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Standard Practice for Carbon Black—Evaluation of an Industry Reference Black¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice offers guidelines for the production and testing for uniformity of a lot of carbon black to be used as an Industry Reference Black (IRB).

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 412 Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Rubbers and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension²
- D 1506 Test Methods for Carbon Black—Ash Content²
- D 1508 Test Method for Carbon Black, Pelleted—Fines Content²
- D 1509 Test Methods for Carbon Black—Heating Loss²
- D 1510 Test Method for Carbon Black—Iodine Adsorption Number²
- D 1513 Test Method for Carbon Black, Pelleted—Pour Density²
- D 1514 Test Method for Carbon Black—Sieve Residue²
- D 1618 Test Method for Carbon Extractables—Toluene Discoloration²
- D 1765 Classification System for Carbon Blacks Used in Rubber Products²
- D 2414 Test Method for Carbon Black—*n*-Dibutyl Phthalate Absorption Number²
- D 3191 Test Methods for Carbon Black Evaluation in SBR (Styrene-Butadiene Rubber)²
- D 3192 Test Methods for Carbon Black Evaluation in NR (Natural Rubber)²

- D 3265 Test Method for Carbon Black—Tint Strength²
- D 3493 Test Method for Carbon Black—Dibutyl Phthalate Absorption Number of Compressed Sample²
- D 3765 Test Method for Carbon Black—CTAB (Cetyltrimethyl-ammonium Bromide) Surface Area²
- D 4324 Test Method for Carbon Black, Pelleted—Pellet Attrition²
- D 4820 Test Method for Carbon Black—Surface Area by Multipoint B. E. T. Nitrogen Adsorption²
- D 5230 Test Method for Carbon Black Automated Individual Pellet Crush Strength²
- D 5816 Test Methods for Carbon Black—External Surface Area by Multipoint Nitrogen Adsorption²

3. Significance and Use

3.1 These guidelines are intended to ensure that IRBs are evaluated by a standard procedure.

3.2 These guidelines are to be used to establish the average physicochemical and physical rubber properties of a lot of carbon black to be used as an IRB.

4. Production, Quality Control, and Quality Assurance

4.1 It is assumed that the manufacturer of the IRB will use state-of-the-art techniques to ensure maximum uniformity throughout the entire production run of at least 270 000 kg (600 000 lb). The testing called for in this practice is not intended to be a substitute for in-process quality control.

4.2 It is assumed that the manufacturer of the IRB will use blending as needed to ensure uniformity throughout the entire production lot. This interlaboratory study is only adequate to verify the quality of a homogeneous lot.

4.3 The bagged black will be segregated into at least twelve 23 000-kg (50 000-lb) lots (20 skids). Partial lots of less than 23 000 kg (50 000 lb) will be discarded.

5. Sampling

5.1 After a suitable time to allow the black to stabilize (30 to 45 days), a bag will be selected from the approximate middle of each of the 23 000-kg (50 000-lb) lots; the bags selected will be numbered from one through *n*, where *n* is the total number of lots, in order to represent the corresponding 23 000-kg (50 000-lb) lots.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 09.01.



TABLE 1 Industry Reference Black Test Data

Laboratory Number		Sample No.	Tensile Strength, MPa D3191	Tensile Stress at 300 %, MPa D3191	Elongation, % D3191	Tensile Strength, MPa D3192A	300 % Modulus, MPa D3192A	Elongation, % D3192A	Iodine No., g/kg D1510	STSA 10 ³ m ² /kg D 5816	NSA Multi-point Adsorption 10 ³ m ² /kg D 4820	DBP Absorption, No., 10 ⁻⁵ mg ³ /kg (cm ³ /100 g) D2414	Compressed DBP No., 10 ⁻⁵ mg ³ /kg (cm ³ /100 g) D3493	Tint Strength, D3265	Pour Density, kg/m ³ (lb/ft ³) D1513
Day of Mixing and Date															
Day No. ___			50'			30'									
Date ___	Prev. IRB		50'			30'									
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5.2 *n* 4-dm³ (1-gal) samples, numbered from one through *n*, and taken from the corresponding bags, will be sent to each participant in the interlaboratory study to evaluate the new IRB.

5.3 Additionally, a 4-dm³ (1-gal) sample of the previous IRB taken from a common blended source will also be sent to each participant.

6. Procedure

6.1 Test, in order, one of the *n* samples on each of the one to *n* days. These days shall be as near to consecutive as possible.

6.2 Each day a sample is tested, subject it to all of the test methods described in 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5.

6.3 Physicochemical Tests:

6.3.1 Perform the following physicochemical tests on both the new and previous IRB:

6.3.1.1 *Iodine Adsorption Number (Test Method D 1510)*—Report the result obtained from an individual determination in grams of iodine per kilogram to the nearest 0.1 unit.

6.3.1.2 *Multipoint B.E.T. NSA (Test Method D 4820)*—Report a single determination in 10³m²/kg (m²/g) to the nearest 0.1 unit.

6.3.1.3 *DBP Absorption Number (Test Method D 2414)*—Report the result obtained from an individual determination in 10⁻⁵ m³ kg (cm³/100 g) to the nearest 0.1 unit.

6.3.1.4 *Compressed DBP Number (Test Method D 3493)*—Report the result obtained from an individual determination in 10⁻⁵ m³ kg (cm³/100 g) to the nearest 0.1 unit.

6.3.1.5 *Tint Strength (Test Method D 3265)*—Report the result obtained from an individual determination in percent of ITRB to the nearest 0.1 unit.

6.3.1.6 *Pour Density (Test Method D 1513)*—Report the result obtained from an individual determination in kg/m³ (lb/ft³) to the nearest whole unit.

6.3.1.7 *Statistical Thickness Surface Area (STSA) (Test Methods D 5816)*— Report single determination in 10³ m²/kg (m²/g) to the nearest 0.1 unit.

6.3.2 Record data on Table 1.

6.4 Rubber Physical Tests:

6.4.1 Perform the following physical tests in rubber on both the new and previous IRB. Test samples mixed in accordance with Test Methods D 3191 and cure for 35 and 50 min at 145°C as well as samples mixed in accordance with Test Methods D 3192, Test Method A, and cure for 30 min at 145°C.

6.4.1.1 In accordance with Test Methods D 412, Test Method A, test five dumbbells from each cured sheet and determine the median values of tensile stress at 300 % elongation, tensile strength, and ultimate elongation.

6.4.1.2 Record data in absolute numbers (not as differences from IRB) on Table 1, reporting tensile stress and tensile strength to the nearest 0.1 MPa and ultimate elongation to the nearest 5 %.

6.5 Informational Physicochemical Tests:

6.5.1 Perform the following physicochemical tests on the new IRB:

6.5.1.1 *Ash Content (Test Method D 1506)*—Report results obtained from a single determination to the nearest 0.01 %.

6.5.1.2 *Fines Content (Test Method D 1508)*—Report results obtained from a single determination to the nearest 0.1 %.

6.5.1.3 *Heating Loss (Test Method D 1509)*—Report results obtained from a single determination to the nearest 0.1 %.

6.5.1.4 *Sieve Residue, 325 Mesh (Test Method D 1514)*—