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## Rubber, polyisoprene (IR) — Non oil-extended, solution-polymerized types — Test recipe and evaluation of vulcanization characteristics

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# Rubber, polyisoprene (IR) — Non oil-extended, solution-polymerized types — Test recipe and evaluation of vulcanization characteristics

## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies standard materials, equipment and processing methods for evaluating vulcanization characteristics of non oil-extended, solution-polymerized polyisoprene rubbers (IR).

## 2 References

ISO 37, *Rubber, vulcanized — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties.*

ISO 1795, *Raw rubber in bales — Sampling.*

ISO 1796, *Rubber, raw — Sample preparation.*

ISO 2393, *Rubber test mixes — Preparation, mixing and vulcanization — Equipment and procedures.*

ISO 3417, *Rubber — Measurement of vulcanization characteristics with the oscillating disc curemeter.*

## 3 Test recipe

### 3.1 Standard test formula

The standard test formula is given in the table.

The materials shall be NBS<sup>1)</sup> standard reference materials as indicated in the table, or shall be in accordance with equivalent national standards.

Table

Material	NBS standard reference material number	Parts by mass
Polyisoprene rubber (IR)	—	100,00
Stearic acid	372	2,00
Zinc oxide	370	5,00
Sulphur	371	2,25
Oil furnace black (HAF)*	378	35,00
TBBS**	384	0,70
		144,95

\* The current Industry Reference Black may be used in place of NBS 378, but this may give slightly different results.

\*\* *N-tert-butyl-2-benzothiazole-sulphenamide*. This shall be supplied in powder form having an initial ether- or ethanol-insoluble matter content of less than 0,3 %. The material shall be stored at room temperature in a closed container and the ether- or ethanol-insoluble matter shall be checked every 6 months. If this is found to exceed 0,75 %, the material shall be discarded or recrystallized.

## 3.2 Procedure

### 3.2.1 Equipment and procedure

Equipment and procedure for the preparation, mixing and vulcanization shall be in accordance with ISO 2393.

### 3.2.2 Mill mixing procedure

The standard laboratory mill batch mass, in grams, shall be based on four times the formula mass. The surface temperature of the rolls shall be maintained at  $70 \pm 5$  °C throughout the mixing.

NOTE — All mill openings should be adjusted to maintain a good rolling bank at the nip of the rolls during mixing.

1) National Bureau of Standards of the USA.