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extrusion materials —**

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Preparation of test specimens and
determination of properties**

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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the normative references have been updated;
- [Clause 3](#), Terms and definitions, has been added;
- the contents and structures of [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#) have been revised according to the current version of ISO 10350-1.

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Plastics — Impact-resistant polystyrene (PS-I) moulding and extrusion materials —

Part 2:

Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties

1 Scope

This document specifies the methods of preparation of test specimens and the test methods to be used in determining the properties of PS-I moulding and extrusion materials. It establishes the requirements for handling test material and for conditioning both the test material before moulding and the specimens before testing.

This document gives procedures and conditions for the preparation of test specimens and procedures for measuring properties of the materials from which these specimens are made. It lists properties and test methods which are suitable and necessary to characterize PS-I moulding and extrusion materials.

The properties have been selected from the general test methods in ISO 10350-1. Other test methods in wide use for, or of particular significance to, these moulding and extrusion materials are also included in this document, as are the designatory properties specified in ISO 19063-1.

The methods of specimen preparation and conditioning, the specimen dimensions and the test procedures specified herein are used to obtain reproducible and comparable test results. Values determined will not necessarily be identical to those obtained using specimens of different dimensions or prepared using different procedures.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 62, *Plastics — Determination of water absorption*

ISO 75-1, *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load — Part 1: General test method*

ISO 75-2, *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load — Part 2: Plastics and ebonite*

ISO 178, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties*

ISO 179-1, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test*

ISO 179-2, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 2: Instrumented impact test*

ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 293, *Plastics — Compression moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials*

ISO 294-1, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 1: General principles, and moulding of multipurpose and bar test specimens*

ISO 294-3, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 3: Small plates*

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ISO 294-4, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 4: Determination of moulding shrinkage*

ISO 306, *Plastics — Thermoplastic materials — Determination of Vicat softening temperature (VST)*

ISO 527-1, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 527-4, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 4: Test conditions for isotropic and orthotropic fibre-reinforced plastic composites*

ISO 899-1, *Plastics — Determination of creep behaviour — Part 1: Tensile creep*

ISO 1133-1, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics — Part 1: Standard method*

ISO 1183-1, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method*

ISO 2561, *Plastics — Determination of residual styrene monomer in polystyrene (PS) and impact-resistant polystyrene (PS-I) by gas chromatography*

ISO 2818, *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining*

ISO 4589-2, *Plastics — Determination of burning behaviour by oxygen index — Part 2: Ambient-temperature test*

ISO 6603-2, *Plastics — Determination of puncture impact behaviour of rigid plastics — Part 2: Instrumented impact testing*

ISO 8256, *Plastics — Determination of tensile-impact strength*

ISO 10350-1, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data — Part 1: Moulding materials*

ISO 11357-2, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 2: Determination of glass transition temperature and step height*

ISO 20753, *Plastics — Test specimens*

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60243-1, *Electrical strength of insulating materials — Test methods — Part 1: Tests at power frequencies*

IEC 60296, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications — Unused mineral insulating oils for transformers and switchgear*

IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing — Part 11-10: Test flames — 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60695-11-20, *Fire hazard testing — Part 11-20: Test flames — 500 W flame test methods*

IEC 62631-2-1, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials-Part 2-1:Relative permittivity and dissipation factor-Technical frequencies (0,1 Hz to 10 MHz)-AC Methods*

IEC 62631-3-1, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials — Part 3-1: Determination of resistive properties (DC methods) — Volume resistance and volume resistivity — General method*

IEC 62631-3-2, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials — Part 3-2: Determination of resistive properties (DC methods) — Surface resistance and surface resistivity*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Preparation of test specimens

4.1 General

It is essential that specimens always be prepared by the same procedure (either injection moulding or compression moulding), using the same processing conditions. The procedure to be used for each test method is indicated in [Tables 3](#) and [4](#).

The material shall be kept in moisture-proof containers until it is required for use. The moisture content of filled or reinforced materials shall be expressed as a percentage of the total mass of the compound.

4.2 Treatment of the material before moulding

No pretreatment of the material sample is normally necessary before processing.

4.3 Injection moulding

Injection-moulded specimens shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 294-1 or ISO 294-3, under the conditions specified in [Table 1](#). It has been found that bar test specimens prepared in accordance with ISO 20753 give better precision than those injection-moulded directly to their final dimensions, and so the use of this geometry is preferable. (see ISO 294-1 or ISO 294-3 for tolerances).

Table 1 — Conditions for injection moulding of test specimens

Material	Melt temperature °C	Mould temperature °C	Average injection velocity mm/s
All grades	220	45	200 ± 100
Flame-retardant grades can show discoloration if moulded at a melt temperature of 220 °C. In such cases, a melt temperature of 210 °C may be used.			

4.4 Compression moulding

Compression-moulded sheets shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 293, using the conditions specified in [Table 2](#), in which the moulding temperature given is a target value (see ISO 293 for tolerances).

The test specimens required for the determination of the properties shall be machined from the compression moulded sheets in accordance with ISO 2818 or stamped.

Table 2 — Conditions for compression moulding of test specimens

Material	Moulding temperature °C	Average cooling rate °C/min	Demoulding temperature °C	Full pressure MPa	Full pressure time min	Preheating time min
All grades	200	10	≤ 60	4 ± 0,5	5 ± 1	5 ± 1

5 Conditioning of test specimens

Test specimens shall be conditioned in accordance with ISO 291 for at least 16 h at (23 ± 2) °C and (50 ± 10) % relative humidity.

6 Determination of properties

In the determination of properties and the presentation of data, the standards, supplementary instructions and notes given in ISO 10350-1 shall be applied. All tests shall be carried out in the standard atmosphere of (23 ± 2) °C and (50 ± 10) % relative humidity, unless specifically stated otherwise in [Table 3](#).

[Table 3](#) is compiled from ISO 10350-1, and the properties listed are those which are appropriate to impact resistant polystyrene moulding and extrusion materials. These properties are those considered useful for comparisons of data generated for different thermoplastics.

[Table 4](#) contains those properties, not found specifically in [Table 3](#), which are in wide use or of particular significance in the practical characterization of impact-resistant polystyrene moulding and extrusion materials.

Table 3 — General properties and test conditions (selected from ISO 10350-1)

Property	Symbol	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Specimen preparation ^a	Unit	Test conditions and supplementary instructions
1 Rheological properties						
1.1	Melt mass-flow rate	<i>MFR</i>	Moulding compound	—	g/10min	Temperature 200 °C, load 5 kg
1.2	Melt volume-flow rate	<i>MVR</i>			cm ³ /10 min	
1.3	Moulding shrinkage	<i>S_{MP}</i>	60 × 60 × 2	M	%	Parallel
1.4		<i>S_{Mn}</i>				Normal
^a M = Injection moulding, Q = Compression moulding.						
^b The properties are generally affected by the relative humidity. Therefore, they shall be measured in a standard atmosphere of 23 °C ± 2 °C and 50 % ± 10 % relative humidity.						

Table 3 (continued)

Property	Symbol	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Specimen preparation ^a	Unit	Test conditions and supplementary instructions	
2 Mechanical properties							
2.1	Tensile modulus	E_t	ISO 527-1, ISO 527-2, ISO 527-4	ISO 20753 Type A1	M	MPa	
2.2	Yield stress	σ_y				MPa	
2.3	Yield strain	ϵ_y				%	
2.4	Nominal strain at break	ϵ_{tb}				MPa	
2.5	Stress at break	σ_b				%	
2.6	Strain at break	ϵ_b				MPa	
2.7	Tensile creep modulus	E_{tc}^1	ISO 899-1	M	MPa	At 1 h	
2.8		$E_{tc}10^3$				At 1'000 h	
2.9	Flexural modulus	E_f	ISO 178	80 × 10 × 4	M	MPa	
2.10	Flexural strength	σ_{fM}					
2.11	Charpy impact strength	α_{cU}	ISO 179-1 or ISO 179-2	80 × 10 × 4	M	kJ/m ²	
2.12	Charpy notched impact strength	α_{cA}	80 × 10 × 4 Machined V-notch, r = 0,25				
2.13	Tensile notched impact strength	α_{tN}	ISO 8256	80 × 10 × 4 Machined double V-notch, r = 1	M	kJ/m ²	
3 Thermal properties							
3.1	Glass transition temperature	T_g	ISO 11357-2	Moulding compound	—	°C	
3.2	Temperature of deflection under load	$T_f 1,8$	ISO 75-1	80 × 10 × 4 flatwise	M	°C	1,8 MPa
3.3		$T_f 0,45$	ISO 75-2				0,45 MPa
3.4	Vicat softening temperature	VST B50	ISO 306	≥ 10 × 10 × 4	M	°C	
3.5	Flammability-Burning behaviour	B50/3	IEC 60695-11-10	125 × 13 × 3	M	mm/min	Record one of the classifications V-0, V-1, V-2, HB, HB40 or HB75.
3.6		B50/h		Thickness h greater than 3 mm			
3.7		B500/3	IEC 60695-11-20	≥ 150 × ≥ 150 × 3			
3.8		B500/h		Thickness h greater than 3 mm			
3.9	Ignitability-Oxygen index	OI	ISO 4589-2	80 × 10 × 4	M	%	
^a M = Injection moulding, Q = Compression moulding. ^b The properties are generally affected by the relative humidity. Therefore, they shall be measured in a standard atmosphere of 23 °C ± 2 °C and 50 % ± 10 % relative humidity.							

Table 3 (continued)

Property		Symbol	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Specimen preparation ^a	Unit	Test conditions and supplementary instructions	
4 Electrical properties^b								
4.1	Relative permittivity	ϵ_r 100	IEC 62631-2-1	$\geq 60 \times \geq 60 \times 1$ or $\geq 60 \times \geq 60 \times 2$	Q/M	—	100 Hz	Compensate for electrode edge effects.
4.2		ϵ_r 1M					1 MHz	
4.3	Dissipation factor	$\tan\delta$ 100				—	100 Hz	
4.4		$\tan\delta$ 1M					1 MHz	
4.5	Volume resistivity	ρ_e	IEC 62631-3-1	Q/M	—	$\Omega \cdot m$	Measure value at 1 minute.	
4.6	Surface resistivity	σ_e	IEC 62631-3-2				Ω	Voltage 500 V Use contacting line electrodes 1 mm to 2 mm wide, 50 mm long and 5 mm apart.
4.7	Electric strength	E_B 1	IEC 60243-1				$\geq 60 \times \geq 60 \times 1$ $\geq 60 \times \geq 60 \times 2$	kV/mm
4.8		E_B 2						
4.9	Comparative tracking index	CTI	IEC 60112	$\geq 20 \times \geq 20 \times 4$	M	—	Use solution A.	
5 Other properties								
5.1	Water absorption	W_w	ISO 62	$\geq 60 \times \geq 60 \times 1$	Q/M	%	Saturation value in water at 23 °C.	
5.2		W_H					Equilibrium value at 23 °C, 50 % RH.	
5.3	Density	ρ	ISO 1183-1	$10 \times 10 \times 4$ the central of ISO 20753 Type A1	M	kg/m ³		
^a M = Injection moulding, Q = Compression moulding. ^b The properties are generally affected by the relative humidity. Therefore, they shall be measured in a standard atmosphere of 23 °C ± 2 °C and 50 % ± 10 % relative humidity.								

Table 4 — Additional properties and test conditions of particular utility to PS-I moulding and extrusion materials

Property	Symbol	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Specimen preparation ^a	Unit	Test condition and supplementary instructions	
1 Mechanical properties							
1	Puncture energy	W_P	ISO 6603-2	60 × 60 × 2	M	J	Striker velocity 4,4 m/s. Striker diameter 20 mm. Support ring diameter 40 mm. Lubricate the striker. Clamp the specimen sufficiently to prevent any out of plane movement of its outer regions
2	Maximum puncture force	F_M			M	N	
2 Other properties							
1	Residual- styrene- monomer content	$w_{ST,r}$	ISO 2561	Moulding compound	—	µg/g	—
^a M = Injection moulding.							