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1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard establishes a system for the codification of synthetic rubber latices according to chemical family, nominal total solids content, nominal bound (polymerized) comonomer content and, where appropriate, important additional features.

The chemical family is represented by prefix letters, the nominal total solids content and nominal bound (polymerized) comonomer content each by a single digit, and an important additional feature by a suffix letter.

2 References

ISO 124, *Rubber latices — Determination of total solids content*.

ISO 1629, *Rubbers and latices — Nomenclature*.

ISO 3136, *Styrene-butadiene rubber latices — Determination of bound styrene content*.

ISO 3900, *Rubber — Nitrile latex — Determination of bound acrylonitrile content*.

ISO 4655, *Rubber — Reinforced styrene-butadiene latex — Determination of total bound styrene content*.

3 Chemical family

The chemical family is represented by prefix letters in accordance with ISO 1629, in the following manner :

ABR — Acrylate-butadiene rubbers

BR — Butadiene rubbers

CR — Chloroprene rubbers

EPDM — Terpolymers of ethylene, propylene, and a diene with the residual unsaturated portion of the diene in the side chain

EPM — Ethylene-propylene copolymers

IIR — Isobutene-isoprene rubbers

IR — Isoprene rubbers, synthetic

NBR — Acrylonitrile-butadiene rubbers

NIR — Acrylonitrile-isoprene rubbers

PBR — Vinylpyridine-butadiene rubbers

PSBR — Vinylpyridine-styrene-butadiene rubbers

SBR — Styrene-butadiene rubbers

XBR — Carboxylic-butadiene rubbers

XCR — Carboxylic-chloroprene rubbers

XNBR — Carboxylic-acrylonitrile-butadiene rubbers

XSBR — Carboxylic-styrene-butadiene rubbers

When the last prefix letter is R, the monomer (if any) stated immediately preceding the diolefin is defined, for the purposes of clause 5, as the comonomer.

Where the last prefix letter is M, the diene (if any) is defined, for the purposes of clause 5, as the comonomer.

4 Nominal total solids content

The nominal total solids content of the latex, determined in accordance with ISO 124 and expressed as a percentage by mass, is represented by the first digit in the code, in the following manner :

1 — less than 20,0 %

2 — 20,0 to 29,9 %

3 — 30,0 to 39,9 %

4 — 40,0 to 49,9 %

5 — 50,0 to 59,9 %

6 — 60,0 to 69,9 %

7 — 70,0 % or greater