
**Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of
comparable single-point data —**

**Part 2:
Long-fibre-reinforced plastics**

*Plastiques — Acquisition et présentation de caractéristiques intrinsèques
comparables*
(Partie 2: Plastiques renforcés par de longues fibres)

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Foreword

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Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

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ISO 10350 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data*:

— *Part 1: Moulding materials*

— *Part 2: Long-fibre-reinforced plastics*

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Introduction

This part of ISO 10350 has been prepared because users of long-fibre-reinforced plastics find that available data cannot always be readily used to compare the properties of similar materials, especially when the data have been supplied by different sources. Even when the same standard tests have been used, they may allow the adoption of a wide range of alternative test conditions, and the data obtained are not necessarily comparable. The purpose of this part of ISO 10350 is to identify specific methods and conditions of test to be used for the acquisition and presentation of data in order that valid comparisons between materials can be made.

This part of ISO 10350 is concerned with tests employed to present "single-point" data on the limited range of properties commonly included in data sheets and used for the preliminary selection of materials. Such data represent the most basic approach to the specification of properties of materials and this part of ISO 10350 thus facilitates the first steps towards more efficient selection and use of plastics in the many applications to which they are suited.

Many properties of long-fibre-reinforced plastics are anisotropic. The test method standards for these properties have been produced with different procedures for specific types of reinforcement. In this part of ISO 10350, use of the appropriate procedure is specified rather than the use of a specific specimen geometry as adopted in Part 1 for moulding materials. This is necessary for the recording of meaningful material property values.

Complementary International Standards (ISO 11403, parts 1, 2 and 3)¹⁾ are concerned with the standardized acquisition and presentation of multipoint data, to demonstrate how properties vary with important factors such as time, temperature and the presence of particular natural and chemical environments. In these standards, some additional properties are included. Their use will provide a more substantial database than one containing only single-point data, and so will enable improved assessment of the fitness of a material for any particular application. In addition, ISO 11403-1, which deals with mechanical properties, assists predictions of the performance of components and ISO 11403-2, covering thermal and processing properties, aids predictions of melt-flow behaviour during manufacturing. ISO 11403-3 is concerned with environmental influences on properties, and other parts may be prepared to cover additional properties. The various parts of ISO 11403 were written primarily for moulding materials. The test methods and test conditions referred to may not therefore be ideally suited to the acquisition of data for all long-fibre-reinforced plastics.

1) ISO 11403-1:1994, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable multipoint data — Part 1: Mechanical properties* (under revision).

ISO 11403-2:1995, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable multipoint data — Part 2: Thermal and processing properties*.

ISO 11403-3:1999, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable multipoint data — Part 3: Environmental influences on properties*.

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1 Scope

ISO 10350 identifies specific test procedures for the acquisition and presentation of comparable data for certain basic properties of plastics. In general, each property is specified by a single experimental value, although in certain cases properties are represented by two values obtained under different test conditions or along different directions in the material. The properties included are those presented conventionally in manufacturers' data sheets. This part of ISO 10350 applies to reinforced thermoplastic and thermosetting materials where the reinforcement fibres are either discontinuous with a fibre length prior to processing greater than 7,5 mm or continuous (e.g. fabric, continuous-strand mat or unidirectional). Part 1 of this International Standard deals specifically with unreinforced and filled plastics, including those using fibres less than 7,5 mm in length.

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2 Normative references

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The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 10350. For dated references subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 10350 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 62:1999, *Plastics — Determination of water absorption.*

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

ISO 179-1:2000, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test.*

ISO 179-2:1997, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 2: Instrumented impact test.*

ISO 291:1997, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing.*

ISO 527-4:1997, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 4: Test conditions for isotropic and orthotropic fibre-reinforced plastic composites.*

ISO 527-5:1997, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 5: Test conditions for unidirectional fibre-reinforced plastic composites.*

ISO 1172:1996, *Textile-glass-reinforced plastics — Prepregs, moulding compounds and laminates — Determination of the textile-glass and mineral-filler content — Calcination methods.*

2) To be published. (Revision of ISO 75-2:1993)

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ISO 1183 (all parts), *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics.*

ISO 1268 (all parts), *Fibre-reinforced plastics — Methods of producing test plates.*

ISO 2577:1984, *Plastics — Thermosetting moulding materials — Determination of shrinkage.*

ISO 2818:1994, *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining.*

ISO 4589-2:1996, *Plastics — Determination of burning behaviour by oxygen index — Part 2: Ambient-temperature test.*

ISO 6603-2:2000, *Plastics — Determination of puncture impact behaviour of rigid plastics — Part 2: Instrumented impact testing.*

ISO 11357-2:1999, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 2: Determination of glass transition temperature.*

ISO 11357-3:1999, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 3: Determination of temperature and enthalpy of melting and crystallization.*

ISO 11359-2:1999, *Plastics — Thermomechanical analysis (TMA) — Part 2: Determination of coefficient of linear thermal expansion and glass transition temperature.*

ISO 14125:1998, *Fibre-reinforced plastic composites — Determination of flexural properties.*

ISO 14127:—³⁾, *Composites — Determination of the resin, fibre and void content of composites reinforced with carbon fibre.*

ISO 14130:1997, *Fibre-reinforced plastic composites — Determination of apparent interlaminar shear strength by short-beam method.*

ISO 15310:1999, *Fibre-reinforced plastic composites — Determination of the in-plane shear modulus by the plate twist method.*

IEC 60093:1980, *Methods of test for volume resistivity and surface resistivity of solid electrical insulating materials.*

IEC 60112:1979, *Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions.*

IEC 60243-1:1998, *Electrical strength of insulating materials — Test methods — Part 1: Tests at power frequencies.*

IEC 60250:1969, *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 60296:1982, *Specification for unused mineral insulating oils for transformers and switchgear.*

IEC 60695-11-10:1999, *Fire hazard testing — Part 11-10: Test flames — 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods.*

IEC 60695-11-20:1999, *Fire hazard testing — Part 11-20: Test flames — 500 W flame test methods.*

3) To be published.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 10350, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

single-point data

data characterizing a plastics material by means of those property tests in which important aspects of performance can be described with single-value results

3.2

specimen coordinate axes

the coordinate axes for a material in which the fibres are preferentially aligned in one direction

NOTE 1 Where the material contains a known axis of preferred fibre orientation, then this is defined as the "1"-axis (or "1"-direction). For materials prepared as a test plate, then the in-plane direction transverse to the "1"-axis is defined as the "2"-axis.

NOTE 2 Where the direction of preferred orientation is not known, the "1"-axis is taken as the production direction of the composite or the reinforcement (e.g. the warp direction for fabrics).

4 Specimen preparation and conditioning

Specimens shall be cut from test plates manufactured by the method given in the part of ISO 1268 appropriate to the material under test. Machining shall be performed in accordance with ISO 2818, as applicable, and the dimensions of the specimen shall comply with those for the appropriate specimen in Table 2.

The moulding conditions stipulated in ISO 1268, or any other International Standard, shall be recorded with the single-point data for that material. Typical parameters are shown in Table 1.

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 Table 1 — Moulding parameters

Moulding-material type	Manufacturing method and standard	Manufacturing parameters
Long-fibre-reinforced plastic	Test plate manufacture ISO 1268, Parts 1-9	Typical parameters given in the appropriate part of ISO 1268 will cover: Temperatures (e.g. of mould, resin, preform, cure, post cure) Pressures (e.g. of moulding, holding, resin transfer, vacuum level) Times, speeds and rates (e.g. curing times, speed of winding or pultrusion, quantity of glass and resin sprayed by unit of time)

For materials that have properties that are not significantly sensitive to any absorbed water, specimens shall be conditioned in accordance with the International Standard appropriate to the material concerned. If no materials standard is available, condition test specimens at 23 °C ± 2 °C and (50 ± 10) % RH for a minimum length of time of 88 h (see ISO 291).

For those materials having properties that are significantly dependent upon the concentration of any absorbed water, data shall be presented both for material that is dry and also for material that is in equilibrium with an atmosphere of 50 % RH at 23 °C but with the following exceptions (see Table 2).

Rheological properties 1.1 to 1.6	dry only
Thermal properties 3.1 to 3.8	dry only
Surface resistivity and comparative tracking index 4.6 and 4.9	50 % RH only

For these materials, consult the relevant materials standard for procedures for conditioning specimens to achieve material that is dry or in equilibrium under 50 % RH. Following such conditioning, all test specimens shall be stored at $23\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$ for a minimum of 16 h before testing. The storage atmosphere shall then be either dry or at 50 % RH, depending upon the condition of the specimen.

5 Test requirements

The test methods, test conditions and units specified in Table 2 shall be used when determining data. Where the test method has different procedures for different types of reinforcement, then the appropriate procedure shall be used for the material under test.

6 Presentation of results

The presentation of data shall be as shown in Table 2, and the data shall be preceded by information that identifies the material together with the information required by clause 4 where appropriate. This shall include the matrix resin used, the type of reinforcing fibre used, the mass fraction and form of the reinforcing fibres, and the processing method used to produce the test specimens.

Where this part of ISO 10350 requires measurements of a property to be made in different directions, then separate measurements shall be made along the "1" and "2"-axes. The measurements shall be recorded under the headings "Value 1" and "Value 2", respectively. Where only a single value is required, this shall be recorded under the "Value 1" heading.

Indicate also whether the specimens tested were dry, in equilibrium with an atmosphere of 50 % RH at 23 °C or whether properties are insensitive to the presence of water.

The minimum number of specimens that shall be tested is specified for each property in the associated test method standard (see the note). Record the mean value for each property (or the central value if this is stipulated in the test method standard) in the "Value" column.

NOTE In order that the value recorded for each property is as representative as possible of the material being tested, it is recommended that test specimens are prepared from at least three samples of the material taken from the production of the material over an extended timescale.

Table 2 — Long-fibre-reinforced plastic composites — Test conditions and format for the presentation of single-point data (see note 1)

Property	Symbol	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Value 1	Value 2	Unit	Test conditions and supplementary instructions
1 Rheological properties (for properties 1.1 to 1.6, see statement in clause 4)							
1.1 Melt mass-flow rate							
1.2 Melt volume-flow rate							
1.3 Moulding shrinkage of thermosetting polymers	S_{M1}	ISO 2577				%	
1.4 Moulding shrinkage of thermoplastics	S_{M2}						
2 Mechanical properties (for properties 2.8 and 2.9, see statement in clause 4)							
2.1 Tensile modulus	E_t	ISO 527-4 or ISO 527-5	Use the specimen type specified in the part appropriate to the material			MPa	For test speed, see relevant part
2.2 Yield stress	σ_Y						
2.3 Yield strain	ϵ_Y						
2.4 Nominal strain at break	ϵ_B						
2.5 Stress at 50 % strain	σ_{50}						
2.6 Stress at break	σ_B	ISO 527-4 or ISO 527-5	Use the specimen type specified in the part appropriate to the material			MPa	For test speed, see relevant part
2.7 Strain at break	ϵ_B					%	
2.8 Tensile creep modulus	E_{tc1} $E_{tc} \cdot 10^3$						
2.9 Flexural modulus	E_t						
2.10 Flexural strength	σ_{FM}	ISO 14125 Method A	Use the specimen type specified for the material			MPa	Use three-point flexure Use test speed specified for the appropriate specimen type
2.11 Charpy impact strength	a_{cU}	ISO 179-1 or ISO 179-2	80 × 10 × 4			kJ/m ²	Use flatwise impact (see note 3)
2.12 Charpy notched impact strength	a_{cA}						
2.13 Tensile impact strength	a_{t1}						
2.14 Puncture impact behaviour	F_M	ISO 6603-2	140 × 140 × 4			N	Striker diameter 20 mm Striker velocity 4,4 m/s
	E_p					J	Lubricate the striker (see note 4) Clamp the specimen sufficiently to prevent any out-of-plane movement of its outer regions