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**Rubber latex — Determination of  
density between 5 °C and 40 °C**

*Latex de caoutchouc — Détermination de la masse volumique entre  
5 °C et 40 °C*

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 45, *Rubber and rubber products*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Raw materials (including latex) for use in the rubber industry*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 705:1994), which has been revised to

- update the normative references (in [Clause 2](#) and throughout the text),
- move part of the scope into a new [Clause 4](#) "Principle", and
- add a bibliography.

# Rubber latex — Determination of density between 5 °C and 40 °C

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the density of natural rubber latex concentrate between the temperatures of 5 °C and 40 °C.

This International Standard is intended for use when density determinations are used to calculate the mass of a measured volume of latex in locations where it is not practical to weigh directly or to control the temperature of the laboratory.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 123, *Rubber latex — Sampling*

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## 3 Terms and definitions (standards.iteh.ai)

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

**3.1 density**  
mass divided by volume at a stated temperature  
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Note 1 to entry: Density is measured in megagrams per cubic metre.

### 3.2

#### **natural rubber latex concentrate**

natural rubber latex containing ammonia and/or other preservatives and which has been subjected to some form of concentration

## 4 Principle

For the determination of the density of natural rubber latex concentrate between 5 °C and 40 °C, it is essential that the density be determined on a latex sample containing the same amount of air as contained when the volume was measured. Therefore, the latex bulk is allowed to stand for a minimum period of 24 h before sampling to ensure the removal of air bubbles. The density determination is preferably made at the same temperature as the volume measurement, otherwise a correction shall be applied.

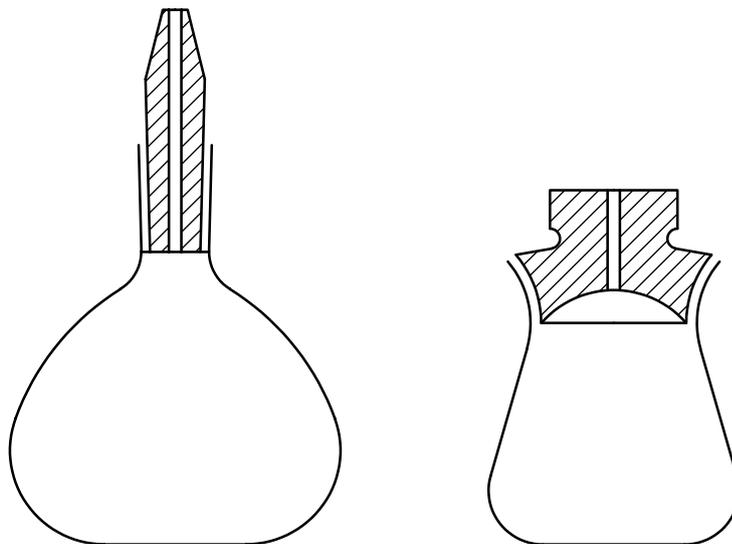
This method is suitable for all latices from natural sources, for synthetic latex and for compounded or prevulcanized latex, as well as for artificial dispersions of rubber. However, the temperature correction given in 8.2 is not necessarily valid for all these.

For measurements made at standard temperatures, ISO 2811-1 and ISO 2811-3 should be used.

## 5 Apparatus

Ordinary laboratory equipment, plus the following.

**5.1 Density bottle (pycnometer)**, capacity 50 cm<sup>3</sup> having a ground-glass stopper through which a capillary tube passes, and fitted with a ground-glass cap (see [Figure 1](#)).



**Figure 1 — Density bottles (pycnometers)**

**5.2 Constant-temperature bath**, accurate to within  $\pm 0,2$  °C and adjustable to a temperature above or below ambient temperature. If a constant-temperature bath is not available, a water bath shall be used to ensure that the latex is at a known temperature.

**5.3 Balance**, accurate to 1 mg.

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**5.4 Two conical flasks**, of at least 200 cm<sup>3</sup> capacity, each fitted with a rubber stopper holding a short glass inlet tube with a blowing ball at the external end and a glass tube at the inside end reaching nearly to the bottom of the flask.

## 6 Sampling

The latex to be sampled shall have stood for at least 24 h to ensure the removal of air bubbles.

Record the temperature  $\theta$  of the bulk of the latex at the time of sampling. Carry out the sampling in accordance with one of the methods specified in ISO 123, taking care to avoid entrapment of air and ensuring that the bottle in which the sample is placed is completely filled.

## 7 Procedure

**7.1** Carry out the determination as soon as possible after sampling. If an adjustable constant-temperature bath ([5.2](#)) is not available, proceed in accordance with [7.3](#). The procedure takes account of the difficulties of controlling the temperature at the point of sampling natural rubber latex concentrate and the consequent need for a temperature correction.

**7.2** Adjust the temperature of the constant temperature bath to  $\theta$  (see [Clause 6](#)). Stir the sample of the latex gently without introducing any air bubbles. Partly fill one of the conical flasks ([5.4](#)) with a suitable volume of latex and place in the bath. Likewise, partly fill the second conical flask with cool, freshly boiled, distilled water and place in the bath.

Weigh the clean and dry density bottle ([5.1](#)) with its stopper and cap to the nearest 1 mg. Immerse the density bottle up to its neck in the bath, with the ground-glass stopper in place but not the cap.

Allow the density bottle and the two conical flasks containing the latex and the water to come to the temperature of the bath. This requires a minimum of 20 min.

Using the blowing ball, take a few cubic centimetres of latex from the conical flask containing the latex and discard. Then transfer a sufficient amount into the density bottle to fill it completely. Put the stopper in place and immediately wipe clean the top surface (tissue paper is recommended for this purpose), taking care not to remove any latex from the capillary tube. Remove the density bottle from the bath and immediately put in place the ground-glass cap. Dry the outside of the density bottle with the minimum of handling and then weigh the density bottle to the nearest 1 mg.

Empty the density bottle and wash free from latex with distilled water. Immerse the density bottle up to its neck in the constant-temperature bath as before. Fill the density bottle with distilled water, transferring it by blowing from the second conical flask. Allow it to stand for 5 min in the bath. Empty the density bottle, put it back in the bath and refill by the same procedure. Immediately insert the stopper and wipe dry the top surface (tissue paper is recommended for this purpose), taking care not to remove any water from the capillary tube. Remove the density bottle from the bath and immediately put in place the ground-glass cap. Dry the outside of the bottle with the minimum of handling and then weigh the bottle to the nearest 1 mg.

**7.3** If a non-adjustable water bath is used, the temperature of the bath shall be such that it is not likely to fluctuate during the course of the determination and it shall be as close as is practical to the temperature  $\theta$  of the bulk latex (see [Clause 6](#)).

Record the temperature  $\theta_1$  of the bath.

Proceed as described in [7.1](#). Recheck the temperature of the bath before filling the density bottle with latex and after filling it with water. If the temperature of the bath has altered by more than 1 °C, repeat the procedure.

## 8 Expression of results

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**8.1** Calculate the density  $\rho$  of the latex at the temperature of the bath, in megagrams per cubic meter, using the following equation:

$$\rho = \frac{m_L \times \rho_W}{m_W}$$

where

$m_L$  is the mass, in grams, of the latex in the density bottle;

$m_W$  is the mass, in grams, of the water in the density bottle;

$\rho_W$  is the density, in megagrams per cubic meter (Mg/m<sup>3</sup>), of water at the bath temperature as given in [Table 1](#).

The results of duplicate determinations shall be within 0,001 Mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Table 1 — Density of water at various temperatures

Temperature °C	Density Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
5	1,000 0
6	0,999 9
7	0,999 9
8	0,999 8
9	0,999 8
10	0,999 7
11	0,999 6
12	0,999 5
13	0,999 4
14	0,999 2
15	0,999 1
16	0,998 9
17	0,998 8
18	0,998 6
19	0,998 4
20	0,998 2
21	0,998 0
22	0,997 8
23	0,997 5
24	0,997 3
25	0,997 0
26	0,996 8
27	0,996 5
28	0,996 2
29	0,995 9
30	0,995 6
31	0,995 3
32	0,995 0
33	0,994 7
34	0,994 4
35	0,994 0
36	0,993 7
37	0,993 3
38	0,993 0
39	0,992 6
40	0,992 2

**8.2** In the case of natural rubber latex concentrate of 55 % to 75 % total solids content, when the temperature of the density determination  $\theta_1$  (see 7.3) differs from that of the bulk latex, the corrected density shall be calculated using the following equation (correct over the range 5 °C to 40 °C):

$$\rho_c = \rho_1 \left[ 1 - 0,000\ 5 (\theta - \theta_1) \right]$$

where

$\rho_c$  is the corrected density at temperature  $\theta$ ;

$\rho_1$  is the density determined at temperature  $\theta_1$ .

## 9 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) a reference to this International Standard;
- b) all details necessary for the identification of the sample;
- c) the results and the units in which they have been expressed;
- d) the temperatures of the bulk latex and the bath;
- e) any unusual features noted during the determination;
- f) the date of the test;
- g) any operation not included in the International Standard or regarded as optional.

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