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Plastics — Epoxide resins — Part 1 : Designation

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method of designation for epoxide resins.

The object of this designation method is to allocate to each commercial product a group of digits, called the "designation", giving in a coded form certain information on the product : chemical base, approximate values of main properties and the nature of modifiers, solvents or additives.

Thus, all products having similar characteristics and therefore likely to have the same uses will have the same designation, so aiding users in their choice, provided that manufacturers quote the "designation" in their data sheets.

2 References

ISO 1675, *Plastics — Liquid resins — Determination of density by the pycnometer method.*

ISO 3001, *Plastics — Epoxide compounds — Determination of the epoxide equivalent.*

ISO 3219, *Plastics — Polymers in the liquid, emulsified or dispersed state — Determination of viscosity with a rotational viscometer working at defined shear rate.*

3 Designation system

Epoxide resins shall be designated by the symbol "EP" for epoxide, followed by a group of five digits (corresponding to principal characteristics), followed by an interval, followed by three digits (corresponding to secondary characteristics) as follows :

- each digit, except the first two digits which shall be taken together, shall correspond to one of the characteristics given in the table;
- the position (I and II, III, IV, etc.) of each digit in the group shall indicate the characteristic to which it refers;
- each digit for a property shall indicate the class (1, 2, 3, etc.) corresponding to a certain range of values of the property, as given in the table.

NOTES

1 Not every combination of property classification will be achievable in practice.

Note also that the designation of a material will not correspond, except by chance, with a horizontal row.

2 The value of each property in positions III, IV and VI to be taken into consideration in defining in which class a product belongs is the mean value found in manufacture and normally given in data sheets.

Because of inevitable variations in manufacturing conditions, a product supposedly belonging to a given class for one property may incidentally fall, in some cases :

- in the adjacent lower class if the mean value of this property is near the lower limit of the designation class;
- in the adjacent upper class if the mean value is near the upper limit.

4 Designation of an epoxide resin

In accordance with the designation system described in clause 3, an epoxide resin shall be designated by a group of five digits followed by a group of three digits, the two groups being separated by an interval.

The first group of five digits refers to the principal characteristics and the final three digits to the secondary characteristics.

If one of the characteristics, usually designated by a digit indicating the class, is not specified, a small "x" shall be inserted at the appropriate place in the designation.

Example : An epoxide resin designated by EP 03361 3xx is a resin based on an aliphatic-glycidyl ether (or ester), viscosity between 1 and 5 Pa·s, epoxide equivalent between 291 and 525, without modifying agent, density between 1,15 and 1,19 g/cm³, without an indication for additives or any special indications.

NOTE — The designation does not exempt the manufacturer from giving in his literature the actual values of the designated properties, together with tolerances of manufacture and measurement.

5 Special properties

These properties shall not be included in the designation, but, if necessary, they shall be given in actual values only, and reference made to the relevant International Standards for the test methods.

Examples of such properties are electrical properties and optical properties, both of which will be the subjects of future International Standards.