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Standard Practice for Testing Plasticizer Compatibility in Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Compounds Under Humid Conditions¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice defines the conditions for the exposure and qualitative evaluation of poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) compounds for plasticizer compatibility under humid conditions. Change in appearance is used for judging compatibility.

1.2 The text of this practice references notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of this practice.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard.

1.4 *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.*

NOTE 1—There is no known ISO equivalent to this practice.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics](#)

[D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics](#)

[D1755 Specification for Poly\(Vinyl Chloride\) Resins](#)

[E145 Specification for Gravity-Convection and Forced-Ventilation Ovens](#)

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D20 on Plastics and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D20.15 on Thermoplastic Materials (Section D20.15.07).

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

3. Terminology

3.1 *General*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminology [D883](#) and abbreviations with Terminology [D1600](#), unless otherwise indicated.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 Specimens are suspended over water in closed containers and aged at either 60°C or 80°C. The specimens are removed from the containers at specified intervals and their appearance is rated in accordance with [10.1](#) and recorded.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This practice provides an accelerated method for determining the stability of PVC compounds with respect to plasticizer compatibility under humid conditions.

5.2 The temperatures and humidity employed in this test can represent actual use conditions, but are intended primarily for rating materials.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Screw-Cap Glass Jars or Capped Metal Containers*, large enough to avoid contact between specimens and between the specimens and 1 cm of deionized water. The covers shall be provided on the inside with hooks of a corrosion-resistant metal such as stainless steel, nichrome or nickel.

6.2 *Forced-Ventilation Laboratory Oven*, Type II, Grade A, in accordance with Specification [E145](#).

7. Materials

7.1 *Distilled Water*—Freshly prepared distilled or deionized water.

8. Specimen Preparation (Note 2)

8.1 Cut test specimens with one side having a surface area of 25 cm² from a 0.5-mm (0.02-in.) thick smooth surface plastic sheet (± 0.05 mm (0.002-in.)) Punch a small hole near the edge for hanging the specimen.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard