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## Plastics — Unplasticized cellulose acetate — Determination of free acidity

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## FOREWORD

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No Member Body expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

The Member Body of the following country disapproved the transformation of ISO/R 1061 into an International Standard :

Canada

# Plastics – Unplasticized cellulose acetate – Determination of free acidity

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the amount of free acidity in unplasticized cellulose acetate.

The free acidity determined by this method includes acidity extractable by water, and acidity due to carboxyl groups attached to the cellulose acetate. The latter is usually a very small proportion of the total.

This method is not suitable for cellulose acetate containing any additive which may affect the test.

## 2 REFERENCE

ISO/R 585, *Plastics – Determination of the moisture content of non-plasticized cellulose acetate.*

## 3 PRINCIPLE

Treatment of the cellulose acetate with water, and subsequent titration with sodium hydroxide solution.

Calculation of the free acidity and expression as the percentage, by mass, of free acetic acid in cellulose acetate.

## 4 REAGENTS

**4.1 Sodium hydroxide**, 0,01 N standard volumetric solution.

**4.2 Phenolphthalein**, 1 g/l solution in 90 % (V/V) ethanol.

**4.3 Distilled water**, freshly boiled to remove carbon dioxide, and cooled.

## 5 APPARATUS

**5.1 Glass flask**, 250 or 300 ml, with ground glass stopper.

**5.2 Cylinder**, 250 ml, graduated in 2 ml.

**5.3 Burette**, 25 ml, graduated in 0,05 ml, protected against carbon dioxide by a soda lime tube.

**5.4 Analytical balance**, accurate to 0,01 g.

## 6 TEST SAMPLE

**6.1** The sample of cellulose acetate must be in granules of dimensions not exceeding 0,07 cm. It should be ground if necessary.

**6.2** Determine the moisture content of the sample according to ISO/R 585.

## 7 PROCEDURE

**7.1** Weigh in the flask 10 g or more, depending on the free acidity of the sample of cellulose acetate, to the nearest 0,01 g.

**7.2** Add 150 ml of distilled water (4.3), measured with a 250 ml graduated cylinder.

**7.3** Condition the stoppered flask at a temperature between 20 and 27 °C either for 3 h with gentle shaking for 5 min every 30 min, or with continuous shaking for 1 h.

**7.4** Titrate with the sodium hydroxide solution (4.1), using phenolphthalein (4.2) as indicator.

NOTE – Titration should be rapid to avoid saponification of the cellulose acetate and absorption of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

**7.5** Perform a blank test, introducing into the flask 150 ml of distilled water. Allow to stand for 3 h or shake for 1 h in the same way as for the sample at a temperature between 20 and 27 °C. Titrate quickly with the sodium hydroxide solution (4.1), using phenolphthalein (4.2) as indicator.

**7.6** Carry out two complete determinations. If the difference between the determinations is greater than 10 % of the mean, the test should be repeated.