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**Footwear — Critical substances  
potentially present in footwear  
and footwear components — Test  
method to quantitatively determine  
dimethylformamide in footwear  
materials**

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la chaussure et les composants de chaussure — Méthodes d'essai  
pour déterminer quantitativement le diméthylformamide dans les  
matériaux de chaussure*



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## Foreword

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# Footwear — Critical substances potentially present in footwear and footwear components — Test method to quantitatively determine dimethylformamide in footwear materials

## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies a method to determine the amounts of dimethylformamide (DMFo) in footwear and footwear components containing polyurethane (PU) coated material.

NOTE In the footwear industry, when PU is injected (reaction moulded), this process does not require the use of DMFo. DMFo can be used for PU coated material.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TR 16178:2012, *Footwear — Critical substances potentially present in footwear and footwear components*

## 3 Method principle

The sample is cut into small pieces and extracted with methanol in a sealed vial at 70 °C in an ultrasonic bath. An aliquot of the extract is analysed with GC-MS in SIM mode.

ISO/TR 16178:2012, Table 1 defines which materials are concerned by this determination.

## 4 Reagents and solvents

### 4.1 Reagents

The substances are given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Reagents

Number	Substances	CAS Number <sup>a</sup>	Purity
1	Dimethylformamide (DMFo)	68-12-2	Certificated standard
2	Dimethylformamide-d7 (DMFo-d7)	4472-41-7	Certificated standard
3	Methanol	67-56-1	Analytical grade

<sup>a</sup> CAS: Chemical Abstract Service.

### 4.2 Stock solutions

#### 4.2.1 Internal standard — Stock solution (1 000 mg/l)

10 mg of DMFo-d7 is weighted with an accuracy of 0,1 mg in a 10 ml volumetric flask and filled up to the mark with methanol. The content is further transferred in an amber 10 ml vial with PTFE stopcock and keep at 4 °C.

#### 4.2.2 Internal standard — Working solution (200 mg/l)

The solution is prepared by 1:5 dilution of the stock solution (4.2.1) with methanol.

#### 4.2.3 Target compound — Stock solution (1 000 mg/l)

10 mg of DMFo is weighed with an accuracy of 0,1 mg in a 10 ml volumetric flask and filled up to the mark with methanol. The content is further transferred in an amber 10 ml vial with PTFE stopcock and keep at 4 °C.

#### 4.2.4 Target compound — Working solution (200 mg/l)

The solution is prepared by 1:5 dilution of the stock solution (4.2.3) with methanol.

## 5 Equipment

Usual laboratory equipment, in addition to the following.

- 5.1 Analytical balance (precision at least 0,1 mg).
- 5.2 Glass vial which can be tightly sealed, 20 ml.
- 5.3 Ultrasonic bath with adjustable temperature.
- 5.4 PTFE-membrane filter pore width 0,45 µm.
- 5.5 2 ml sample vials with PTFE-capped.
- 5.6 Volumetric flask, 10ml.
- 5.7 Amber vessels.
- 5.8 Micropipettes, 20 µl to 10 ml.
- 5.9 Gas chromatograph with mass selective detector (GC-MS).

## 6 Preparation of sample

### 6.1 Sampling

Samples of PU coated materials are cut into pieces up to 3 mm edge length.

A maximum of three PU coated materials (equal in mass) can be mixed together.

### 6.2 Extraction

A test sample of  $1 \text{ g} \pm 0,001 \text{ g}$  is weighed ( $m_s$ ) with the analytical balance (5.1) in a 20 ml glass vial (5.2). Then 9 ml of methanol and 1 ml of the internal standard working solution (4.2.2) are added and the vial is sealed.

The sample is extracted at 70 °C for 1 h in an ultrasonic bath.

After cooling to room temperature the solution is filtered (if necessary) through a PTFE membrane filter (5.4). An aliquot of the extract is transferred to a GC-MS vial and sealed with a PTFE-cap (5.5).

## 7 Determination with GC-MS

### 7.1 Calibration standard

Six calibration points are used to establish the calibration curve. They are all prepared in 10 ml volumetric flasks, as given in [Table 2](#).

**Table 2 — Preparation of calibration**

Standard	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6
Volume of target compound working solution ( <a href="#">4.2.4</a> )	25 µl	50 µl	100 µl	250 µl	500 µl	1 000 µl
Concentration of target compound in the calibration solutions (mg/l)	0,5	1	2	5	10	20
Volume of the methanol working solution of internal standard ( <a href="#">4.2.2</a> )	1 000 µl					
Concentration of the internal standard (mg/l)	20	20	20	20	20	20
NOTE Filled to the mark with methanol.						

### 7.2 Examples of instrumental method

An example is given in [Annex A](#).

## 8 Quantification

### 8.1 Calibration curve

Set up the linear regression function by using the ratio ( $A_e/A_{is}$ ) and ( $C_e/C_{is}$ ) with the help of the formula:

$$\left( \frac{A_e}{A_{is}} \right) = a \times \left( \frac{C_e}{C_{is}} \right) + b$$

where

$A_e$  is the area of the peak of dimethylformamide;

$A_{is}$  is the area of the peak of dimethylformamide-D7;

$C_e$  is the concentration of dimethylformamide in the calibration standard in milligrams per litre (mg/l);

$C_{is}$  is the concentration of dimethylformamide-D7 in the calibration standard in milligrams per litre (mg/l);

$a$  is the slope of the linear function;

$b$  is the ordinate intercept of the calibration curve (the units depend on the evaluation).

The content of DMFo is calculated according to the following equation as a mass fraction  $w$  in mg/kg:

$$W = (V/m) \times \frac{\left( \frac{A_{\text{ech}}}{A_{\text{is}}} - b \right)}{a} \times C_{\text{is}}$$

where

$W$  is the content of the dimethylformamide in the specimen (mg/kg);

$V$  is the volume of the solvent used for the extraction (ml) (in most cases this value will be equal to 10 ml);

$m$  is the mass of the tested specimen (g);

$A_{\text{ech}}$  is the area of the peak of dimethylformamide in the sample;

$A_{\text{is}}$  is the area of the peak of dimethylformamide-D7 in the sample;

$C_{\text{is}}$  is the concentration of dimethylformamide-D7 in the sample in milligrams per litre (mg/l);

$a$  is the slope of the linear function;

$b$  is the ordinate intercept of the calibration curve (the units depend on the evaluation).

## 9 Performance of the method

This quantification limit of this test method is 5 mg/kg of DMFo in PU coated materials.

## 10 Test report

The test report shall include at least the following:

- a) reference to this test method;
- b) date of the test;
- c) all details necessary for complete identification of the sample tested;
- d) condition of storage before the test, if available;
- e) the amount determined of the extracted dimethylformamide in mg/kg;
- f) any deviation from the present standard.

## Annex A (informative)

### Suggested parameters for GC-MS determination of DMFo

#### A.1 Measuring method

##### A.1.1 Measuring parameter

The DMFo is analysed by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry on a single quad/MS use in a simultaneous SIM/SCAN mode.

##### A.1.2 Chromatographic conditions

Column:

Polar stationary phase based on Polyethylene Glycol

Length: 30 m

Internal diameter: 250  $\mu\text{m}$

Film thickness: 0,5  $\mu\text{m}$

Carrier gas: Helium

Oven:

60 °C for 2 min

250 °C at 20 °C/min

250 °C for 2 min

Injector: 240 °C in splitless mode with an injection volume of 1  $\mu\text{l}$ .

##### A.1.3 Detection conditions

Transfer line: 240 °C

The single quad MS work in simultaneous SIM/SCAN mode.

The mass SCAN range is between 40 amu and 200 amu.

The SIM mode focus on the following ions:

Compounds	Ions
DMFo	73 (quantifier)
	44 (qualifier)
DMFo-d7	80 (quantifier)