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Foreword

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ISO 14910 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Thermoplastic polyester/ester and polyether/ester elastomers for moulding and extrusion*:

- *Part 1: Designation system and basis for specification*
- *Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties*

Introduction

The structure of thermoplastic-elastomer material standards is based on the following considerations.

For each type of thermoplastic elastomer, reference is made to the relevant material standard.

Thermoplastic-elastomer materials are classified into three classes according to the primary elastomeric property, hardness, as shown in Figure 1 below. This classification on the basis of hardness reflects the special position of thermoplastic elastomers between rubber materials on the one hand and plastics on the other.

Each class is subdivided into standard properties and special properties. The classes have many standard properties and many special properties in common. Furthermore, a standard property in one class can be a special property in another class and *vice versa*.

Special properties are those properties which are in wide use or of particular significance in the practical characterization of a specific material.

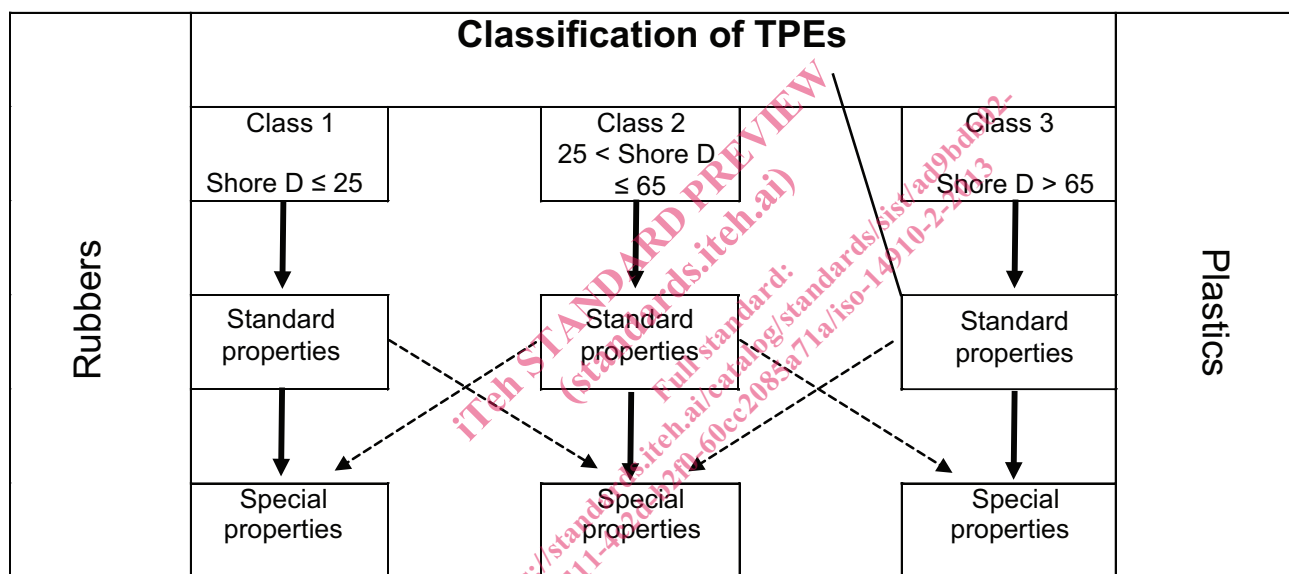


Figure 1 — Classification of thermoplastic elastomers on the basis of their hardness

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Part 2:

Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties

1 Scope

This part of ISO 14910 specifies the methods of preparation of test specimens and the standard test methods to be used in determining the properties of thermoplastic polyester/ester and polyether/ester moulding and extrusion materials. Requirements for handling test material and/or for conditioning both the test material before moulding and the specimens before testing are given.

Procedures and conditions for the preparation of test specimens in a specified state and procedures for measuring properties of the materials from which these specimens are made are given. Properties and test methods which are suitable and necessary to characterize thermoplastic polyester/ester and polyether/ester moulding and extrusion materials are listed.

The properties have been selected from the general test methods in ISO 10350-1. Other test methods in wide use for or of particular significance to these moulding and extrusion materials are also included in this part of ISO 14910, as are the designatory properties specified in ISO 14910-1 (hardness, melting temperature and tensile modulus).

In order to obtain reproducible and comparable test results, it is necessary to use the methods of preparation and conditioning, the specimen dimensions and the test procedures specified in this part of ISO 14910. Values determined will not necessarily be identical to those obtained using specimens of different dimensions or prepared using different procedures.

NOTE This part of ISO 14910 has been developed on the basis of ISO 10350-1 as, at the moment, no standard exists for the acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data for thermoplastic elastomers. After publication of this part of ISO 14910 and the analogous document for polyurethanes (ISO 16365-2), it is the intention to develop ISO 10350-3 for the acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data for thermoplastic elastomers, based on this part of ISO 14910 and ISO 16365-2, as the basis for the development of thermoplastic-elastomer material standards.

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 34-1:2010, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tear strength — Part 1: Trouser, angle and crescent test pieces*

ISO 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 62, *Plastics — Determination of water absorption*

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

ISO 178, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties*

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

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

ISO 294-1, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 1: General principles, and moulding of multipurpose and bar test specimens*

ISO 294-4, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 4: Determination of moulding shrinkage.*

ISO 306, *Plastics — Thermoplastic materials — Determination of Vicat softening temperature (VST)*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 815-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of compression set — Part 1: At ambient or elevated temperatures*

ISO 868, *Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness)*

ISO 899-1, *Plastics — Determination of creep behaviour — Part 1: Tensile creep*

ISO 974, *Plastics — Determination of the brittleness temperature by impact*

ISO 1133-2, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics — Part 2: Method for materials sensitive to time-temperature history and/or moisture*

ISO 1183-1, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method*

ISO 1183-2, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 2: Density gradient column method*

ISO 1183-3, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 3: Gas pycnometer method*

ISO 3167, *Plastics — Multipurpose test specimens*

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

ISO 8256, *Plastics — Determination of tensile-impact strength*

ISO 10350-1, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data — Part 1: Moulding materials*

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

ISO 11357-4, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 4: Determination of specific heat capacity*

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

ISO 14910-1, *Plastics — Thermoplastic polyester/ester and polyether/ester elastomers for moulding and extrusion — Part 1: Designation and basis for specification*

ISO 15512, *Plastics — Determination of water content*

ISO 22007-2, *Plastics — Determination of thermal conductivity and thermal diffusivity — Part 2: Transient plane heat source (hot disc) method*

ISO 22007-3, *Plastics — Determination of thermal conductivity and thermal diffusivity — Part 3: Temperature wave analysis method*

ISO 22007-4, *Plastics — Determination of thermal conductivity and thermal diffusivity — Part 4: Laser flash method*

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

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

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

IEC 60250, *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 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing — Part 11-10: Test flames — 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

ASTM E96, *Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials*

3 Preparation of test specimens

3.1 Treatment of the material before moulding

Before processing, the material sample shall have reached room temperature and the moisture content of the material sample shall not exceed 0,05 % (by mass).

The material shall be dried as specified in Table 1, preferably using a vacuum oven with a dry N₂ purge and a maximum pressure of 100 mbar.

Table 1 — Drying conditions

Dryer type	Temperature
Vacuum oven with N ₂ purge; $p \leq 0,01$ MPa	80 °C to 135 °C
Vacuum oven	80 °C to 120 °C
Desiccant dryer, pre-dried-air dryer	80 °C to 120 °C
Hot-air oven	80 °C to 135 °C

Drying at higher temperatures might change the molecular mass and hence the properties of the material. The drying temperature recommended by the supplier should preferably be used.

The moisture content of filled or reinforced materials shall be expressed as a percentage of the total mass of the compound. The moisture content shall be determined in accordance with ISO 15512.

To ensure that the moisture content remains low, it is recommended that the sample material in the feed hopper of the injection-moulding machine be blanketed with a suitable gas (dried air, nitrogen or argon, for example). Better results might be obtained using a dehumidifier hopper drier.

3.2 Injection moulding

Injection-moulded specimens shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 294-1, using the conditions specified in Table 2. The moulding conditions recommended by the supplier should preferably be used. The specimens shall be prepared by injection moulding from dry granules. It is essential that specimens are always prepared by the same procedure using the same processing conditions. The material shall be kept in moisture-proof containers until it is required for use.

Table 2 — Conditions for injection moulding of test specimens

Mould temperature °C	Melt temperature °C	Nozzle temperature °C	Heating-zone temperature		
			Front °C	Centre °C	Rear °C
20 to 50	Melting temperature + 30 °C	230 to 250	200 to 240	200 to 240	200 to 240
Injection pressure: 10 MPa to 100 MPa, holding pressure: 10 MPa to 100 MPa, back pressure: 0,5 MPa to 2 MPa, injection velocity: 100 mm/s to 300 mm/s.					

4 Conditioning of test specimens

Test specimens for the determination of mechanical properties, electrical properties and density shall be conditioned for at least 16 h at (23 ± 2) °C and (50 ± 10) % relative humidity.

5 Determination of properties

5.1 General

In order to obtain reproducible and comparable test results, it is necessary to use the methods of specimen preparation and conditioning, the specimen dimensions and the test procedures specified in this part of ISO 14910. Values determined will not necessarily be identical to those obtained using specimens of different dimensions or prepared using different procedures.

All tests shall be carried out in the standard atmosphere of (23 ± 2) °C and (50 ± 10) % relative humidity unless specifically stated otherwise in Tables 4 to 8.

Table 3 is compiled from ISO 10350-1 (see Clause 1) and gives an overview of the standard properties and special properties which are appropriate to thermoplastic polyester/ester and polyether/ester moulding and extrusion materials. These properties are those considered useful for comparisons of data generated for different thermoplastic elastomers.

Tables 4, 6 and 8 contain those properties that are considered to be standard properties for the relevant hardness class. Tables 5, 7 and 9 contain those properties that are considered to be special properties for the relevant hardness class, i.e. in wide use and/or of particular significance in the practical characterization of thermoplastic polyester/ester and polyether/ester moulding and extrusion materials.