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## **Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load —**

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High-strength thermosetting laminates and  
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*Partie 3: Stratifiés thermodurcissables à haute résistance et plastiques renforcés de fibres longues*



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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 75-3 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 61, *Plastics*, Sub-Committee SC 2, *Mechanical properties*.

Together with the other parts, it cancels and replaces the second edition of ISO 75 (ISO 75:1987), which has been technically revised.

ISO 75 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load*:

- *Part 1: General test method*
- *Part 2: Plastics and ebonite*
- *Part 3: High-strength thermosetting laminates and long-fibre-reinforced plastics*

# Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load —

## Part 3:

## High-strength thermosetting laminates and long-fibre-reinforced plastics

### 1 Scope

**1.1** This part of ISO 75 specifies a method for the determination of the temperature of deflection under load (bending stress) of high-strength thermosetting laminates and compression-moulded long-fibre-reinforced plastics. The test load used is not a fixed load, as in part 2 of this International Standard, but a function (1/10) of the ultimate or specified load. This allows the method to be applied to materials with a wide range of strengths and bending moduli.

**1.2** The test specimen is tested in a flatwise position.

**1.3** See ISO 75:1993, subclause 1.3.

### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 75. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 75 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 75-1:1993, *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load — Part 1: General test method*.

ISO 178:1993, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties*.

ISO 295:1991, *Plastics — Compression moulding of test specimens of thermosetting materials*.

ISO 2818:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining*.

ISO 3167:1993, *Plastics — Multipurpose test specimens*.

### 3 Definitions

See ISO 75-1:1993, clause 3.

### 4 Principle

A standard test specimen made of thermosetting laminate or long-fibre-reinforced plastic is subjected to a bending stress equal to 1/10 of a specified or measured flexural strength. The temperature is raised at a uniform rate, and the temperature at which a specified deflection occurs is measured.

NOTE 1 It is recommended that, to facilitate comparison between materials, whenever this property is stated in product literature the test stress should also be given.

### 5 Apparatus

#### 5.1 Means of applying a bending stress

See ISO 75-1:1993, subclause 5.1.

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 2818:1980)

If apparatus in which the distance between the test-specimen supports can be varied is used, this distance shall be variable from 60 mm to 210 mm.

## 5.2 Heating equipment

See ISO 75-1:1993, subclause 5.2.

## 5.3 Weights

See ISO 75-1:1993, subclause 5.3.

## 5.4 Temperature-measuring instrument

See ISO 75-1:1993, subclause 5.4.

## 5.5 Deflection-measuring instrument

See ISO 75-1:1993, subclause 5.5.

## 6 Test specimens

See ISO 75-1:1993, clause 6.

**6.1** The test specimen shall have the following dimensions:

length,  $l$ : at least 10 mm longer than the distance chosen for the span between the test-specimen supports

width,  $b$ : 9,8 mm to 12,8 mm

thickness,  $h$ : 2,0 mm to 7,0 mm

The test specimen shall be produced in accordance with ISO 295 (and ISO 2818, if applicable), or as agreed upon by the interested parties. In the case of compression-moulded test specimens, the width shall be perpendicular to the direction of the moulding force. For materials in sheet form, the thickness of the test specimens (this dimension is usually the thickness of the sheet) shall be in the range 2 mm to 7 mm. For samples over 7 mm thick, reduce the thickness to 7 mm by machining one face. If the faces of the test specimen are dissimilar, report the face machined in the test report.

In view of the requirement for the distance between the test-specimen supports to be 30 times the test-specimen thickness (see 8.3), the distance between the supports may be anywhere between 60 mm and 210 mm. Some test machines have a fixed span of 100 mm, however, and can therefore only be used with test specimens up to 3 mm thick. Such a machine may be used but, if the test-specimen thickness is greater than 3 mm, it will have to be reduced by machining. As before, machine only one face and, if the faces are dissimilar, report which face was machined in the test report.

**NOTE 2** Most reinforced thermoset laminates are anisotropic, and machining may significantly alter their properties.

Ensure that all cut surfaces are as smooth as possible, and that any unavoidable machining marks are in the lengthwise direction.

**6.2** The test results obtained on moulded test specimens depend on the moulding conditions used in their preparation. Moulding conditions shall be in accordance with the standard for the material, or shall be agreed upon by the interested parties.

**6.3** Discrepancies in test results due to variations in moulding conditions may be minimized by annealing the test specimens before testing them. Since different materials require different annealing conditions, annealing procedures shall be employed only if required by the materials standard or if agreed upon by the interested parties.

## 7 Conditioning

See ISO 75-1:1993, clause 7.

## 8 Procedure

### 8.1 Calculation of force to be applied

See ISO 75-1:1993, subclause 8.1.

The force applied shall be such as to generate a bending stress  $\sigma$  equal to 1/10 of the requirement for the flexural strength quoted in the relevant standard for the material. If there is no such requirement, the bending stress  $\sigma$  shall be 1/10 of the flexural strength determined in accordance with ISO 178.

The dimensions of the test specimen are given in 6.1. The span between the test-specimen supports is given in 8.3.

### 8.2 Initial temperature of the heating equipment

See ISO 75-1:1993, subclause 8.2.

### 8.3 Measurement

See ISO 75-1:1993, subclause 8.3.

Place the test specimen on the supports in the flatwise position.

Adjust the span  $L$  between the supports to  $(30 \pm 2)$  times the thickness  $h$  of the test specimen.

Apply the calculated force (see 8.1) to give the required nominal surface stress.

Note the temperature at which the bar reaches the standard deflection calculated from the test-specimen height (the thickness  $h$  as the specimen is in the flatwise position) using the formula

$$\frac{L^2 \times 10^{-3}}{6h}$$

where

$L$  is the span, in millimetres, between the test-specimen supports;

$h$  is the thickness, in millimetres, of the test specimen.

This temperature is the temperature of deflection under load.

NOTE 3 The standard deflection corresponds to a flexural strain of 0,1 % at the surface of the test specimen.

## 9 Expression of results

See ISO 75-1:1993, clause 9.

If the individual results differ by more than 5 °C, repeat tests shall be carried out.

## 10 Precision

See ISO 75-1:1993, clause 10.

## 11 Test report

See ISO 75-1:1993, clause 11.

In addition, identify

- l) the face machined, if it was necessary to reduce the test-specimen thickness by machining.

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