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Standard Classification System for and Basis for Specification for Acrylonitrile–Butadiene–Styrene (ABS) Plastics and Alloys Molding and Extrusion Materials¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This classification system covers only ABS materials and ABS alloys suitable for injection molding and extrusion. Some of these compositions are also suitable for compression molding.

1.2 This classification system and subsequent line callout (specification) are intended to provide a means of calling out plastic materials used in the fabrication of end items or parts. It is not intended for the selection of materials. Materials are to be selected by personnel with expertise in the plastics field where the economics, the environment to be encountered, the inherent properties of the materials, the part design, the part performance required, and the manufacturing process to be employed all enter into the selection.

1.3 The properties included in this classification system are those required to identify the compositions covered. Other requirements necessary to identify particular characteristics important to specialized applications are addressed by using the suffixes given in Section 5.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.5 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 12, of this classification system: This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

Note 1—This standard and ISO 19062 address the same subject matter, but differ in technical content.

¹ This classification system is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D20 on Plastics and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D20.15 on Thermoplastic Materials.

1.6 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:²
- D256 Test Methods for Determining the Izod Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastics
- D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing
- D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
- D648 Test Method for Deflection Temperature of Plastics Under Flexural Load in the Edgewise Position
- D790 Test Methods for Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materi-23als

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- D1003 Test Method for Haze and Luminous Transmittance of Transparent Plastics
- D1525 Test Method for Vicat Softening Temperature of Plastics
- D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
- D3641 Practice for Injection Molding Test Specimens of Thermoplastic Molding and Extrusion Materials
- D3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics
- D4000 Classification System for Specifying Plastic Materials
- D5630 Test Method for Ash Content in Plastics
- E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

2.2 ISO Standards:³

- ISO 75-1 Plastics—Determination of Temperature of Deflection Under Load—Part 1: General Test Methods
- ISO 75-2 Plastics—Determination of Temperature of Deflection Under Load—Part 2: Plastics and Ebonite
- ISO 179 Plastics—Determination of Charpy Impact Properties
- ISO 291 Plastics—Standard Atmospheres for Conditioning and Testing
- ISO 294 Plastics—Injection Moulding Test Specimens of Thermoplastics Materials
- ISO 306 Plastics—Thermoplastic Materials—Determination of Vicat Softening Temperature (VST)
- ISO/DIS 527-1 Plastics—Determination of Tensile Properties—Part 1: General Principles
- ISO/DIS 527-2 Plastics—Determination of Tensile Properties—Part 2: Testing Conditions for Moulding and Extrusion Plastics
- ISO 3451-1 Plastics—Determination of Ash—Part 1: General Methods

- ISO 19062-1 Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS) Moulding and Extrusion Materials—Part 1: Designation System and Basis for Specifications ISO 19062-2
- ISO 19062-2 Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene (ABS) Moulding and Extrusion Materials—Part 2: Preparation of Test Specimens and Determination of Properties ISO 20753 Plastics—Test Specimens

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions of technical terms used in this classification system are in accordance with Terminology D883. For definitions of abbreviations used in this test method, refer to Terminology D1600, unless otherwise indicated.

4. Classification

4.1 ABS materials, based on three or more monomers, are grouped rather than rigidly classified. These groups are then subdivided by class and then grades. In cases in which a resin meets the requirements of more than one group, the supplier will determine the specific callout(s). Table ABS has both ASTM procedure method and ISO procedure versions for callout under the preferred test system.

Note 1–	-For property test j	parameters, se	ee Section 12.	h Stan	dard	C					
			Description			Tensile	Modulus, MPa, Test	Impact		Softe Tempe	
Group	Description	Class		Grade	Description	Strength, MPa, ^B Test Method D638/ ISO 527	Method Flexural D790/ Tensile ISO 527	Izod J/m, ^C Test Method D256	Charpy kJ/m ² , ^D ISO 179	Test Method D1525, °C, 120°/h	ISO 306, °C, 50°/h
01	Molding	1	medium impact	1		45	2600	40	-	90	85
				ASTN ₃ D467		40 40	2400 2200	125 150	6 8	90 90	85 85
				-		_0_35 _0	2200	54 80 a/		67.9023	85
				t/c84a596d-€		32	1600	70	3	90	85
				0	other						
		2	high impact	1		35	2100	200	13	90	85
				2		35	2000	250	16	90	85
				3 4		30 30	1700 1700	275 325	19 25	90 90	85 85
				4 5		30 25	1500	325 400	25 30	90 90	85 85
				6		30	1600	184	12	90	85
				õ	other	00	1000	101		00	00
		3	high heat	1		45	2300	100	5	115	110
			0	2		40	2000	125	6	110	105
				3		40	2400	125	6	105	100
				4		35	2000	150	10	105	100
				5		35	2100	80	3	105	100
				6		34	1700	65	2	98	93
				7 0	other	32	1800	50	-	105	100
		4	plating ^E	1	other	45	2500	150	8	105	100
		-	plating	2		40	2600	80	3	105	100
				3		40	2200	200	13	100	95
				4		35	2000	200	13	95	90
				5		34	2200	80	3	93	88
			_	0	other						
		5	clear ^F	1		40	2300	80	3	85	80
		6	additive FR ^G	0 1	other	40	2200	200	10	05	80
		o	audilive FRG	2		40 40	2200	200 150	13 8	85 85	80 80
				3		40 35	2000	80	3	90	85
				4		30	2000	150	8	90	85
				5		25	1800	80	3	85	80
				0	other						

TABLE ABS ASTM/ISO Values, Requirements, Natural Color Only^A

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

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						Tensile Strength,	Modulus, MPa, Test	Im	pact		ening erature
Group	Description	Class	Description	Grade	Description	MPa, ^B Test Method D638/ ISO 527	Method Flexural D790/ Tensile ISO 527	Izod J/m, ^C Test Method D256	Charpy kJ/m ^{2,D} ISO 179	Test Method D1525, °C, 120°/h	ISO 306 °C, 50°/h
	-	0	other	0	other						
02	Extrusion	1	medium impact	1 2		50 45	2600 2400	80 80	3 3	95 90	90 85
				3		40	2400	150	8	90	85
				4		40	2000	80	3	90	85
				5		35	2200	125	6	90	85
				0	other						
		2	high impact	1		35	2400	200	13	90	85
				2 3		35	2200	325	25	90	85
				3		30 30	2000 2000	275 360	19 28	90 90	85 85
				5		25	1800	400	30	90	85
				6		25	1800	440	34	90	85
				0	other						
		3	FR	1		40	2300	280	19	90	85
				2		35	2000	275	19	90	85
		0	other	3 0	other	35	2000	210	17	85	80
03	Alloys ABS/PVC	1	other	1	other	50	2700	80	5	100	95
00				2		40	1800	200	13	90	85
				3		40	1800	275	19	80	75
				4		35	2000	400	30	70	65
				5		50	2100	440	34	110	105
				6		35	2000	475	38	70	65
					other	45	2400	200	13	80	75
		0	other	D olal	other						
04	Alloys ABS/PC	1	medium impact	1		55	2200	360	28	115	110
						- 55	2400	325	25	110	105
						50	2200	275	21	120	115
				4 5		45 40	2100 1900	275 70	21 3	110 105	105 100
				neont	other	IAW	1300	70	0	105	100
		2	high impact	1		55	2400	400	30	125	120
			o .	2		50	2300	400	30	115	110
				3		50	2200	475	39	125	120
						48	2100	275	21	110	105
				84a <mark>5</mark> 96d	1-e84other 102	-9c5d-9	2000	54255	19 astm-d4	1673-23	114
		3	high heat	1		60	2400	275	21	140	135
		Ũ	nighthoat	2		55	2400	400	30	130	125
				3		55	2000	500	41	125	120
				4		50	2300	360	28	135	130
				5		45	2100	600	50	130	125
				6 7		45	2000	325	25	128	123
				7 0	other	45	2000	325	25	119	114
		4	plating	1	OTIEI	50	2300	440	36	130	125
			ritting	2		45	2200	400	30	120	115
				3		45	2100	360	28	110	105
				0	other						
		5	additive FR	1		60	2400	125	6	110	105
				2 3		55	2400	200	13	110	105
				3 4		55 50	2400	400	30	90 110	85 105
				4 5		50 45	2000 2100	440 275	36 21	110 110	105 105
				6		40	2000	440	36	110	105
				õ	other				20		
		0	other	0	other						

^AAll cell values are minimums. ^BMPa × 145 = psi. ^CJ/m × 18.73 × 10⁻³ = ft·lbf /in. ^PkJ/m² × 0.476 = ft·lbf /in.². Test configuration 1aE. ^EPlating grades are those specifically recommended for plating or sputtering applications. ^FClear ABS has a light transmission of 70 % minimum. Test Method D1003 is allowed to be used. ^GSpecific flammability requirements shall be specified by the user.

Note 2-An example of this classification system is as follows:

The designation ABS0111 would indicate:

ABS	=	acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene,
01 (group)	=	injection-molding resin,
1 (class)	=	medium impact, and
1 (grade)	=	requirements given in Table ABS.

4.1.1 To facilitate the incorporation of future or special materials, the "other/unspecified" category (0) for group, class, and grade is shown in Table ABS. The basic properties can be obtained from Cell Table A, B, and C as they apply.

4.2 Reinforced and lubricated versions of the ABS materials are classified in accordance with Table ABS and Cell Table A or where Cell Table A does not reflect the required properties of the ABS material, Cell Table B. Table ABS specifies the unreinforced material and Cell Table A specifies the properties by either ASTM or ISO procedures after the addition of reinforcements or lubricants at the nominal level indicated. 4.2.1 A single letter shall be used for the major reinforcement or combination, or both, along with two digits that indicate the percentage of addition by mass, with the tolerance as seen in Table 1.

Note 3—This part of the system uses percent of reinforcements or additives, or both, in the callout of the modified basic material. The types and percentages of reinforcements and additives are shown on the supplier's technical data sheet unless this information is proprietary in nature. If necessary, additional callout of these reinforcements and additives can be accomplished by the use of the suffix part of the system as described in Section 5.

4.2.2 Specific requirements for reinforced, filled, or lubricated materials shall be shown by a six-character designation. The designation shall consist of the letter A and the five digits comprising the cell numbers for the property requirements in the order in which they appear in Cell Table A.

Symbol	Material	Tolerance
С	Carbon- and graphite-fiber reinforced	±2 %
G	Glass-reinforced	±2 %
L	Lubricants (for example,	depends on material and
	PTFE), graphite, silicone	process-to be specified
	and molybdenum disulfide	
М	Mineral-reinforced	±2 %
R	Combinations of reinforcements or	±3 % for the total
	fillers, or both	reinforcement

^AAsh content of filled, or reinforced material, or both, is determined using either Test Method D5630 or ISO 3451-1 where applicable. ^BAdditional symbols will be added to this table as required.

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CELL TABLE A	Reinforced ABS/Alloys
	Reiniorceu AD3/Alloys
(For property test pa	arameters, see Section 12.)

Designatio	n Dragarty	Cell Limits									
Grade	Property	0 \STN	1 D4673-	-22	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 ttl	Tensile strength, MPa ^A , min	landalaiat/2012	5064	10 1.00	0.54	01-2-06	15/72	Jaatma	44672	22	
	Test Method D638	unspecified	40	50	60	70	80 20	90	100	- 110	В
	ISO 527, 1, 2	unspecified	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	В
2	Modulus, MPa, min										
	Test Methods D790, Flexural	unspecified	3000	4000	5000	6000	7500	9000	11 000	15 000	В
	ISO 527 Tensile, chord	unspecified	3000	4000	5000	6000	7500	9000	11 000	15 000	В
3	Impact, min										
	Test Method D256, Izod, J/m ^C	unspecified	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	140	В
	ISO 179, Charpy, kJ/m ^{2D}	unspecified	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	В
4	Heat deflection temperature, °C, min										
	Test Method D648	unspecified	65	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	В
	ISO 75	unspecified	65	85	89	94	98	103	108	112	В
5	To be determined	unspecified									

^AMPa × 145 = psi.

^BTo be specified.

 C J/m × 18.73 × 10 $^{-3}$ = ft·lbf /in.

 D kJ/m² × 0.476 = ft lbf/in². Test configuration 1aE.

CELL TABLE B Unreinforced ABS

(For proper	ty test p	parameters,	see Section	12.)

Designation	1 Dreport		Cell Limits								
Grade	Property	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Tensile strength, MPa ^{A} , min										
	Test Method D638	unspecified	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	В
	ISO 527, 1, 2	unspecified	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	В
2	Modulus, MPa, min										
	Test Methods D790, Flexural	unspecified	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800	В
	ISO 527, Tensile, chord	unspecified	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800	В
3	Impact, min										
	Test Method D256, Izod, J/m ^C	unspecified	30	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	В



CELL TABLE B Unreinforced ABS

Designatior) Dronorty	Cell Limits									
Grade	Property	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5
	ISO 179, Charpy, kJ/m ^{2D}	unspecified	1	5	9	13	19	22	25	30	1
4	Softening temperature, °C, min										
	Test Method D1525	unspecified	75	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	
	ISO 306	unspecified	70	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	
5	To be determined	unspecified									

 A MPa × 145 = psi.

^BTo be specified.

 C J/m × 18.73 × 10⁻³ = ft·lbf /in.

 D kJ/m² × 0.476 = ft·lbf/in². Test configuration 1aE.

4.2.2.1 Although the values listed are necessary to include the range of properties available in existing materials, users should not infer that every possible combination of the properties exists or can be obtained.

4.2.3 When the grade of the basic material is not known, or is not important, the use of "0" grade classification shall be used for reinforced materials in this system.

Note 4—An example of this classification for a reinforced ABS is as follows: The designation ABS 120G30A55130 indicates:

ABS 120	=	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, molding resin, high im-	5
		pact	4
G30	=	Glass reinforced at 30 % nominal level,	
А	=	Cell Table A, property requirements,	2
5	=	80 MPa tensile strength, min,	
5	=	7500 MPa flexural modulus, D790, or tensile modulus,	2
		chord, ISO 527, min,	
1	=	30 J/m Izod or 2 kj/m ² Charpy impact strength, min,	C
3	=	90°C heat deflection temperature, D648, 89°C, ISO 75	
		min, and Document	r
0	=	unspecified.	2
If me		nation and another the designation mould be ADC	

If no properties are specified, the designation would be ABS 120G30A00000.

4.3 Cell Table B has been incorporated into this classification system to facilitate the classification of special materials where Table ABS or Cell Table A does not reflect the required properties of ABS material. Cell Table B shall be used in the same manner as Cell Table A.

Note 5—An example of a special material using this classification system is as follows: The designation ABS 210B54220 would indicate the following, with the material requirements from Cell Table B:

ABS 210	= Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, extrusion resin, medium
	impact,
В	= Cell Table B property requirements,
5	= 40 MPa tensile strength, min,
4	= 2000 MPa Flexural modulus, D790, or tensile modulus,
	chord, ISO 527, min,
2 2 7	= 100 J/m Izod impact or 5 kj/m ² Charpy impact strength,
	min,
2	= 90°C vicat softening point, D1525 or 85°C, ISO 306, min,
	and
0	= unspecified.
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Note 6—Mechanical properties of pigmented or colored ABS or alloy materials can differ from the mechanical properties of natural ABS or alloy material, depending on the choice and concentration of colorants. The main property affected is ductility, as illustrated by a reduction in Izod impact strength and tensile-elongation values. If specific properties of pigmented ABS or alloy materials are necessary, prior testing between the materials supplier and end user should be initiated.

CELL TABLE C	Unreinforced ABS Alloy
(For property test r	parameters see Section 12)

Designatio	n	Cell Limits									
Grade	Property	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Tensile strength, MPa ^A , min										
	Test Method D638	unspecified	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	В
	ISO 527, 1, 2	unspecified	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	В
2	Modulus, MPa, min										
	Test Methods D790, Flexural	unspecified	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000	В
	ISO 527, Tensile, chord	unspecified	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000	В
3	Impact, min										
	Test Method D256, Izod, J/m ^C	unspecified	100	200	300	350	450	500	550	600	В
	ISO 179, Charpy, kJ/m ^{2D}	unspecified	5	13	22	28	36	41	46	50	В
4	Softening temperature, °C, min										
	Test Method D1525	unspecified	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	В
	ISO 306	unspecified	65	75	85	95	105	115	125	135	В
5	To be determined	unspecified									

^AMPa × 145 = psi.

 $^{\it B}{\rm To}$ be specified.

 C J/m × 18.73 × 10 $^{-3}$ = ft·lbf/in.

 D kJ/m² × 0.476 = ft·lbf/in ². Test configuration 1aE.