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# Plastics — Liquid resins — Determination of density by the pycnometer method

## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the density of liquid resins using a pycnometer.

## 2 Definition

**density; mass density** : Mass divided by volume. (Definition taken from ISO 31/3.)

It may be expressed in grams per millilitre (g/ml).\*

## 3 Principle

Determination of the mass at 23 °C of resin contained in a pycnometer of known volume.

NOTE — This method is easily applicable to low and medium viscosity resins. Difficulties in the procedure exist for high viscosity resins.

## 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Pycnometer**, consisting of a precision graduated flask. The height of the neck above the graduation mark shall not exceed 50 mm.

The graduated volume of the pycnometer at  $23 \pm 0,1$  °C, measured by weighing the mass of distilled water contained in the pycnometer at this temperature, shall be known to within 1 part in 10 000 (see note to clause 6).

The pycnometers normally used have the characteristics given in the following table.

Volume of flask, $V$	Internal diameter of neck, $d$
ml	mm
$100 \pm 0,1$	$13 \pm 1$
$50 \pm 0,05$	$11 \pm 1$

\*  $1 \text{ g/ml} = 1\,000 \text{ kg/m}^3$

**4.2 Funnel**, whose stem, the internal diameter of which shall be as large as possible, penetrates into the pycnometer exactly down to the level of the graduation mark.

**4.3 Balance**, accurate to 0,2 mg.

**4.4 Water bath**, capable of being maintained at  $23 \pm 0,1$  °C.

**4.5 Fine filter paper**.

**4.6 Transparent conical flask**, with wide neck (for example Erlenmeyer), stoppered, of capacity 200 to 600 ml.

## 5 Procedure

### 5.1 Preparation of resin

Place at least 150 g of resin in the conical flask (4.6) and inspect the contents of the flask for bubbles. If any bubbles are observed, allow the stoppered flask to stand long enough for all the bubbles to dissipate before or while bringing the flask and its contents to  $23 \pm 0,1$  °C by immersion in the water bath (4.4).

NOTE — To accelerate the release of bubbles, especially any adjacent to the walls of the flask, disturb or detach them using a fine wire inserted through the neck of the flask.

### 5.2 Measurement of density

Weigh the empty pycnometer (4.1) to the nearest 0,2 mg.

Place the pycnometer in the water-bath (4.4) and fill the pycnometer with resin using the funnel (4.2).

The following points require close attention :

- bubbles shall not be present in the resin in the pycnometer; if bubbles form, wait for them to disappear, if necessary rubbing the walls of the pycnometer with a fine metal wire, or, better still, empty the pycnometer, clean it and refill;