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behaviour by oxygen index —**

Part 2:

Ambient-temperature test

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Page 1, Clause 1

In Note 2, replace the reference to ISO 3582:1978 by ISO 3582:2000, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Laboratory assessment of horizontal burning characteristics of small specimens subjected to a small flame*.

Page 2, Clause 2

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Update the normative references as follows:

replace ISO 293:1986 by ISO 293:2004;

replace ISO 294:1995 by ISO 294 (all parts);

replace ISO 295:1991 by ISO 295:2004;

replace ISO 3167:1993 by ISO 3167:2002.

Page 2, Subclause 5.1

Replace the second paragraph by the following:

“The preferred dimensions of the chimney are 500 mm ± 50 mm minimum height and 75 mm to 100 mm inside diameter.”

Page 3, Figure 1

Correct the dimensions of the chimney (top left in figure) to “height 500 mm ± 50 mm, inside diameter 75 mm to 100 mm”.

Page 5, Subclause 5.4

In Note 5, item a), add “or equivalent” after “a paramagnetic oxygen analyser”.

Transfer the existing subclause to new Annex E (see below) and insert in its place the following text:

9.4 Precision of results

9.4.1 An interlaboratory study was conducted in 1999 between ISO and ASTM using ISO 4589-2:1996 and ASTM D 2863-97 as protocols for the test criteria. The precision data were determined from interlaboratory tests involving twelve laboratories, on eight polymeric materials, with two replicates of each material. The resulting data were analysed in accordance with ISO 5725-2, and are summarized in Table 5.

Table 5 — Precision data

Material	Specimen type	Procedure	Oxygen index (OI), %		
			Average	Repeatability	Reproducibility
PMMA-1	III	A	17,7	0,09	0,14
PMMA-2	III	A	17,8	0,35	0,35
PVC, plasticized	III	A	38,4	4,44	6,16
ABS, FR	I	A	26,8	3,33	3,33
PF, thermoset	I	A	49,7	5,45	5,66
PS, foam	II	A	20,9	0,91	1,30
PC, sheet	V	B	26,1	2,37	3,11
PET, film	VI	A	21,9	1,74	2,87

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9.4.2 Repeatability, in the normal and correct operation of the method, is the difference between two averages, determined from two specimens using identical test material and the same apparatus, by one operator within a short time interval. The value of the repeatability should not exceed those shown in Table 5.

9.4.3 Reproducibility, in the normal and correct operation of the method, is the difference between two independent averages determined from two specimens by two operators working in different laboratories on identical test material. The values of the reproducibility should not exceed those shown in Table 5.

9.4.4 Two averages (determined from two specimens) are to be considered suspect and not equivalent if they differ by more than the repeatability and reproducibility shown in Table 5. Any decision made in relation to 9.4.2 or 9.4.3 would have an approximately 95 % (0,95) probability of being correct.

NOTE 25 The explanations of “repeatability” and “reproducibility” given in 9.4.2 and 9.4.3 are only intended to present a meaningful way of considering the approximate precision of this test method. The test results and precision data in Table 5 should not be used for the acceptance or rejection of materials, as these data apply only to the materials tested in the interlaboratory study and are unlikely to be rigorously representative of other lots, formulations, conditions, materials or laboratories. Users of this test method should apply the principles outlined in ISO 4589-2 to generate data specific to their materials and laboratory (or between specific laboratories). The principles of 9.4.2 to 9.4.4 would then be valid for such data.

Create an additional informative annex, Annex E, entitled “Precision data obtained from an interlaboratory trial carried out in 1978-80”. Insert old Subclause 9.4 in this annex, renumbering Table 5 as Table E.1 and Note 25 as Note 28.

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