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Foreword

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ISO 4666 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rubber, vulcanized — Determination of temperature rise and resistance to fatigue in flexometer testing*:

— *Part 1: Basic principles*

— *Part 2: Rotary flexometer*

— *Part 3: Compression flexometer (constant-strain type)*

— *Part 4: Constant-stress flexometer*

Introduction

All rubbers show viscoelastic behaviour. When subjected to cyclic deformation, they absorb a part of the deformation energy and convert this into heat. The heat generated leads to a temperature rise, which can be considerable in the interior of relatively thick components because of the low thermal conductivity of rubbers. In cases where the cyclic deformation is large or the temperature reaches high values, it is possible for damage to the rubber to occur through fatigue-initiated breakdown. The breakdown begins in the interior of the rubber, spreads outwards, and can finally lead to the complete breakdown of the component.

The tests specified in the various parts of this International Standard yield either temperature rise data or the fatigue life of the rubber under given test conditions. Measurement of fatigue life over a range of conditions can be used to determine the limiting fatigue deformability or limiting fatigue stress of the rubber. The instruments used, commonly called flexometers, subject test pieces to cycles of either constant-stress amplitude or constant-strain amplitude.

A distinction should be made between flexometer tests and fatigue tests conducted on thin test pieces undergoing tensile deformation or bending. In the fatigue tests, the temperature rise is generally negligible owing to the rapid dissipation of heat generated, and failure results from the initiation and growth of cracks which ultimately sever the test piece. ISO 132[1] specifies tests for the determination of flex cracking and cut growth using the De Mattia-type machine. The determination of resistance to tension fatigue is specified in ISO 6943[3].