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**Reusable rubber contraceptive diaphragms —  
Part 6 : Determination of deterioration after  
accelerated ageing**

*Diaphragmes contraceptifs réutilisables en caoutchouc — Partie 6 : Détermination des détériorations après vieillissement accéléré*

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# Reusable rubber contraceptive diaphragms — Part 6 : Determination of deterioration after accelerated ageing

## 1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 8009 specifies methods for determining the resistance of reusable rubber contraceptive diaphragms to deterioration.

## 2 References

ISO 188, *Rubber, vulcanized — Accelerated ageing or heat-resistance tests.*

ISO 8009/5, *Reusable rubber contraceptive diaphragms — Part 5 : Determination of tensile properties.*

## 3 Principle

Conditioning of the test pieces at an elevated temperature for a specified time. Examination of the test pieces followed by measuring of the tensile strength and elongation at break in accordance with ISO 8009/5.

## 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Oven**, as specified in ISO 188.

**4.2 Apparatus**, as specified in ISO 8009/5.

## 5 Preparation of test pieces

Test pieces shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 8009/5.

## 6 Procedure

**6.1** Condition the test pieces in the oven (4.1) at  $70 \pm 1$  °C for  $166 \pm 2$  h.

**6.2** After heating, maintain the test pieces at ambient temperature for at least 18 h but not more than 96 h.

**6.3** Examine the test pieces for tackiness, brittleness and other signs of deterioration with normal corrected vision and by tactile sensory evaluation.

**6.4** Measure the tensile strength and elongation at break in accordance with ISO 8009/5.

## 7 Expression of results

Calculate the tensile strength and elongation at break as described in ISO 8009/5.

## 8 Test report

The test report shall include the following particulars :

- a) identification of the sample;
- b) number of samples tested;
- c) description of any deterioration after conditioning;
- d) tensile strength and elongation at break of each test piece;
- e) date of testing.

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