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# Rubber latices – Determination of coagulum content

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the coagulum content of natural rubber latex which contains preservative agents and which has been submitted to some type of concentration process, and also for the determination of the coagulum content of synthetic rubber latices.

The method is not necessarily suitable for latices from natural sources other than *Hevea brasiliensis*, or for compounded latex, vulcanized latex or artificial dispersions of rubber.

The method is not applicable to latices which are coagulated by potassium oleate solution, for example cationic latices.

## 2 REFERENCE

ISO 123, *Rubber latex – Sampling*.

## 3 DEFINITION

**coagulum** : The material retained on a stainless steel wire cloth with an average aperture width of  $180 \pm 15 \mu\text{m}$ , under the conditions of the test, comprising pieces of coagulated rubber, latex skin and coarse foreign matter.

## 4 REAGENTS

Distilled water or water of equivalent purity shall be used wherever water is specified.

**Soap solution**, 5 % potassium oleate, of pH value 10.

## 5 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

**5.1 Test filter**, consisting of a disk of stainless steel wire cloth with an average aperture width of  $180 \pm 15 \mu\text{m}$ , dried

at  $100 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  to constant mass and weighed to the nearest 1 mg, firmly clamped between two stainless steel rings of equal internal diameter between 25 and 50 mm.

**NOTE** – If the wire cloth is not clean, the disk shall be immersed for 2 min in boiling nitric acid ( $\rho$  1,42 g/ml) and washed with water before it is dried to constant mass.

**5.2 Oven**, capable of being maintained at a temperature of  $100 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ .

**5.3 Desiccator**.

## 6 SAMPLING

Sampling shall be carried out in accordance with one of the methods specified in ISO 123.

## 7 PROCEDURE

Weigh  $200 \pm 1$  g of latex into a 600 ml beaker which has a lip. Add 200 ml of soap solution (clause 4) and mix thoroughly. Wet the test filter (5.1) with soap solution and pour the latex/soap mixture into the test filter. Wash the residue on the wire cloth with soap solution until it is free from latex and then with water until the washings are neutral to litmus. Carefully remove the wire cloth containing the wet coagulum from the clamp and swab the underside with filter paper.

Heat the wire cloth and coagulum in the oven (5.2) at  $100 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 min, cool in the desiccator (5.3) and weigh. Repeat the drying procedure for intervals of 15 min, cool and weigh, until the loss in mass between successive weighings is less than 1 mg.

Subtract the original mass of the wire cloth to obtain the mass of coagulum.

## 8 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

The coagulum content, expressed as a percentage by mass of the latex, is given by the formula

$$\frac{m_1}{m_0} \times 100$$

where

$m_0$  is the mass, in grams, of the test portion;

$m_1$  is the mass, in grams, of coagulum.

The results of duplicate determinations shall agree to within 0,01 unit.

## 9 TEST REPORT

The test report shall include the following particulars :

- a) the reference of the method used;
- b) the results and the method of expression used;
- c) any unusual features noted during the determination;
- d) any operation not included in this International Standard or in the International Standard to which reference is made, or regarded as optional.

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