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### Polimerni materiali – Ugotavljanje razpada plastomerov pri simuliranem kompostiranju v laboratorijskem merilu (ISO 20200:2004)

Plastics - Determination of the degree of disintegration of plastic materials under simulated composting conditions in a laboratory-scale test (ISO 20200:2004)

Kunststoffe - Bestimmung des Zersetzungsgrades von Kunststoffmaterialien unter nachgebildeten Kompostierungsbedingungen mittels einer Prüfung im Labormaßstab (ISO 20200:2004)

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## Introduction

The test method described in this International Standard determines the degree of disintegration of plastic materials when exposed to a composting environment. The method is simple and inexpensive, does not require special bioreactors and is scaled for use in any general-purpose laboratory. It requires the use of a standard and homogeneous synthetic solid waste. The synthetic waste components are dry, clean, safe products which can be stored in the laboratory without any odour or health problems. The synthetic waste is of constant composition and devoid of any undesired plastic material which could be erroneously identified as test material at the end of testing, altering the final evaluation. The bioreactors are small, as is the amount of synthetic waste to be composted (approximately 3 l). With the limited amount of test material, this method provides a simplified test procedure. This test method is not aimed at determining the biodegradability of plastic materials under composting conditions. Further testing will be necessary before being able to claim compostability.

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