
**Rubber compounding ingredients —
Carbon black — Determination of iodine
adsorption number — Titrimetric method**

*Ingrédients de mélange du caoutchouc — Noir de carbone —
Détermination de l'indice d'adsorption d'iode — Méthode titrimétrique*

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a titrimetric method for the determination of the iodine adsorption number of carbon blacks for use in the rubber industry.

The iodine adsorption number is related to the surface area of a carbon black, and is generally in agreement with the nitrogen surface area. However, it is significantly depressed in the presence of a high content of volatile or solvent-extractable materials; the iodine adsorption number therefore does not always provide a measure of the specific surface area of a carbon black.

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2 Normative references

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ISO 385-1:1984, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes — Part 1: General requirements.*

ISO 648:1977, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark pipettes.*

ISO 1042:1998, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks.*

ISO 1126:1992, *Rubber compounding ingredients — Carbon black — Determination of loss on heating.*

ISO TR 6809:1996, *Rubber compounding ingredients — Carbon black — Standard reference blacks.*

ISO/TR 9272:1986, *Rubber and rubber products — Determination of precision for test method standards.*

3 Principle

A test portion of carbon black is dried, weighed and mixed vigorously with a measured volume of standard iodine solution. The mixture is then centrifuged. A measured volume of the clear iodine solution is titrated with a standard solution of sodium thiosulfate. From this titration value and the mass of the test portion, the iodine adsorption number of the carbon black is calculated.

4 Apparatus

Ordinary laboratory equipment (beakers, funnels, porcelain spoon, weighing bottles, etc.), plus the following:

4.1 Analytical balance, with 0,1 mg sensitivity.

4.2 Oven, preferably of the gravity-convection type, capable of temperature regulation to within ± 1 °C at 125 °C and temperature uniformity to within ± 5 °C.

4.3 Stoppered one-mark volumetric flasks, preferably class A in accordance with ISO 1042, of capacities

- a) 2 000 cm³, with a tolerance of $\pm 0,60$ cm³,
- b) 1 000 cm³, with a tolerance of $\pm 0,40$ cm³.

4.4 One-mark pipettes, high precision, of capacities:

- a) 20 cm³, with a tolerance of $\pm 0,03$ cm³,
- b) 25 cm³, with a tolerance of $\pm 0,03$ cm³,

or **repetitive dispenser**, 25 cm³ capacity, calibrated to within $\pm 0,03$ cm³ accuracy.

If class A pipettes in accordance with ISO 648 are used, no calibration is necessary. In other cases, pipettes shall be calibrated to the nearest 0,01 cm³ with distilled water, a temperature correction being made if necessary to show the true delivery at any volume used to within 0,01 cm³. The true delivered volume is the read volume plus (or minus) the calibration correction at that volume. For high-precision volume determination (see 7.2.2, 7.3.2, 8.3.3, 8.3.6 and 8.3.8), it is recommended that the 20 cm³ and 25 cm³ pipettes have calibration corrections of the same magnitude and in the same sense.

4.5 Burettes, high precision, side-arm filling, graduated in 0,05 cm³ and with automatic zero, of capacities:

- a) 25 cm³, with a tolerance of $\pm 0,05$ cm³,
- b) 50 cm³, with a tolerance of $\pm 0,05$ cm³,

or **digital burettes**, with 0,01 cm³ increment counter and zero-reset control, calibrated to within $\pm 0,05$ cm³ accuracy.

If class A burettes in accordance with ISO 385-1 are used, no calibration is necessary. In other cases, burettes shall be calibrated to the nearest 0,01 cm³ with distilled water, a temperature correction being made if necessary to show the true delivery at any volume used to within 0,01 cm³. The true delivered volume is the read volume plus (or minus) the calibration correction at that volume.

4.6 Stoppered bottles, with ground-glass stoppers, of capacities 250 cm³ and 500 cm³.

4.7 Amber-glass stoppered bottles, with ground-glass stoppers, of capacities 1 000 cm³ and 2 000 cm³.

4.8 Centrifuge tubes, of capacity 50 cm³, with screw cap and polyethylene liner.

Cork, rubber or metal stoppers shall not be used.

4.9 Mechanical shaker, capable of 240 strokes/min, with 25 mm stroke length.

4.10 Centrifuge, minimum speed 105 rad/s (1 000 r/min).

4.11 Desiccator.

4.12 Magnetic stirrers and spin bars.

5 Reagents

Unless otherwise stated, all chemicals shall be of reagent grade.

5.1 Water, deionized, having a pH-value within the range 6,5 to 7,2 (preferably close to 6,9).

NOTE It is recommended that freshly reboiled water be used, obtained from water distilled then polished with a mixed bed of ion-exchange materials and a 0,2 µm to 4 µm membrane filter.

Deionized water shall be protected from atmospheric contamination and from dissolution of container and tubing materials. Extreme care shall be exercised in handling the water. Containers and tubing shall be made of polytetrafluoroethylene, solid tin, quartz, 18-8 stainless steel, polyethylene or some other material proven to be sufficiently resistant to chemical attack.

5.2 Iodine (I₂).

5.3 Potassium iodide (KI).

5.4 Potassium iodate (KIO₃).

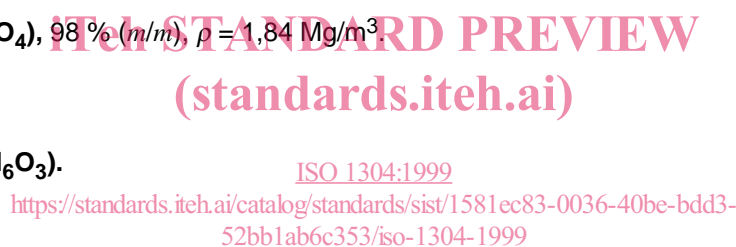
5.5 Sodium thiosulfate pentahydrate (Na₂S₂O₃·5H₂O).

5.6 *n*-Amyl alcohol (C₅H₁₁OH).

5.7 Sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄), 98 % (m/m), ρ = 1,84 Mg/m³.

5.8 Soluble starch.

5.9 Salicylic acid (C₇H₆O₃).



6 Preparation of solutions¹⁾

6.1 Iodine solution, 0,023 64 mol/dm³ (0,047 28 N), containing 9,5 parts of potassium iodide to 1 part of iodine.

6.1.1 Weigh, to the nearest 0,01 g, 114,00 g of potassium iodide (5.3) into a 100 cm³ beaker.

6.1.2 Place about three-quarters of the KI in a clean 2 000 cm³ volumetric flask (see 4.3) through a large-diameter funnel.

6.1.3 Add enough water (5.1) to cover the KI. Swirl to dissolve, and allow to stand until the solution attains ambient temperature.

6.1.4 Place the remainder of the KI in a 250 cm³ beaker with enough water (5.1) to dissolve it.

6.1.5 Weigh exactly²⁾ 12,000 0 g of iodine on the balance (4.1) in a weighing bottle fitted with a ground-glass stopper. Record the mass to the nearest 0,1 mg. Use only a porcelain spoon to transfer the iodine crystals, and close the weighing bottle when making weighings.

6.1.6 Transfer the iodine through a funnel to the potassium iodide solution prepared in 6.1.3.

1) It is easier to weigh approximate masses to the nearest 0,1 mg and calculate the results rather than attempt to weigh test portion masses exactly.

2) In this case, it is not sufficient to calculate a correction factor, since the test result depends on the concentration of the iodine solution (see 7.3.5).

6.1.7 Wash thoroughly the weighing bottle with portions of the KI solution prepared in 6.1.4 until no colour remains, and transfer the washings through the funnel to the 2 000 cm³ volumetric flask.

6.1.8 Wash the funnel with the rest of the KI solution prepared in 6.1.4.

6.1.9 Add water (5.1) to almost fill the volumetric flask, cap it with the ground-glass stopper, invert it 2 or 3 times to homogenize and let it stand for about one hour.

6.1.10 Open the flask, make up to the mark with water (5.1), insert a spin bar in the flask, place it on the magnetic stirrer (4.12) and stir for 2 h at least at medium speed.

NOTE At medium speed, the depth of the vortex should be about 5 mm.

6.1.11 Transfer the solution to an amber-glass bottle (4.7) and let it stand overnight prior to any use.

6.2 Sodium thiosulfate solution, 0,039 mol/dm³ (0,039 4 N).

6.2.1 Weigh, to the nearest 0,005 g, 19,560 g of sodium thiosulfate pentahydrate (5.5) into a suitable container.

6.2.2 With the help of a funnel, transfer the weighed sodium thiosulfate to a 2 000 cm³ volumetric flask (see 4.3).

6.2.3 Add through the funnel about 1 litre of water (5.1). Wash carefully.

6.2.4 Add 10 cm³ of *n*-amyl alcohol (5.6) to the flask, and shake the solution in the flask vigorously until all crystals are dissolved.

6.2.5 Make up to the mark with water (5.1), insert a spin bar in the flask, place it on the magnetic stirrer and stir for about 2 h at medium speed (see note to 6.1.10).

6.2.6 Transfer the solution to an amber-glass bottle (4.7).

6.3 Potassium iodate/iodide solution, 0,006 567 mol/dm³ (0,039 40 N).

6.3.1 Dry an adequate quantity of potassium iodate in the oven (4.2) at 125 °C for 1 h. Allow to cool to ambient temperature in the desiccator (4.11).

6.3.2 In a 1 000 cm³ volumetric flask (see 4.3), dissolve 45,0 g (weighed to the nearest 0,1 g) of potassium iodide (5.3) in about 200 cm³ of water (5.1). Allow to stand until the solution attains ambient temperature.

6.3.3 Weigh out, to the nearest 0,1 mg, 1,405 4 g of the freshly dried potassium iodate (6.3.1) and transfer to the iodide solution in the volumetric flask.

6.3.4 Make up to the mark with water (5.1), cap the flask and homogenize the solution by inverting the flask 4 to 5 times.

6.3.5 Transfer the solution to an amber-glass bottle (4.7).

NOTE The potassium iodate/iodide solution is a primary standard in this test method, and it is essential that all precautions be taken to ensure its accuracy.

6.4 Sulfuric acid, 20 % (V/V) solution.

6.4.1 Measure out 180 cm³ of water (5.1) in a graduated cylinder and transfer to a 250 cm³ conical flask.

6.4.2 Measure out 28 cm³ of concentrated sulfuric acid (5.7) in a small graduated cylinder.

6.4.3 Very carefully pour the acid into the flask of water (6.4.1), and swirl gently to mix. Rinse the graduated cylinder with diluted acid from the flask and pour the rinsings back into the flask.

Do not use water for rinsing.

6.4.4 Transfer the solution to a 250 cm³ bottle (4.6), cap the bottle and allow the solution to cool to ambient temperature before use.

6.5 Starch indicator, 0,25 % solution.

6.5.1 Place in a 50 cm³ beaker 2,5 g of powdered soluble starch (5.8), 2 mg of salicylic acid (5.9) and 25 cm³ of water (5.1). Stir with a glass rod.

6.5.2 Bring 1 000 cm³ of water (5.1) in a 2 000 cm³ beaker to the boil on a hotplate.

6.5.3 Pour the starch suspension prepared in 6.5.1 into the boiling water while stirring, and continue to boil for about 10 min.

6.5.4 Allow the solution to cool to ambient temperature and to settle, decant the clear portion into 500 cm³ glass bottles (4.6) and cap the bottles.

7 Standardization of the solutions

7.1 General

The potassium iodate/iodide solution is used as a primary standard to standardize the sodium thiosulfate solution. This sodium thiosulfate solution is then used as a secondary standard to standardize the iodine solution.

7.2 Sodium thiosulfate solution

7.2.1 After a resting period of 24 h after preparation, fill a glass (or digital) burette (see 4.5) with the unstandardized sodium thiosulfate solution. Flush 2 cm³ to 3 cm³ through the tip and adjust the mark (with a digital burette, flush the inlet and delivery tubes and zero the counter).

7.2.2 With a pipette (see 4.4), transfer exactly 25 cm³ of potassium iodate/iodide solution (6.3) to a 250 cm³ conical flask.

7.2.3 Add about 3 cm³ of 20 % sulfuric acid (6.4) to the flask to liberate the iodine. Mix thoroughly.

7.2.4 Add sodium thiosulfate from the burette until a pale-straw colour is observed. Wash the burette tip and the walls of the flask with water (5.1).

7.2.5 Add approximately 5 cm³ of starch indicator (6.5) to the flask.

7.2.6 Continue to add sodium thiosulfate solution dropwise until the blue or blue-violet colour almost disappears. Wash the burette tip and the walls of the flask with water (5.1).

7.2.7 Slowly continue to add thiosulfate dropwise (or advance the counter of the digital burette by 0,01 cm³ increments) until the blue colour is totally changed to colourless.

7.2.8 Record the titration volume as V_1 , to the nearest 0,025 cm³ (or 0,01 cm³).

NOTE To achieve maximum performance with a glass burette, it is recommended that a small magnifier be used to read the burette to the nearest 0,025 cm³.

7.2.9 Repeat the sequence 7.2.2 to 7.2.8 to give a duplicate determination.

7.2.10 Calculate the concentration, in mol/dm³, of the sodium thiosulfate solution c_1 (or normality n_1) as follows:

$$c_1 = \frac{25 \times 6 \times 0,006\,567}{V_1} \quad \left(\text{or } n_1 = \frac{25 \times 0,039\,40}{V_1} \right)$$

where

V_1 is the average titration volume, in cm³, of the duplicate determinations;

6 is the stoichiometric factor;

0,006 567 is the concentration of the potassium iodate/iodide solution (6.3), expressed in mol/dm³;

0,039 40 is the concentration of the potassium iodate/iodide solution (6.3), expressed as a normality.

7.2.11 To be acceptable, the concentration c_1 of the sodium thiosulfate solution shall be:

$$0,039\,40 \text{ mol/dm}^3 \pm 0,000\,08 \text{ mol/dm}^3$$

If the concentration is outside this range, the solution can be adjusted as follows:

- if the solution is too strong, add water (5.1) (2,5 cm³ of water per 1 000 cm³ of solution for each 0,000 1 mol/dm³ over 0,039 4 mol/dm³) (or in terms of normality: 2,5 cm³ of water per 1 000 cm³ of solution for each 0,000 1 N over 0,039 4 N);
- if the solution is too weak, add solid sodium thiosulfate (0,025 g of thiosulfate per 1 000 cm³ of solution for each 0,000 1 mol/dm³ under 0,039 4 mol/dm³) (or in terms of normality: 0,025 g of thiosulfate per 1 000 cm³ of solution for each 0,000 1 N under 0,039 4 N).

NOTE Any possible adjustment has to take into consideration the actual volume of the solution to be adjusted.

In either case, it is essential to homogenize the adjusted solution thoroughly and to repeat the entire standardization procedure (7.2).

7.3 Iodine solution

7.3.1 Fill a glass (or digital) burette with the standardized sodium thiosulfate solution as indicated in 7.2.1.

7.3.2 With a pipette (see 4.4), transfer exactly 25 cm³ of the unstandardized iodine solution into a 250 cm³ conical flask.

7.3.3 Titrate the contents of the flask with the standardized sodium thiosulfate solution from the burette, following the procedure described in 7.2.4 to 7.2.9, and record the titration volume V_2 to the nearest 0,025 cm³ (or 0,01 cm³) (see note to 7.2.8).

7.3.4 Calculate the concentration, in mol/dm³, of the iodine solution c_2 (or normality n_2) as follows:

$$c_2 = \frac{V_2 \times c_1}{2 \times 25} \quad \left(\text{or } n_2 = \frac{V_2 \times n_1}{25} \right)$$

where

c_1 is the concentration of the standardized sodium thiosulfate solution, expressed in mol/dm³, as calculated in 7.2.10;

n_1 is the concentration of the standardized sodium thiosulfate solution, expressed as a normality, as calculated in 7.2.10;

V_2 is the average titration volume, in cm³, of the duplicate determinations;

2 is the stoichiometric factor.

7.3.5 To be acceptable, the concentration c_2 of the iodine solution shall be:

$$0,023\ 64\ \text{mol/dm}^3 \pm 0,000\ 025\ \text{mol/dm}^3\ (0,047\ 28\ \text{N} \pm 0,000\ 05\ \text{N})$$

If the concentration is outside this range, the solution can be adjusted as follows:

- if the solution is too strong, add water (5.1) ($4,2\ \text{cm}^3$ of water per $1\ 000\ \text{cm}^3$ of solution for each $0,000\ 1\ \text{mol/dm}^3$ over $0,023\ 64\ \text{mol/dm}^3$) (or in terms of normality: $2,1\ \text{cm}^3$ of water per $1\ 000\ \text{cm}^3$ of solution for each $0,000\ 1\ \text{N}$ over $0,047\ 28\ \text{N}$);
- if the solution is too weak, add iodine ($0,025\ 4\ \text{g}$ of iodine per $1\ 000\ \text{cm}^3$ of solution for each $0,000\ 1\ \text{mol/dm}^3$ under $0,023\ 64\ \text{mol/dm}^3$) (or in terms of normality: $0,012\ 7\ \text{g}$ of iodine per $1\ 000\ \text{cm}^3$ of solution for each $0,000\ 1\ \text{N}$ under $0,047\ 28\ \text{N}$).

NOTE Any possible adjustment has to take into consideration the actual volume of solution to be adjusted.

In either case, it is essential to homogenize the adjusted solution thoroughly and to restart the entire standardization procedure (7.3).

8 Procedure

8.1 Conditions of test

It is preferred that the test be carried out in a room having ambient conditions of either $23\ ^\circ\text{C} \pm 2\ ^\circ\text{C}$ at $(50 \pm 5)\ \%$ relative humidity or $27\ ^\circ\text{C} \pm 2\ ^\circ\text{C}$ at $(65 \pm 5)\ \%$ relative humidity.

It is recommended that the reagents and the apparatus be maintained at temperature equilibrium in the same room at least for a few hours before being used.

The test room shall be free from fumes or vapours which could contaminate the reagents and apparatus used, and therefore alter the results.

8.2 Sample preparation

Dry an adequate amount of the carbon black for 1 h at a temperature of $125\ ^\circ\text{C}$ as specified in ISO 1126. Allow to cool to ambient temperature in a desiccator. Keep the dried carbon black in the desiccator until ready for testing. Standard reference blacks shall be dried to constant mass.

NOTE Pellets of carbon black need not be crushed. Unagitated, unpelletized carbon black may be densified, if desired, before drying.

8.3 Iodine number determination

8.3.1 Weigh, to the nearest $0,1\ \text{mg}$, a test portion of the dried carbon black into a centrifuge tube (4.8), taking the amount specified in table 1.

Use the test portion mass corresponding to the expected iodine number. If the result falls either above or below the range shown for that mass, retest using the mass corresponding to the range in which the result fell.

8.3.2 The test portion masses given in table 1 are valid only when $25\ \text{cm}^3$ of iodine solution is used as specified in 8.3.3. Different volumes of iodine solution and different test portion masses are permissible only if the iodine solution to test portion ratio is the same as that given in table 1.

The test portion mass shall be limited to $1,000\ \text{g}$ maximum when using a $50\ \text{cm}^3$ centrifuge tube. Should the test portion mass and corresponding volume of iodine solution be increased, then a tube of suitable capacity shall be used in order to ensure efficient shaking.