

## Quantitative study on erosion degree of bone china glaze by common acid reagent at different temperature

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In this experiment, we selected "Tangshan bone china" 10.5-inch white porcelain flat plate produced by five different enterprises as experimental samples to study the erosion of bone porcelain enamel by different kinds of acidic reagents at different temperatures. The specific experimental process was as follows: at different temperatures, 20% hydrochloric acid, 30% sulfuric acid, 100 g/L citric acid and 10% acetic acid were used to continuously erode the sample glaze for 10h, and the whiteness and 45° mirror direction gloss were measured every 2h. The results show that different acidic reagents at different temperatures have significant differences in the erosion characteristics and strength of bone porcelain glaze, and the corrosion resistance of products from different enterprises also have significant differences.

**Key words:** Corrosion resistance mechanism, Difference, Time and temperature effects, Whiteness index, Glossiness index.

### Introduction

Bone china originated in Britain in the 18th century, and is now recognized as a high-grade porcelain, with the excellent quality of "thin as paper, transparent as mirror, sound as chime, white as jade" favored by consumers at home and abroad. Bone china is made from the ashes of herbivores, supplemented by inorganic nonmetallic materials such as kaolin, feldspar and quartz, and is fired through two processes of high-temperature pigment firing and low-temperature glaze firing. Bone china production technology was born in Tangshan in the early 1970s. After more than 40 years of strong development, Tangshan has formed the largest bone porcelain production base in Asia. "Tangshan bone porcelain" was also approved by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine as a geographical indication protection product in 2012 [1-3]. Unlike ordinary porcelain, the

chemical stability of the glaze of bone china is relatively low. In daily life, when bone china is used to hold acidic food or condiments in the diet, imperfections of different depths will appear on the glaze, resulting in a decrease in its use value [4, 5]. In order to study the effect of acid reagent on the color and gloss of bone porcelain glaze, four kinds of acid solutions with different concentrations and temperatures were used to continuously act on five groups of samples, and their whiteness and glossiness were quantitatively tested every 2 hours to analyze the change trend of the two indexes [6].

### Corrosion resistance mechanism of bone porcelain glaze

#### Relationship between bone china phase, whiteness and glossiness

Bone china is mainly composed of crystal phase, glass phase and gas phase, which is composed of tricalcium phosphate ( $\beta$ -C<sub>3</sub>P): 42-46V%; Calcium feldspar (CAS<sub>2</sub>): 34-39V%; Residual quartz (Q): < 3V%; Glass phase (G): 16-20V%; Stomata: 3-5%. Glaze gloss is based on the reflection effect of the sample surface and depends on phase composition and surface finish. Due to the different refractive index of each phase, refraction, reflection and diffraction of light must occur on the phase boundary when the light enters the

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ceramic mold [7]. If the glass phase composition of porcelain embryo is not uniform, the propagation of incident light will be disturbed and the scattering loss will be increased, which will lead to the decrease of glaze gloss and permeability of porcelain embryo. The whiteness of porcelain embryo is not only related to the optical properties of porcelain body, but also affected by stomata. Low stomata rate (<5%) and small stomata (<2.3 μm) are the prerequisites for maintaining a higher whiteness of bone porcelain. Therefore, in order to form a reasonable microstructure, the ratio of raw materials, the fineness of the billet and the firing process should meet the requirements of the unique chemical properties of bone china [8].

### Corrosion mechanism of acid solution on ceramic glaze

The glaze thickness of bone china is usually 0.2-1.0 mm, and the whiteness and mirror reflectance of the glaze are high. It has certain hardness and brittleness, and its chemical composition is not fixed, similar to that of vitreous solid solution.

The corrosion of ceramic glaze by acidic substances is mainly to decompose the alkaline components in the glaze, so that  $\text{Na}^+$  ions are in a free state and  $\text{H}^+$  ions penetrate into the glaze layer. Although the cationic carrier and the corresponding electron neutralization force have not changed, the chemical composition of the glaze has changed. The corrosive effect of acid on the glaze begins with the replacement of  $\text{OH}^-$  group with  $\text{SiO}_4^{4-}$ . When the product appeared as  $\text{ONa}^-$  group, the water molecule was adsorbed again, and the decomposition continued until the final complex  $\text{Si}^{4+} + \text{O}^{2-} + 6\text{H}^+ + 8\text{xNa}^+ + \text{X}$  was formed [9]. In addition, the corrosive characteristic of acidic substances is the destruction and reorganization of the original network structure of the sample, and the difference of the shape of the corroded interface will have a certain impact on the corrosion effect [10, 11].

### General technical requirements of "Tangshan bone china" [12]

#### Main Raw materials

**Table 1.** The chemical composition indicators of porcelain clay.

Porcelain clay	The indicators of chemical composition				Caustic soda
	Name	No less than(%)	Name	No more than(%)	No greater than(%)
purple knar clay	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	34.5	$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	0.5	15
	$\text{SiO}_2$	48.01			
feldspar	$\text{K}_2\text{O} + \text{Na}_2\text{O}$	13	$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	0.5	—
quartz	$\text{SiO}_2$	96	—	—	—
K 18	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	30	$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	0.3	16
oxalic acid	$\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	95	—	—	—
leadless frit	$\text{PbO}$	content?0	$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	0.1	—

The raw material of the blank shall be china clay with each component content in accordance with the provisions of Table 1, and the raw material of the glaze shall be frit with  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  content of 8%~15%. The bone of herbivorous animals calcined at 1100 °C~1250 °C with the content of 98% tricalcium phosphate was mixed into the raw material of bone china as natural bone carbon, and accounted for about 40%~50% of the raw material of bone china.

### Processing requirements

#### Process flow

Tangshan bone china (white china): raw material processing → molding → high temperature pigment firing → low temperature glaze firing → white china.

### Firing temperature

The temperature range of high-temperature element is 1240 °C~1255 °C.

The low-temperature glaze firing temperature ranges from 1100 °C to 1150 °C.

## Experiment

### Experimental samples and preparation

From the samples provided by five enterprises in Tangshan production area, two 10.5-inch white porcelain plates were selected as 10 samples to be tested. There is no crack or lack of glaze on the surface of the sample. Four pieces of porcelain with an area of about 2500 mm<sup>2</sup>~3000 mm<sup>2</sup> are cut from the bottom of each sample as samples. All the samples were cleaned and placed in the electric blast drying oven at (100±5)°C for 30 min, and then placed in the dryer for cooling for more than 2h. Then, they were transferred to a dryer and cooled for more than 2 hours. WSB-VI intelligent whiteness tester and KGZ-1C intelligent gloss tester were used to measure the whiteness and gloss of the glaze surface of the samples after drying.

### Experimental steps

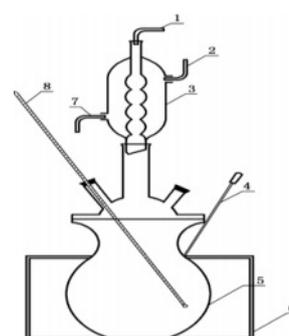
#### Experiment at room temperature

Under the conditions of ambient temperature (23±5) °C,

humidity (70±5)%RH and shading, 2.0 mL of 20% (mass fraction) hydrochloric acid solution, 30% (mass fraction) sulfuric acid solution, 100 g/L citric acid solution and 10% (volume fraction) acetic acid solution were transferred to the surface of five groups of bone china samples. The acid erosion time was 10 h±10 min. The whiteness of the glaze and the glossiness of the 45 mirror shall be measured every 2 hours. Before the test, the area to be tested shall be washed clean with distilled water and sucked dry with a fluorine-free filter paper.

### Heating experiment

Install the test device as shown in Fig. 1, and place the bone china samples to be tested in a flat-bottomed reaction bottle. Fill a flat-bottomed reaction flask with 2000 mL of test solution at a level above the sample. Heat the test solution to 100 °C. Start timing after acid boiling, boiling acid erosion time is set to 10 h±10 min.



**Figure 1.** Schematic diagram of heating experimental apparatus. (1-nitrogen pipe; 2 - water inlet; 3 - condenser pipe; 4 - Temperature sensors; 5 - Flat bottomed reaction bottles; 6 - electric heating circle; 7 - outlet; 8 - thermometer)

During the experiment, heating was stopped every 2 hours and samples were taken out to determine the whiteness and gloss of the glaze.

**Table 2.** Determination and change rate of whiteness and glossiness of enamel of bone china samples before and after acid etching.

The erosion solution	Sample number	Duration of erosion	Measurement of whiteness (W)		Rate (%)		Glossiness measured value		Rate (%)	
			At room temperature	boiling	At room temperature	boiling	At room temperature	boiling	At room temperature	boiling
20% hydrochloric acid	1 <sup>#</sup>	0h	84.15	84.12	-	-	60.31	60.33	-	-
		2h	84.05	83.11	0.12	1.20	47.57	57.85	21.13	4.11
		4h	83.96	81.50	0.23	3.12	34.83	55.53	42.25	7.96
		6h	83.75	83.22	0.47	1.07	25.27	47.48	58.10	21.30
		8h	83.62	83.40	0.63	0.85	23.47	53.77	61.09	10.88
		10h	83.20	83.89	1.13	0.27	22.51	58.04	62.68	3.80
	2 <sup>#</sup>	0h	81.34	81.32	-	-	62.43	62.45	-	-
		2h	80.97	80.31	0.46	1.24	37.25	60.04	40.33	3.86
		4h	80.65	79.39	0.85	2.37	34.29	57.44	45.07	8.02
		6h	80.78	80.30	0.69	1.25	31.90	48.55	48.91	22.26
		8h	79.99	80.53	1.66	0.97	29.62	55.37	52.55	11.33
		10h	79.71	81.21	2.00	0.13	27.91	59.81	55.29	4.23
	3 <sup>#</sup>	0h	82.71	82.74	-	-	58.75	58.73	-	-
		2h	82.33	81.94	0.46	0.97	50.80	55.78	13.53	5.02
		4h	82.42	80.47	0.35	2.74	41.67	53.31	29.07	9.23
		6h	81.88	81.94	1.00	0.97	31.11	45.40	47.05	22.69
		8h	81.38	82.10	1.61	0.77	26.06	52.16	55.64	11.18
		10h	81.21	82.59	1.81	0.18	23.54	55.90	59.94	4.82
	4 <sup>#</sup>	0h	85.63	85.61	-	-	64.75	64.77	-	-
		2h	85.45	85.02	0.21	0.69	54.47	62.37	15.87	3.71
4h		85.28	84.74	0.41	1.02	42.29	60.75	34.69	6.21	
6h		84.92	84.63	0.83	1.14	33.52	49.59	48.23	23.44	
8h		84.56	85.32	1.25	0.34	32.11	53.61	50.41	17.23	
10h		83.63	85.45	2.34	0.19	31.32	61.10	51.63	5.67	
5 <sup>#</sup>	0h	83.33	83.36	-	-	56.37	56.39	-	-	
	2h	83.02	82.63	0.37	0.87	45.08	53.55	20.02	5.03	
	4h	82.79	82.33	0.65	1.23	36.48	51.06	35.28	9.45	

Table 2. Continued.

The erosion solution	Sample number	Duration of erosion	Measurement of whiteness (W)		Rate (%)		Glossiness measured value		Rate (%)		
			At room temperature	boiling	At room temperature	boiling	At room temperature	boiling	At room temperature	boiling	
20% hydrochloric acid	5 <sup>#</sup>	6h	82.92	82.26	0.49	1.32	31.25	42.84	44.57	24.03	
		8h	82.24	82.95	1.31	0.49	30.26	47.11	46.32	16.46	
		10h	81.96	83.13	1.65	0.28	28.95	52.61	48.65	6.70	
	1 <sup>#</sup>	0h	84.22	84.24	-	-	60.27	60.29	-	-	
		2h	84.16	83.73	0.07	0.61	41.35	59.78	31.40	0.84	
		4h	83.64	84.48	0.69	0.28	38.72	58.65	35.76	2.72	
		6h	81.60	84.71	3.11	0.56	31.22	57.88	48.20	3.99	
		8h	80.87	85.33	3.98	1.29	29.83	46.32	50.50	23.17	
		10h	78.77	85.84	6.47	1.90	28.07	44.83	53.42	25.64	
	2 <sup>#</sup>	0h	81.35	81.37	-	-	62.52	62.50	-	-	
		2h	81.01	80.96	0.42	0.51	40.43	61.14	35.34	2.17	
		4h	80.19	81.64	1.42	0.33	37.24	58.39	40.44	6.58	
		6h	79.96	82.22	1.71	1.04	36.03	56.21	42.37	10.06	
		8h	77.36	82.40	4.91	1.26	35.46	45.71	43.28	26.87	
		10h	76.83	82.49	5.56	1.38	34.42	43.99	44.95	29.61	
	30% of sulfuric acid	3 <sup>#</sup>	0h	82.80	82.82	-	-	58.72	58.70	-	-
			2h	82.59	82.41	0.25	0.50	40.66	57.41	30.76	2.19
			4h	81.23	83.08	1.90	0.31	35.20	55.07	40.05	6.18
6h			80.88	83.52	2.32	0.85	33.69	52.68	42.62	10.25	
8h			80.16	83.66	3.19	1.01	31.43	44.32	46.47	24.50	
10h			79.55	83.81	3.92	1.19	31.70	41.25	46.01	29.73	
4 <sup>#</sup>		0h	85.60	85.59	-	-	64.76	64.74	-	-	
		2h	85.46	85.20	0.16	0.45	48.47	63.85	25.16	1.37	
		4h	84.38	86.03	1.43	0.51	36.79	62.65	43.19	3.23	
		6h	80.42	86.26	6.05	0.78	35.27	62.55	45.53	3.39	
		8h	78.87	86.97	7.86	1.61	35.64	49.11	44.97	24.14	
		10h	75.90	86.56	11.33	1.13	34.83	48.05	46.21	25.78	
5 <sup>#</sup>		0h	83.43	83.41	-	-	56.38	56.35	-	-	
		2h	83.15	83.11	0.34	0.36	40.37	55.51	28.39	1.49	
		4h	82.35	83.79	1.29	0.46	35.16	53.37	37.64	5.28	
		6h	82.12	84.21	1.57	0.96	33.67	51.15	40.28	9.23	
		8h	80.27	84.31	3.79	1.08	31.85	41.23	43.51	26.84	
		10h	79.29	84.45	4.96	1.25	32.05	39.39	43.16	30.10	
100 g/L citric acid	1 <sup>#</sup>	0h	84.18	84.20	-	-	60.42	60.40	-	-	
		2h	83.80	84.17	0.45	0.04	63.96	59.98	5.86	0.69	
		4h	83.64	84.15	0.64	0.06	63.75	58.30	5.51	3.47	
		6h	83.17	84.03	1.20	0.20	62.66	54.87	3.71	9.16	
		8h	82.35	84.24	2.17	0.05	59.68	38.29	1.23	36.61	
		10h	83.36	84.46	0.98	0.31	58.02	35.87	3.98	40.62	
	2 <sup>#</sup>	0h	81.30	81.28	-	-	62.44	62.42	-	-	
		2h	81.10	81.22	0.24	0.07	65.99	62.71	5.68	0.47	
		4h	81.06	81.19	0.30	0.11	63.07	60.48	1.01	3.11	
		6h	81.04	81.11	0.32	0.21	59.26	58.17	5.09	6.81	
		8h	81.01	81.20	0.36	0.10	58.55	45.06	6.23	27.81	
		10h	81.10	81.50	0.24	0.27	56.22	42.99	9.96	31.13	

Table 2. Continued.

The erosion solution	Sample number	Duration of erosion	Measurement of whiteness (W)		Rate (%)		Glossiness measured value		Rate (%)	
			At room temperature	boiling	At room temperature	boiling	At room temperature	boiling	At room temperature	boiling
100 g/L citric acid	3 <sup>#</sup>	0h	82.77	82.79	-	-	58.77	58.75	-	-
		2h	82.59	82.64	0.22	0.18	61.44	58.49	4.55	0.44
		4h	82.54	82.52	0.28	0.33	60.30	58.38	2.61	0.63
		6h	82.30	82.47	0.57	0.39	58.47	58.20	0.51	0.93
		8h	81.88	83.66	1.07	1.05	55.28	50.01	5.93	14.87
		10h	81.67	83.72	1.33	1.12	50.35	48.18	14.33	18.00
	4 <sup>#</sup>	0h	85.58	85.55	-	-	64.71	64.73	-	-
		2h	85.31	85.36	0.31	0.22	68.41	64.38	5.72	0.54
		4h	85.28	85.14	0.35	0.48	66.97	64.16	3.49	0.88
		6h	85.00	85.16	0.68	0.46	65.47	63.97	1.17	1.17
		8h	84.36	86.25	1.42	0.82	62.47	56.97	3.46	11.99
		10h	84.14	86.40	1.68	0.99	60.91	53.98	5.88	16.61
	5 <sup>#</sup>	0h	83.41	83.44	-	-	56.40	56.42	-	-
		2h	83.09	83.36	0.38	0.09	59.91	56.68	6.22	0.46
		4h	82.97	83.36	0.53	0.10	59.43	54.70	5.38	3.05
6h		82.55	83.22	1.03	0.26	58.46	52.30	3.65	7.30	
8h		81.78	83.36	1.95	0.09	55.88	38.61	0.92	31.57	
10h		82.65	83.65	0.91	0.25	54.56	35.09	3.27	37.80	
10% acetic acid	1 <sup>#</sup>	0h	84.19	84.17	-	-	60.36	60.38	-	-
		2h	83.74	83.90	0.53	0.32	56.75	44.08	5.98	27.00
		4h	83.05	83.91	1.35	0.31	54.66	43.91	9.44	27.28
		6h	83.06	83.29	1.34	1.05	53.85	42.23	10.78	30.06
		8h	83.03	83.97	1.38	0.24	53.89	43.36	10.72	28.19
		10h	83.09	83.62	1.31	0.65	53.86	48.19	10.77	20.19
	2 <sup>#</sup>	0h	81.33	81.34	-	-	62.46	62.48	-	-
		2h	81.00	80.76	0.41	0.71	60.43	48.69	3.25	22.07
		4h	79.44	80.86	2.33	0.59	49.89	42.29	20.12	32.31
		6h	79.27	80.52	2.53	1.01	48.73	41.04	21.98	34.32
		8h	79.26	80.94	2.54	0.49	47.28	42.67	24.30	31.71
		10h	79.33	80.79	2.46	0.68	37.32	49.00	40.25	21.58
3 <sup>#</sup>	0h	82.78	82.76	-	-	58.65	58.68	-	-	
	2h	82.40	81.65	0.46	1.34	56.62	44.93	3.46	23.44	
	4h	81.79	81.68	1.19	1.30	55.24	44.69	5.82	23.84	
	6h	81.40	81.74	1.67	1.23	51.90	43.39	11.51	26.06	
	8h	80.76	81.87	2.44	1.08	50.20	44.45	14.41	24.25	
	10h	80.53	81.92	2.72	1.02	49.27	49.01	15.99	16.48	
4 <sup>#</sup>	0h	85.62	85.64	-	-	64.82	64.80	-	-	
	2h	85.30	85.62	0.37	0.02	62.01	50.68	4.33	21.79	
	4h	83.81	85.68	2.11	0.05	60.04	37.52	7.37	42.10	
	6h	83.62	85.67	2.34	0.04	56.26	37.31	13.21	42.43	
	8h	83.56	85.72	2.41	0.09	54.86	37.20	15.36	42.59	
	10h	83.59	85.63	2.37	0.01	54.07	46.33	16.58	28.51	
5 <sup>#</sup>	0h	83.42	83.39	-	-	56.41	56.43	-	-	
	2h	82.91	82.39	0.61	1.20	53.79	43.01	4.64	23.79	
	4h	82.14	82.40	1.53	1.19	52.56	42.84	6.82	24.08	
	6h	82.15	81.79	1.52	1.92	49.16	41.20	12.85	26.99	
	8h	82.12	82.46	1.56	1.12	48.07	42.31	14.79	25.03	
	10h	82.16	82.11	1.51	1.53	47.25	47.02	16.23	16.68	

**Table 3.**  $F_{(test\ value)}$  of whiteness and glossiness measured after the glaze of bone china samples was eroded by acid at different temperatures.

Duration of erosion	Test parameters	F(test value) of the change rate of glaze quality parameters of each group					F(table lookup value) $\alpha=0.05$	
		1 <sup>#</sup>	2 <sup>#</sup>	3 <sup>#</sup>	4 <sup>#</sup>	5 <sup>#</sup>		
2h~10h	At room temperature	whiteness	2.745	3.674	2.973	3.814	2.113	3.239
		gloss	32.689	32.118	16.219	23.854	38.625	
	boiling	whiteness	6.305	10.057	8.478	5.085	21.106	
		gloss	2.074	2.798	3.242	9.163	0.816	
2h	whiteness	At room temperature, 0.829 and 0.062 were boiled						
	gloss	Room temperature 0.152, boiling 0.001						
4h	whiteness	Room temperature 0.269, boiling 0.078						
	gloss	Room temperature 0.109, boiling 0.006						
6h	whiteness	0.585 at room temperature, boiling 0.076					3.056 (whiteness), 2.211 (gloss)	
	gloss	Room temperature 0.039, boiling 0.002						
8h	whiteness	Room temperature: 0.281, boiling: 0.093						
	gloss	Room temperature 0.032, boiling 0.052						
10h	whiteness	Room temperature 0.426, boiling 0.140						
	gloss	Room temperature 0.096, boiling 0.047						
note	The value of F(test value) in the table is calculated by the change rate of whiteness and glossiness of each group of bone china samples before and after corrosion by different processes.							

**Table 4.** The  $F_{(test\ value)}$  of whiteness and glossiness measured after the glaze of bone china samples was eroded by different acid solutions.

The erosion of solution	Group	Water absorption (%)	C <sub>3</sub> P content (%)	Alpha = 0.05 $F_{(test\ value)}$					
				At room temperature		boiling		At different temperatures	
				whiteness	gloss	whiteness	gloss	whiteness	gloss
20% hydrochloric acid	1 <sup>#</sup>	0.03	38.21						
	2 <sup>#</sup>	0.05	37.78						
	3 <sup>#</sup>	0.07	37.82	0.707	0.532	0.548	0.100	0.575	11.152
	4 <sup>#</sup>	0.07	37.65						
	5 <sup>#</sup>	0.03	38.14						
30% of sulfuric acid	1 <sup>#</sup>	0.03	38.21						
	2 <sup>#</sup>	0.05	37.78						
	3 <sup>#</sup>	0.07	37.82	1.030	0.994	0.027	0.110	5.698	11.350
	4 <sup>#</sup>	0.07	37.65						
	5 <sup>#</sup>	0.03	38.14						
100 g/L citric acid	1 <sup>#</sup>	0.03	38.21						
	2 <sup>#</sup>	0.05	37.78						
	3 <sup>#</sup>	0.07	37.82	1.641	0.981	0.362	0.695	4.652	2.333
	4 <sup>#</sup>	0.07	37.65						
	5 <sup>#</sup>	0.03	38.14						
10% acetic acid	1 <sup>#</sup>	0.03	38.21						
	2 <sup>#</sup>	0.05	37.78						
	3 <sup>#</sup>	0.07	37.82	1.241	2.553	27.802	3.751	6.897	9.378
	4 <sup>#</sup>	0.07	37.65						
	5 <sup>#</sup>	0.03	38.14						
note				$F_{(Retrieves\ a\ value\ from\ the\ table)}=2.866$			$F_{(Retrieves\ a\ value\ from\ the\ table)}=2.124$		

## Results and Analysis

The glaze whiteness and glossiness of bone china samples eroded by room temperature acid and boiling acid for a certain time were measured, and the results were shown in Table 2. The F(test value) values of the correlated measured values of the five groups of samples are shown in Table 3 and Table 4.

As shown in Table 2, the enamel whiteness and 45° mirror glossiness of each group of bone china samples changed to different degrees after being continuously eroded by acid solutions of different kinds and different temperatures for 2 to 10h. Sulfuric acid to the destruction of the bone porcelain glaze effect than hydrochloric acid, lead to group 1<sup>#</sup>~5<sup>#</sup> sample whiteness decreased respectively 6.47%, 5.56%, 3.92%, 11.33%, 4.96% and 1.13%, 2.00%, 1.81%, 2.34%, 1.65%. Under the conditions, 100 g/L citric acid and 10% acetic acid are weak acidic, and the corrosion of bone porcelain glaze is relatively small, and the corrosion time lasts 8h~10h. Whiteness by respectively 2.17%, 0.36%, 1.33%, 1.68%, 1.95% and 1.38%, 2.54%, 2.72%, 2.41%, 1.56%. In boiling state, the high temperature accelerates the diffusion and infiltration of H<sup>+</sup> ions into the glaze layer, and ONa<sup>-</sup> group is constantly generated, and the erosion reaction cannot be sustained after a certain period of accumulation. Due to the strong ability of boiling sulfuric acid to provide H<sup>+</sup> to water molecules, the time corresponding to the peak corrosion strength of bone china glaze is not more than 2h, and the damage caused in a short time is relatively slight, only -0.61%, -0.51%, -0.50%, -0.45%, -0.36%; About 4h to 6h later, the corrosion of hydrochloric acid basically stops, and the damage degree is relatively high: -3.12%, -2.37%, -2.74%, -1.14%, -1.32%. Although citric acid and acetic acid corrosion time is slightly longer, about 6h to 8h, but the damage intensity of the glaze is not as good as hydrochloric acid. With the continuous replenishment process of the blank glaze, the porosity and pore size of the bone porcelain embryo decreased continuously. The scattering loss and absorption loss of light change accordingly, so that the diffuse reflection characteristics of glaze are improved, and the measured whiteness value is increased correspondingly and the increase rate is increasing with the extension of time. The whiteness increased by 1.90%, 1.38%, 1.19%, 1.61%, 1.25% and 0.31%, 0.27%, 1.12%, 0.99%, 0.25% after 8h and 2h corrosion by sulfuric acid and citric acid in boiling state, respectively.

45° mirror glossiness and whiteness are optical indicators of specular reflection and diffuse reflection of enamel, respectively. Their sensitivity to acid chemical corrosion is different, and the variation range of glossiness of samples after the same time is usually much greater than that of whiteness. Therefore, the effects of strong acid and weak acid at the same temperature and the same acid solution at different

temperatures on the glossiness of bone china are obviously different. Their sensitivities to acid chemical corrosion are different, and the variation amplitude of the sample gloss is usually much larger than the whiteness after the same time of action. For example, the damage degree of strong acid to glaze gloss at room temperature is very different from its damage degree to glaze gloss at boiling state. Although hydrochloric acid and sulfuric acid always increase luster loss in the erosion process of 10h. The corrosion strength increases to -62.68%, -55.29%, -59.94%, -51.63%, -48.65% and -53.42%, -44.95%, -46.01%, -46.21%, -43.16%, respectively. However, the corrosion strength decreases continuously after 6h and 4h, respectively. The boiling hydrochloric acid could reduce the glaze gloss of each group to the lowest within 6h, and the valley value was about 1/3 to 1/2 of the glaze gloss decrease of using hydrochloric acid at room temperature. But since the beginning of 6h, gloss has been increasing, and luster growth and its early decline is basically the same. The damage degree of enamel gloss caused by sulfuric acid at high temperature is similar to that at room temperature. After 8h continuous erosion, the gloss loss of the sample increases greatly. In addition, the acidity coefficient of citric acid and acetic acid at 25 °C is relatively small, which is 3.15 Ka and 4.75 Ka, respectively. The action mode and erosion degree of citric acid on bone porcelain glaze are far different from strong acid. For example, in the erosion cycle of 4h~6h, weak acid has the effect of improving glaze luster from beginning to end, but when it increases for 6h, it begins to decrease, and the increase and decrease amplitude is basically the same. The damage of boiling citric acid and acetic acid to gloss was similar to that of sulfuric acid and hydrochloric acid, and the drop of gloss loss caused by acetic acid was larger than that of hydrochloric acid.

The data in Table 3 reveal that the acid resistance of bone china products produced by different enterprises varies with the raw material of blank glaze and production process. When the glaze surface of the five groups of samples was corroded by strong and weak acid at room temperature for 2h~10h, the whiteness change rate F(test value) of the second and fourth samples was greater than F(table value), showing poor homogeneity. The gloss changes of the five groups of samples showed significant differences at the same time. In addition, the whiteness and glossiness measured every 2 hours fluctuated slightly with the continuous and slow progress of acid etching. Table 4 shows that the temperature change of hydrochloric acid has a relatively small effect on the whiteness of the enamel of bone china, but a great effect on the direction gloss of the 45° mirror. The influence of sulfuric acid, citric acid and acetic acid on specular and diffuse reflection of glaze is closely related to temperature change. Because of the weak acidity of acetic acid, the

corrosion effect of acetic acid on the enamel surface of bone china is significantly different at room temperature and boiling state, and the influence of temperature change on whiteness is greater than that on gloss. In addition, due to the different water absorption rate and tricalcium phosphate content of products from different enterprises, the internal microstructure and optical properties of the glaze are different. Therefore, under different temperature acid corrosion, glaze change trend is different. For example, the whiteness of the samples in group no. 4 showed an increasing and decreasing trend respectively after being eroded by room temperature and boiling acetic acid for 2h~8h, which was different from other samples.

### Conclusion

The erosion mode, effective action time and influence degree of the same acidic solution are different at room temperature and boiling state. At room temperature, the weakening effect of strong acid on whiteness and glossiness lasts longer, and the effective action time and erosion intensity of weak acid are both weaker than that of strong acid. In boiling state, because of H<sup>+</sup> ion diffusion infiltration process to the glaze layer is accelerated, the surface of the vitreous body continuously formed silicate protective film. The acid etching reaction is difficult to continue after a certain time of accumulation, but it causes a large loss of 45° mirror gloss. The measured value of whiteness can be increased with the decrease of porosity during the filling process.

The physical and chemical properties of enamel, body water absorption, tricalcium phosphate content, internal porosity and glass of bone china products are different due to the different raw and auxiliary materials formula and production process of different enterprises, so that the corrosion resistance of each product is obviously different. Therefore, it is suggested that enterprises optimize the formulation and process to further improve the corrosion resistance of the products according to consumers' demand for the quality of bone porcelain glaze.

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