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## Rubber compounding ingredients — Carbon black — Determination of pellet size distribution

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granulométrique*

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## 0 Introduction

Carbon black for the rubber industry is generally pelletized to reduce dust and to improve handling and incorporation into polymers. Variations in pellet size distribution can affect dispersion in polymers, bulk handling, and conveying properties.

## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of pellet size distribution of carbon black.

## 2 References

ISO 565, *Test sieves — Woven metal wire cloth, perforated plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings.*

ISO 1124, *Rubber compounding ingredients — Carbon black shipment sampling procedures.*<sup>1)</sup>

## 3 Principle

Pelletized carbon black is passed through a succession of sieves with different sized apertures and the amount retained by each is determined.

## 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Mechanical sieve shaker**, which imparts a uniform rotary and tapping motion to a stack of nominally 200 mm diameter sieves. The mechanism shall produce 280 to 320 rotary motions per minute (4,6 to 5,3 per second) and 140 to 160 taps per minute (2,3 to 2,7 per second) to a cork fitted into the centre of the top sieve cover (see 4.4) and extending 3 to 9 mm above it. Only cork shall be used, rubber being unsuitable.

### NOTES

1 Details of a suitable machine are available from the ISO/TC 45 Secretariat, British Standards Institution, 3 York Street, Manchester, M2 2AT, United Kingdom.

2 Other types of machine that can be shown to give comparable results may be used.

**4.2 Sieves**, nominally 200 mm diameter, 25 mm high, of woven metal wire cloth, conforming to ISO 565, having apertures of 2,00; 1,00; 0,5; 0,25 and 0,125 mm.

NOTE — 0,71 mm aperture may be added if pellets produced by a dry process are tested.

**4.3 Bottom receiver.**

**4.4 Top sieve cover.**

**4.5 Sample splitter**, single stage, riffle type.

**4.6 Balance**, with at least 0,1 g sensitivity.

**4.7 Container**, suitable for use when weighing samples and sieved fractions.

## 5 Sampling

Samples shall be taken in accordance with ISO 1124.

## 6 Procedure

**6.1** Stack the sieves (4.2) in the following order from bottom to top :

bottom receiver; 0,125 mm; 0,25 mm; 0,5 mm; 1,00 mm; 2,00 mm.

NOTE — The 0,71 mm or any sieve not specified above should be placed in the appropriate position in the stack.

**6.2** Pass the sample through the sample splitter (4.5) and take two test portions, each of  $100 \pm 10$  g.

**6.3** Weigh each test portion to the nearest 0,1 g.

**6.4** Transfer a test portion to the top sieve, install the sieve cover (4.4) and place the assembly in the mechanical shaker (4.1).

**6.5** Allow the assembly to shake for  $60 \pm 10$  s.

**6.6** Remove the sieve assembly from the shaking device by transferring each fraction in turn to the container (4.7). Weigh the carbon black retained on each sieve and bottom receiver (4.3) individually to the nearest 0,1 g.

**6.7** Repeat the operations in 6.4 to 6.6 for the second test portion.

1) At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO 1124 : 1983.)