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International Standard ISO 1874-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 61, *Plastics*, Subcommittee SC 9, *Thermoplastic materials*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 1874-2:1987) and includes the following changes:

- the title has been modified in order to include copolymers;
- the standard SC 9 frame text has been used, and accordingly the format differs from that of the first edition;
- additional polyamide types, PA 46 and PA NDT/INDT, have been added and the moulding conditions listed in a new table;
- the list of properties and test conditions (table 2) has been revised in accordance with ISO 10350.

ISO 1874 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Polyamide (PA) moulding and extrusion materials*:

- *Part 1: Designation*
- *Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties*

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Part 2:

Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties

1 Scope

This part of ISO 1874 specifies the methods of preparation of test specimens and the test methods to be used in determining the properties of polyamide moulding and extrusion materials. Requirements for handling test material and for conditioning both the test material before moulding and the specimens before testing are given here.

Procedures and conditions for the preparation of test specimens and procedures for measuring properties of the materials from which these specimens are made are given. Properties and test methods which are suitable and necessary to characterize polyamide moulding and extrusion materials are listed.

The properties have been selected from the general test methods in ISO 10350. Other test methods in wide use for or of particular significance to these moulding and extrusion materials are also included in this part of ISO 1874, as are the designatory properties found in part 1: viscosity number and tensile modulus of elasticity.

In order to obtain reproducible and comparable test results, it is necessary to use the methods of preparation and conditioning, the specimen dimensions and the test procedures specified herein. Values determined will not necessarily be identical to those obtained using specimens of different dimensions or prepared using different procedures.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 1874. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 1874 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 62:1980, *Plastics — Determination of water absorption.*

ISO 75-1:1993, *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load — Part 1: General test method.*

ISO 75-2:1993, *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load — Part 2: Plastics and ebonite.*

ISO 179:1993, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact strength.*

ISO 180:1993, *Plastics — Determination of Izod impact strength.*

ISO 291:1977, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing.*

ISO 294:1995, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials.*

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ISO 307:1994, *Plastics — Polyamides — Determination of viscosity number.*

ISO 527-1:1993, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles.*

ISO 527-2:1993, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics.*

ISO 899-1:1993, *Plastics — Determination of creep behaviour — Part 1: Tensile creep.*

ISO 960:1988, *Plastics — Polyamides (PA) — Determination of water content.*

ISO 1110:1995, *Plastics — Polyamides — Accelerated conditioning of test specimens.*

ISO 1183:1987, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density and relative density of non-cellular plastics.*

ISO 1210:1992, *Plastics — Determination of the burning behaviour of horizontal and vertical specimens in contact with a small-flame ignition source.*

ISO 1874-1:1992, *Plastics — Polyamide (PA) moulding and extrusion materials — Part 1: Designation.*

ISO 3146:1985, *Plastics — Determination of melting behaviour (melting temperature or melting range) of semi-crystalline polymers.*

ISO 3167:1993, *Plastics — Multipurpose test specimens.*

ISO 3451-4:1986, *Plastics — Determination of ash — Part 4: Polyamides.*

ISO 8256:1990, *Plastics — Determination of tensile-impact strength.*

ISO 10350:1993, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data.*

IEC 93:1980, *Methods of test for volume resistivity and surface resistivity of solid electrical insulation materials.*

IEC 112:1979, *Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulation materials under moist conditions.*

IEC 243-1:1988, *Methods of test for electric strength of solid insulating materials — Part 1: Tests at power frequencies.*

IEC 250:1969, *Recommended methods for the determination of the permittivity and dielectric dissipation factor of electrical insulating materials at power, audio and radio frequencies including metre wavelengths.*

IEC 296:1982, *Specification for unused mineral oils for transformers and switchgear.*

3 Preparation of test specimens

The specimens shall be prepared by injection moulding from dry granules.

It is essential that specimens are always prepared by the same procedure using the same processing conditions.

The material shall be kept in moisture-proof containers until it is required for use.

Moisture content of filled or reinforced materials shall be expressed as a percentage of the total mass of the compound.

3.1 Treatment of the material before moulding

Before processing, the material sample shall have reached room temperature.

Before processing, the moisture content of the material sample shall not exceed 0,2 % (*m/m*) in the case of PA having a viscosity number ≤ 200 ml/g, and not exceed 0,1 % (*m/m*) in the case of PA having a viscosity number > 200 ml/g. For PA 46 and PA NDT/INDT, the moisture content shall be less than 0,1 % (*m/m*). Moisture content shall be determined in accordance with ISO 960 and viscosity number in accordance with ISO 307.

To ensure that the moisture content remains low, it is recommended that the sample material in the feed hopper of the injection-moulding machine be blanketed with a suitable gas (dried air, nitrogen or argon, for example). Better results may be obtained using a dehumidifier hopper drier.

3.2 Injection moulding

Injection-moulded specimens shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 294, using the conditions specified in table 1.

Table 1 — Conditions for injection moulding of test specimens

Material	Viscosity number mg/l	Glass and mineral content %	Plasticizer content %	Melt temperature °C	Mould temperature °C	Average injection velocity mm/s	Hold-pressure time s	Total cycle time s
PA 6	≤ 160	0	0	250	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 160 but ≤ 200	0	0	260	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 200	0	0	270	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 160	≤ 50	0	290	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
PA 66	≤ 200	0	0	290	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 160	≥ 10 but ≤ 50	0	290	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 160	> 50 but ≤ 70	0	300	100	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
PA 46	≤ 260	0	0	315	120	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 260	≤ 50	0	315	120	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
PA 69, PA 610	≤ 200	0	0	270	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
PA 612	≤ 150	≤ 10	0	240	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 150 but ≤ 200	≤ 10	0	250	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 200 but ≤ 250	≤ 10	0	270	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 140	≥ 10 but ≤ 30	0	250	80	200; 5	≤ 50	
	> 140 but ≤ 180	> 30 but ≤ 50	0	270	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
PA 11	≤ 150	0	≤ 5	210	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 150 but ≤ 200	0	≤ 5	230	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 200 but ≤ 240	0	≤ 5	250	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 150	0	> 5	210	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 150 but ≤ 200	0	> 5	230	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 200 but ≤ 240	0	> 5	250	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 130	≥ 10 but ≤ 30	0	220	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 130	> 30 but ≤ 50	0	230	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 130 but ≤ 240	≥ 10 but ≤ 20	0	250	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 130 but ≤ 240	> 20 but ≤ 50	0	260	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50

Material	Viscosity number mg/l	Glass and mineral content %	Plasticizer content %	Melt temperature °C	Mould temperature °C	Average injection velocity mm/s	Hold-pressure time s	Total cycle time s
PA 12	≤ 130	≤ 10	≤ 5	200	60	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 130 but ≤ 150	≤ 10	≤ 5	210	60	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 150 but ≤ 200	≤ 10	≤ 5	220	60	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 200	≤ 10	≤ 5	240	60	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 150	0	> 5	200	60	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 150 but ≤ 200	0	> 5	210	60	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 200	0	> 5	220	60	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 130	≥ 10 but ≤ 30	0	230	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 130	> 30 but ≤ 50	0	240	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 130 but ≤ 240	≥ 10 but ≤ 30	0	240	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 130 but ≤ 240	> 30 but ≤ 50	0	250	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
PA MXD 6	≤ 130	0	0	250	130	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 130 but ≤ 160	0	0	260	130	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 130	≥ 20 but ≤ 50	0	270	130	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	> 130 but ≤ 160	≥ 20 but ≤ 50	0	280	130	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
PA NDT/INDT	≤ 160	0	0	280	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50
	≤ 120	≥ 20 but ≤ 50	0	300	80	200 ± 100	25 ± 5	≤ 50

4 Conditioning of test specimens

Separate sets of test specimens for determination of properties shall be conditioned in two different ways: one set dry-as-moulded and the other in the moist state.

Properties shall be determined on specimens in the dry-as-moulded state or on specimens in the moist state or on specimens in both states. The state of the specimens shall be stated in the test report.

4.1 Dry-as-moulded (DAM) state

Test specimens are considered to be in the DAM state when they have been placed, immediately after moulding, in a moisture-proof container and stored at $23\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$ for at least 24 h. The moisture content of DAM specimens shall not exceed 0,2 % (*m/m*). The intentional addition of water to reach this moisture content is not allowed, nor is drying of specimens with moisture contents above this limit.

To keep absorbed moisture at a low level, DAM specimens shall be tested in as short a time as possible (maximum 15 min) after removal from the moisture-proof container.

Annealing specimens prior to testing is not allowed.

4.2 Moist state

Test specimens are considered to be in the moist state when they have been conditioned at $23\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$ and $(50 \pm 5)\%$ relative humidity until equilibrium has been reached (see annex to ISO 291:1977).

Test specimens which have been conditioned by the procedure for accelerated conditioning of polyamides specified in ISO 1110 are also considered to be in the moist state. The moisture content shall be reported.

5 Determination of properties

In the determination of properties and the presentation of data, the standards, supplementary instructions and notes given in ISO 10350 shall be applied. All tests shall be carried out in the standard atmosphere of $23\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$ and $(50 \pm 5)\%$ relative humidity unless specifically stated otherwise in tables 2 and 3.

Table 2 is compiled from ISO 10350, and the properties listed are those which are appropriate to polyamide moulding and extrusion materials. These

properties are those considered useful for comparisons of data generated for different thermoplastics.

Table 3 contains those properties, not found specifically in table 2, which are in wide use or of particular significance in the practical characterization of polyamide moulding and extrusion materials.

Table 2 — Standard properties and test conditions (selected from ISO 10350)

Property	Unit	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Specimen preparation ¹⁾	Test conditions and supplementary instructions
Mechanical properties					
Tensile modulus	MPa	ISO 527-1, ISO 527-2	See ISO 3167	M, DAM + moist	Test speed 1 mm/min
Yield stress	MPa				Test speed 50 mm/min
Yield strain	%				Test speed 50 mm/min
Nominal strain at break	%				Test speed 50 mm/min
Stress at 50 % strain	MPa				Test speed 50 mm/min
Stress at break	MPa				Test speed 5 mm/min. Only to be quoted if stress at 50 % strain cannot be obtained
Nominal strain at break	%	ISO 899-1	See ISO 3167	M, moist	At 1 h
Tensile creep modulus	MPa				At 1 000 h
Charpy impact strength	kJ/m ²	ISO 179	80 × 10 × 4	M, DAM + moist	Method 1eU (edgewise impact)
Charpy notched impact strength	kJ/m ²		80 × 10 × 4 V-notch, l = 0,25	M, DAM + moist	Method 1eA (edgewise impact)
Tensile notched impact strength	kJ/m ²	ISO 8256	80 × 10 × 4 double V-notch, r = 1	M, DAM + moist	Only to be quoted if fracture cannot be obtained with notched Charpy test
Thermal properties					
Melt temperature	°C	ISO 3146	Moulding compound	—	Method C (DSC or DTA). Use 10 °C/min
Temperature of deflection under load	°C	ISO 75-1, ISO 75-2	110 × 10 × 4 or 80 × 10 × 4	M, DAM	0,45 MPa and 1,80 MPa
Flammability	mm/min	ISO 1210	125 × 13 × 3 or alternative thicknesses < 3 mm	M, DAM	Method A — linear burning rate of horizontal specimens
Electrical properties					
Relative permittivity	—	IEC 250	≥ 80 × ≥ 80 × 1	M, DAM + moist	Frequency 100 Hz and 1 MHz (compensate for electrode edge effect)
Dissipation factor	—				
Volume resistivity	Ω·m	IEC 93	≥ 80 × ≥ 80 × 1	M, DAM + moist	Voltage 100 V
Surface resistivity	Ω				
Electric strength	kV/mm	IEC 243-1	≥ 80 × ≥ 80 × 1	M, DAM + moist	Use 25 mm/75 mm coaxial-cylinder electrode configuration. Immerse in IEC 296 transformer oil. Use short time (rapid rise) test
Comparative tracking index	—	IEC 112	≥ 15 × ≥ 15 × 4	M, DAM	Use solution A
Other properties					
Water absorption	%	ISO 62	50 × 50 square or ∅ 50 × 3 disc	M, DAM	24 h immersion in water at 23 °C
Density	kg/m ³	ISO 1183	10 × 10 × 4	M, DAM	
1) M = Injection moulding DAM = Dry-as-moulded state Moist = Moist state					

Table 3 — Specialized properties and test conditions

Property	Unit	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Specimen preparation ¹⁾	Test conditions and supplementary instructions
Mechanical properties					
Izod impact strength	kJ/m ²	ISO 180	80 × 10 × 4	M, DAM + moist	This method is listed temporarily. It is expected to be removed in 1998
Electrical properties					
Relative permittivity	—	} IEC 250	≥ 80 × ≥ 80 × 3	M, DAM + moist	Frequency 100 Hz and 1 MHz (compensate for electrode edge effect)
Dissipation factor	—				
Volume resistivity	Ω·m	} IEC 93	≥ 80 × ≥ 80 × 3	M, DAM + moist	Voltage 100 V
Surface resistivity	Ω				
Electric strength	kV/mm	IEC 243-1	≥ 80 × ≥ 80 × 3	M, DAM + moist	Use 25 mm/75 mm coaxial-cylinder electrode configuration. Immerse in IEC 296 transformer oil. Use short time (rapid rise) test
Other properties					
Ash content	%	ISO 3451-4	Moulding compound	—	Only for filled or reinforced grades
Moisture content	%	ISO 960	Moulding compound	—	
Viscosity number	ml/g	ISO 307	Moulding compound	—	See conditions given in part 1 of this standard
1) M = Injection moulding DAM = Dry-as-moulded state Moist = Moist state					

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