC/No. 155 and 158  
IRAM 15864

## Wet Gluten Content

ICC/No. 137/1

## Wet and Dry Gluten Content

ISO 21415-2 and -4  
GBT 5506.2 and .4  
CCAT Method 13

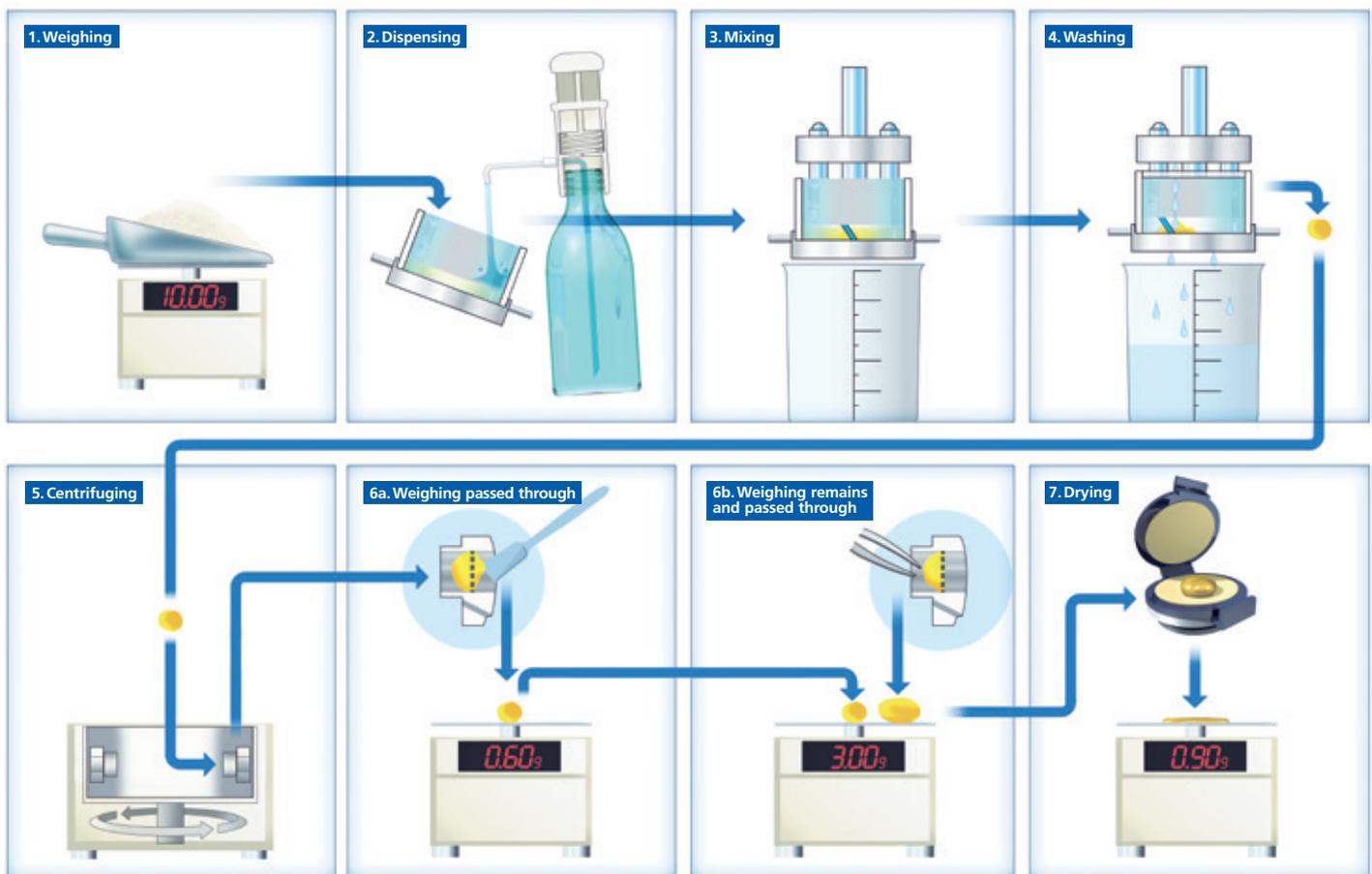


**1. Weighing** 10.0 g ± 0.01 g of whole meal or flour is weighed and put into the Glutomatic wash chamber with an 88 micron polyester sieve. When vital wheat gluten is measured, 1.5 ± 0.01 g is weighed.

**2. Dispensing** 4.8 ml of salt solution is added to the meal or flour samples. No salt solution is added to vital wheat gluten samples.

**3. Mixing** Meal or flour and the salt solution are mixed to form a dough during 20 seconds.

**4. Washing** After termination of the mixing phase, the washing automatically starts and continues for five minutes. For wheat meal the sample is after two minutes transferred to a chamber equipped with a coarse 840 micron sieve allowing bran particles to be washed out.



**5. Centrifuging** The undivided wet gluten piece is transferred to the special sieve cassette and exactly 30 seconds after completed washing it is centrifuged one minute at 6000 ± 5 rpm in Centrifuge 2010.

**6. Weighing** The fraction passed through the sieves is scraped off with a spatula and weighed. The fraction remaining on the inside of the sieve is collected and added to the balance. The total wet gluten weight is obtained.

**7. Drying** The total wet gluten piece is dried at min. 150 °C during four minutes in the Glutork 2020. After drying the gluten is weighed on the balance.

Flour	Left	Mean	Right
2020-04-23 17:03:03	234	234	234
Wet gluten content	31.6 %	32.0 %	32.3 %
Gluten index	86	87	87
Dry gluten content	9.2 %	9.1 %	9.0 %
Water Binding Capacity	22.4 %	22.8 %	23.3 %

Report

Results are automatically calculated in the Glutomatic 2000

# Required Equipment



**Glutomatic 2000** Dual instrument, for dough mixing and gluten washing.

**Centrifuge 2010** Speed controlled Gluten Index Centrifuge 2010 with two sieve cassettes for the Gluten Index Test.

**Glutork 2020** Gluten dryer for determination of the dry gluten content.

# Accessories

**Laboratory Mill 3100 or 120**

Hammer type mills for rapid and convenient grinding of whole wheat to wheat meal for Glutomatic tests as well as other analysis.

**Balance:** Required accuracy +/- 0,05 gram or better. Certain balance models can be connected to Glutomatic 2000 for automatic input of the weights.



For more information on our Glutomatic 2000 System, please visit [www.perkinelmer.com/glutomatic](http://www.perkinelmer.com/glutomatic)

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