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## Foreword

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ISO 2439 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 45, *Rubber and rubber products*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Products (other than hoses)*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 2439:1997 and ISO 2439:1997/Cor.1:1998), which has been technically revised.

Major modifications in this revised text are:

- a) change in Scope to cover five methods;
- b) inclusion of Figure 1 to illustrate the force-indentation curve; and
- c) inclusion of informative annexes.

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# Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of hardness (indentation technique)

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## 1 Scope

The indentation hardness of flexible cellular materials is a measure of their load-bearing properties. This International Standard specifies four methods (A to D) for the determination of indentation hardness and one method (E) for determination of compressive deflection coefficient and hysteresis loss rate of flexible cellular materials. Annex A provides a summary of test parameters and typical force-indentation graphs obtained with these methods.

These five methods are applicable only to latex foam, urethane foam and PVC foam of the open-cell type. The methods specified can be used for testing finished articles and for the characterization of bulk material.

This International Standard specifies the following methods:

- a) Method A — Determination of the 40 %/30 s indentation hardness index, which gives a single indentation measurement for laboratory test purposes;
- b) Method B — Determination of the 25 %-40 %-65 %/30 s indentation hardness characteristics, which provides information about the shape of the hardness indentation curve;
- c) Method C — Determination of the 40 % indentation hardness check, which is a quick procedure suitable for quality control testing;
- d) Method D — Determination of the 25 %/20 s low indentation hardness index, which is a quick procedure suitable as an inspection test;
- e) Method E — Determination of the compressive deflection coefficient and hysteresis loss rate, which gives additional information about the load-bearing properties of materials.

The results obtained by these methods relate only to the test conditions specified and cannot, in general, be used directly for design purposes.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1382, *Rubber — Vocabulary*