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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 1, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 4081:2010), of which it constitutes a minor revision. The following change has been made:

- [Clause 2](#) has been updated, where ISO 1746 and ISO 4672 have been deleted and replaced by ISO 10619-1 and ISO 10619-2, respectively.

# Rubber hoses and tubing for cooling systems for internal-combustion engines — Specification

**WARNING** — Persons using this International Standard should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This International Standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the requirements for straight or pre-formed rubber hoses and tubing for use in pressurized or unpressurized cooling circuits containing 1,2-ethanediol-based coolants in internal-combustion engines for vehicles with an unladen mass (as defined in ISO 1176) of 3,5 t or less. In addition, this specification may also be applied as a classification system to enable original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to detail a “line call-out” of tests for specific applications where these are not covered by the main types specified (see example in [Annex D](#)). In this case, the hose or tubing would not carry any marking showing this ISO specification number but may detail the OEM’s own identification markings as shown on their part drawings.

## 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 188, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

ISO 1307, *Rubber and plastics hoses — Hose sizes, minimum and maximum inside diameters, and tolerances on cut-to-length hoses*

ISO 1402, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Hydrostatic testing*

ISO 1629, *Rubber and latices — Nomenclature*

ISO 1817, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of the effect of liquids*

ISO 6162-1, *Hydraulic fluid power — Flange connections with split or one-piece flange clamps and metric or inch screws — Part 1: Flange connectors, ports and mounting surfaces for use at pressures of 3,5 MPa (35 bar) to 35 MPa (350 bar), DN 13 to DN 127*

ISO 7233, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Determination of resistance to vacuum*

ISO 7326:2016, *Rubber and plastics hoses — Assessment of ozone resistance under static conditions*

ISO 8033, *Rubber and plastics hoses — Determination of adhesion between components*

ISO 10619-1:2011, *Rubber and plastics hoses and tubing — Measurement of flexibility and stiffness — Part 1: Bending tests at ambient temperature*

ISO 10619-2:2011, *Rubber and plastics hoses and tubing — Measurement of flexibility and stiffness — Part 2: Bending tests at sub-ambient temperatures*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

SAE J20:2006, *Coolant system hoses*

SAE J1638, *Compression set of hoses or solid discs*

SAE J1684:2005, *Test method for evaluating the electrochemical resistance of coolant system hoses and materials*

### 3 Classification

The product shall consist of rubber materials with or without an integral reinforcement which may or may not be pre-formed before final vulcanization. The hoses and tubing may be branched, in which case the method of attachment of the branch shall be such that the integrity of the hose is maintained when it is tested to this International Standard. This International Standard does not cover methods of attachment to mounting spigots.

Four types of hose and tubing for specific applications are specified as follows:

- Type 1 = Tubing and hoses for ambient operating temperatures from  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- Type 2 = Tubing and hoses for ambient operating temperatures from  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- Type 3 = Tubing and hoses for ambient operating temperatures from  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- Type 4 = Tubing and hoses for ambient operating temperatures from  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+175\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Wherever economically and technically possible, hoses and tubing shall use in their construction materials that are capable of being recycled. Also, wherever economically and technically possible, hoses and tubing shall use in their construction materials that contain post-consumer or post-industrial recyclates.

### 4 Size and tolerances

Bore sizes and tolerances shall be in accordance with ISO 1307. Wall thicknesses shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of this International Standard.

### 5 Performance requirements for hose and tubing

Tests shall be selected from the following list for each application of hose or tubing, based on the performance requirements of the finished product. Type tests (as defined in [Clause 6](#)) for each hose or tubing type are given in [Annex E](#).

#### a) Burst pressure

When determined in accordance with ISO 1402 at standard laboratory temperature as specified in ISO 23529, the minimum burst pressure shall be:

Tubing:	0,2 MPa (2 bar) for all diameters
Hose:	1,2 MPa (12 bar) for diameters up to and including 18 mm
	0,9 MPa (9 bar) for diameters >18 mm up to, and including, 35 mm
	0,5 MPa (5 bar) for diameters >35 mm

#### b) Adhesion (for all constructions with two or more bonded layers only)

When determined by the appropriate procedure of ISO 8033, the adhesion between each pair of bonded layers shall not be less than 1,8 kN/m for unaged hoses and not less than 1,3 kN/m for

hoses aged as specified in test i), immersed in oil as specified in test k) and fatigued by vibration as specified in test l).

c) **Low-temperature flexibility**

- For hoses and tubing of 25 mm inside diameter and below, with a minimum free straight-length section of 300 mm

When cooled to  $-40\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$  for  $5\text{ h} \pm 0,5\text{ h}$  and tested in accordance with method B of ISO 10619-2:2011, the hose or tubing shall not exhibit any cracking when examined under  $2\times$  magnification after bending within 4 s around a similarly cooled mandrel, the radius of which is  $10\times$  the maximum outside diameter of the hose or tubing. The hose or tubing shall then conform to the burst strength requirement of test a).

- For hoses and tubing of  $>25\text{ mm}$  inside diameter, with a minimum free straight-length section of 300 mm

When tested in accordance with SAE J20:2006, 5.1.2, hose or tubing shall not exhibit any cracking when examined under  $2\times$  magnification. The hose or tubing shall then conform to the burst strength requirement of test a).

d) **Resistance to collapse**

- For hoses  $<16\text{ mm}$  inside diameter

When the hose or tubing is tested in accordance with ISO 7233 at 0,015 MPa (0,15 bar) absolute at  $100\text{ °C}$  for 10 min, the outside diameter shall not collapse by more than 30 %.

- For hoses  $>16\text{ mm}$  but  $<25\text{ mm}$  inside diameter

When the hose or tubing is tested in accordance with ISO 7233 at 0,02 MPa (0,2 bar) absolute at  $100\text{ °C}$  for 10 min, the outside diameter shall not collapse by more than 30 %.

- For hoses  $>25\text{ mm}$  inside diameter

When the hose or tubing is tested in accordance with ISO 7233 at 0,03 MPa (0,3 bar) absolute at  $100\text{ °C}$  for 10 min, the outside diameter shall not collapse by more than 30 %.

The change in outside diameter,  $\Delta D$ , is given by [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$\Delta D = \frac{D_2 - D_1}{D_1} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where

$\Delta D$  is the change in outside diameter (%);

$D_1$  is the outside diameter at the initial pressure (mm);

$D_2$  is the outside diameter at the specified pressure (mm).

e) **Resistance to kinking** (for straight hoses or tubing with bore sizes of 19,5 mm or less only)

When determined in accordance with method B of ISO 10619-1:2011, the maximum coefficient of deformation ( $T/D$ ) shall exceed 0,7. The mandrel sizes to be used are 140 mm for hoses and tubing with bore sizes of 10,5 mm or less, 220 mm for hoses and tubing with bore sizes over 10,5 mm up to 16,5 mm, and 300 mm for hoses and tubing with bore sizes over 16,5 mm up to 19,5 mm.

f) **Resistance to dilation** (for hoses only)

When determined in accordance with [Annex A](#), the dilation shall not exceed 12 %.

The dilation,  $\Delta D$ , is given by using either the change in the outside circumference or the change in diameter as shown in [Formulae \(2\)](#) and [\(3\)](#).

The change in the outside circumference:

$$\Delta D = \frac{C_1 - C_0}{C_0} \times 100 \quad (2)$$

where

$\Delta D$  is the dilation in terms of the change in circumference (%);

$C_0$  is the outside circumference at the initial condition (mm);

$C_1$  is the outside circumference at the specified pressure (mm).

The change in diameter:

$$\Delta D = \frac{D_1 - D_0}{D_0} \times 100 \quad (3)$$

where

$\Delta D$  is the dilation in terms of the change in outside diameter (%);

$D_0$  is the sum of two diameters measured at right angles to each other at the initial condition (mm);

$D_1$  is the sum of two diameters measured at right angles to each other at the specified pressure (mm).

g) **Resistance to electrochemical degradation**

When tested in accordance with method 1 of SAE J1684:2005, hoses and tubing shall not exhibit any internal cracks or “striations”.

h) **Resistance to ozone**

When tested in accordance with method 2 of ISO 7326:2016 under the following conditions, the hose or tubing shall not show cracking when examined under 2× magnification:

Partial pressure of ozone: 50 mPa ± 3 mPa

Duration: 72 h ± 2 h

Temperature: 40 °C ± 2 °C

Elongation: 20 %



i) **Heat ageing resistance**

After ageing for 1 000 h  $\pm$  5 h at 100 °C for type 1, 125 °C for type 2, 150 °C for type 3 or 175 °C for type 4 hose or tubing in accordance with ISO 188, all constructions shall meet the adhesion requirements of test b), the low-temperature flexibility requirements of test c) and the ozone resistance requirements of test h).

j) **Compression set**

When determined in accordance with SAE J1638 for 24 h  $\pm$  2 h at 100 °C for type 1, 125 °C for type 2, 150 °C for type 3 or 175 °C for type 4 hose or tubing, the compression set of all types of hose and tubing shall not exceed 50 %.

k) **Resistance to surface contamination by engine oil**

When tested in accordance with Annex B using ISO 1817 oil 3, all constructions shall meet the adhesion requirements of test b), the low-temperature flexibility c) and the resistance to ozone h).

l) **Pressure/vibration/temperature test**

When tested in accordance with [Annex C](#), all constructions shall meet the adhesion requirements of test b), the low-temperature flexibility requirements of test c) (but with a burst pressure of at least 85 % of the original burst pressure) and the ozone resistance requirements of test h). The change in outside diameter shall be less than 15 %.

The change in burst pressure,  $\Delta P$ , is given by [Formula \(4\)](#):

$$\Delta P = \frac{P_1 - P_2}{P_1} \times 100 \quad (4)$$

where

$\Delta P$  is the change in burst pressure (%);

$P_1$  is the original burst pressure (MPa);

$P_2$  is the burst pressure after the low-temperature flexibility test (MPa).

The change in outside diameter is given by [Formula \(5\)](#):

$$\Delta D = \frac{D_1 - D_2}{D_1} \times 100 \quad (5)$$

where

$\Delta D$  is the change in outside diameter (%);

$D_1$  is the original outside diameter (mm);

$D_2$  is the outside diameter after the test (mm).

## 6 Frequency of testing

The frequency of type testing and routine testing shall be as specified in [Annex E](#) and [Annex F](#), respectively.

**Type tests** are obtained by the manufacturer demonstrating that all requirements of this International Standard are met by a particular hose or tubing design manufactured by a particular method. The tests shall be repeated at a maximum of five-year intervals, or whenever a change in the method of manufacture or materials used occurs.

**Routine tests** shall be carried out on finished lengths of hose or tubing prior to despatch at a frequency agreed by the manufacturer and customer.

**Production acceptance tests** are those tests, specified in [Annex G](#), which should preferably be carried out by the manufacturer to control the quality of its product. The frequencies specified in [Annex G](#) are given for guidance purposes only.

## 7 Marking

All constructions shall be continuously marked with the following information:

- a) manufacturer's name or trademark;
- b) number and year of publication of this International Standard, i.e. ISO 4081:2016;
- c) type classification and temperature limit in accordance with [Clause 3](#);
- d) internal diameter, in millimetres;
- e) year and quarter of manufacture;
- f) recycling code for the construction material, in accordance with ISO 1629.

EXAMPLE

MAN/ISO 4081:2016/Type 1 100°C/10/2Q16/EPDM

Where the hose length or shape does not allow marking to the above requirements, marking shall be carried out as agreed between the customer and manufacturer.

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