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Introduction

Management of plastics waste is a serious problem in the world. Plastics recovery technologies include material recovery (mechanical recycling, chemical or feedstock recycling, and biological or organic recycling) and energy recovery (heat, steam or electricity as a substitute for fossil fuels or other fuel resources). The use of biodegradable plastics is one valuable recovery option (biological or organic recycling).

Several ISO standards for determining the ultimate aerobic/anaerobic biodegradability of plastic materials have been published. In particular, ISO 14855-1 is a common test method that measures the amount of carbon dioxide evolved using methods such as continuous infrared analysis, gas chromatography or titration. Compared with ISO 14855-1, the amounts of compost inoculum and test sample used in this part of ISO 14855 are one-tenth the size. In order to ensure the activity of the compost inoculum, inert material that gives the mixture the same texture as soil is mixed into the inoculum. The carbon dioxide evolved from the test vessel is determined by absorbing it in a carbon dioxide trap and carrying out gravimetric analysis of the absorbent. The method described in this part of ISO 14855, which uses a closed system to capture the carbon dioxide evolved, can also be used to obtain valuable information, by means of isotopic-labelling studies, on the way in which the molecular structure of co-polymers degrades.

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