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Rubber – Nitrile latex – Determination of bound acrylonitrile content

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the bound acrylonitrile content of emulsion polymerized NBR latices having a bound acrylonitrile content, expressed on the polymer content, of between 18 and 45%. The method is also applicable to, for example, carboxylic-nitrile-butadiene rubber (XNBR) latices and nitrile-isoprene rubber (NIR) latices.

NOTE – The determination includes any water-insoluble nitrogen-containing additives present in the latex.

2 REFERENCES

ISO 123, *Rubber latex – Sampling.*

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

ISO 1407, *Rubber – Determination of solvent extract.*

ISO 1656, *Raw natural rubber and natural rubber latex – Determination of nitrogen.*

3 PRINCIPLE

Extraction of an air-dried film of the latex with water to remove water-soluble nitrogen-containing material, and drying to constant mass. Digestion of a known mass of the dried extracted film with a mixture of sulphuric acid, potassium sulphate and a catalyst, to convert its nitrogen content into ammonium hydrogen sulphate, from which the ammonia is distilled after making the mixture alkaline. Absorption of the liberated ammonia in boric acid solution and titration with a standard volumetric acid solution. Calculation of the bound acrylonitrile content from the volumes of standard volumetric acid solution required in sample and blank titrations.

4 REAGENTS

The reagents specified in ISO 1656 for the semi-micro method shall be used, except that 0,1 N sulphuric acid shall be employed instead of 0,02 N sulphuric acid and that the 0,02 N sodium hydroxide is not required.

5 APPARATUS

5.1 **Mould**, preferably of glass, 1 mm deep and approximately 50 mm square.

5.2 **Extraction apparatus**, in accordance with ISO 1407.

5.3 **Apparatus** specified in ISO 1656 for the semi-micro method.

6 SAMPLING

Sampling shall be carried out in accordance with one of the methods specified in ISO 123.

7 PROCEDURE

If the total solids content of the latex is not known, determine it in accordance with ISO 124.

If the total solids content of the latex is greater than 41%, dilute the latex with water to a total solids content of $40 \pm 1\%$.

Pour the latex into the level mould (5.1) and scrape off excess latex with a straightedge. Allow the latex to dry out in dust-free air at a temperature of approximately 23 °C.

Roll the dry film in filter paper so that no part of the film is anywhere in contact with any other part of the film and place the roll in the extraction cup of the extraction apparatus (5.2). Pour into the extraction flask sufficient water to fill the extraction cup two or three times. Assemble the extraction apparatus and reflux continuously for 4 h such that each extraction takes 15 to 30 min. Remove the extracted film and dry it to constant mass in accordance with ISO 124.

Weigh about 100 mg of the dried extracted film to the nearest 0,5 mg, and determine its nitrogen content in accordance with the procedure specified in ISO 1656 for the semi-micro method, including the specified blank test, using boric acid solution to absorb the distilled ammonia and 0,1 N sulphuric acid to titrate the distillate. Take the end-point of the titration as the colour change from bright green to grey.