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potentially present in footwear and
footwear components —**

**Part 2:
Determination of phthalate without
solvent extraction**

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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 16181-2, together with ISO 16181-1, cancels and replaces ISO/TS 16181:2011, which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- phthalates were added to the list in [Table A.1](#) (from 7 onwards);
- this document introduces a new technique.

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Footwear — Critical substances potentially present in footwear and footwear components —

Part 2:

Determination of phthalate without solvent extraction

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the content of specific phthalates (see [Annex A](#)) by pyrolyzer/thermal desorption gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (Py/TD-GC-MS). This document is applicable to all types of footwear materials except textiles.

NOTE See also CEN/TR 16417 for a list of the specific phthalates to which this document applies.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 16181-1, *Footwear — Critical substances potentially present in footwear and footwear components — Part 1: Determination of phthalate with solvent extraction*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principle

The sample is directly introduced into a pyrolyzer, the phthalates are thermally extracted under a specific heat zone and then transferred to the gas chromatograph. Phthalate compounds are separated by the gas chromatographic capillary column and detected by a mass spectrometer.

When compared to ISO 16181-1, the two analytical methods should present similar trends but at the same time, not necessarily the same absolute result. Therefore, in case of any dispute, ISO 16181-1 shall be used in preference.

5 Apparatus

5.1 **Analytical balance**, capable of measuring accurately to 0,000 01 g (0,01 mg).

5.2 **Cryogenic grinding/milling mill with liquid N₂ cooling**.

5.3 **Nipper (a hand tool for cutting samples)**.

5.4 **Micro spatula**.

5.5 **Tweezers**.

5.6 **Cutter**.

5.7 **File**.

5.8 **Micro puncher**.

5.9 **Deactivated glass wool**.

5.10 **Micro syringes or automated pipettes**.

5.11 **Sample cup**.

5.12 **Volumetric flasks**, 10 ml and 100 ml.

5.13 **Gas chromatograph – mass spectrometer equipped with a pyrolyzer**.

— Pyrolyzer/thermal desorption accessory: [ISO 16181-2:2021](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/iso/58c3b5aa-4c4e-4e45-8abe-e03589834d9b/iso-16181-2-2021)

A temperature rise of 1 °C to 100 °C per minute should be possible across a temperature range from 40 °C to 500 °C. The sample cup should be treated for chemical stability and should be capable of accommodating both liquid and solid samples. It should be possible to maintain the interface between the thermal pyrolysis unit and the gas chromatograph inlet up to 400 °C.

6 Reagents and materials

All reagent chemicals shall be tested for contamination and blank values prior to application as follows.

6.1 **n-hexane**, for preparing the phthalates standard solution, GC grade or higher.

6.2 **Phthalates**, see [Table A.1](#).

6.3 **Helium**, purity greater than a volume fraction of 99,999 %.

6.4 **Calibrants**: prepare stock solutions containing 100 mg/l of each phthalate (see [Annex A](#)) in n-hexane ([6.1](#)).

NOTE A commercially available Certified Reference Materials (CRM) containing specific phthalates could be used as a calibrant.

6.4.1 Stock solution of phthalates, 10 000 mg/l.

Weigh accurately 100 mg of each phthalate (6.2) into a 10 ml volumetric flask (5.12) respectively and dissolve with n-hexane (6.1) and then fill it up to the mark.

6.4.2 Standard solution for calibration curve of phthalates, 100 mg/l.

Add 1 ml of each stock solution of phthalates (6.4.1) to 100-ml volumetric flasks (5.12) and filled up to the mark with n-hexane (6.1).

6.5 Blank material (no phthalate compounds shall be included).

7 Sampling

In the footwear, all types of footwear materials shall be tested except:

- textiles (without any coating), and
- metallic parts.

Information on sampling are given in [Annex B](#)

If the sample consists of homogeneous materials, then the sample shall be cut into small pieces using a cutting tool (5.6 to 5.8). Place approximately 0,5 mg of the cut sample into a pre-weighed sample cup using a micro spatula (5.4) or tweezers (5.5). Record the total weight of the cup with the sample in it to the nearest 0,01 mg and then record the sample weight by subtracting the weight of the sample cup from the total weight.

If the sample consists of heterogeneous materials (multi-layer materials), the sample shall be ground to pass through a 500 µm sieve before extraction. Cryogenic grinding/milling with liquid N₂ cooling (5.2) is recommended. Place approximately 0,5 mg of the powdered sample into a pre-weighed sample cup using a micro spatula (5.4) or tweezers (5.5). Record the total weight of the cup with the sample in it to the nearest 0,01 mg and record the sample weight by subtracting the weight of the sample cup from the total weight.

8 Test procedure

8.1 Test sample preparation

Place an appropriate amount of deactivated glass wool into the cup with the sample to ensure that the sample powder will not spill out. Determine the phthalates by Py/TD-GC-MS (5.13). An example of a programme and the parameters for the GC-MS analysis of the target phthalates are given in [Annex C](#).

The measure of the sample weight using a balance can be unstable at a digit of 0,01 mg. To check the accuracy of the weighting sample, it is recommended to check the reproducibility of the weighting sample. If the reproducibility of weighting one sample five times is below 10 %, it is then possible to use the average value as the sample weight.

8.2 Calibration

Prepare at least three appropriate phthalate calibration solutions.

Example for calibration solutions, see [Table 1](#). 1, 2, 5 and 10 µl of 100 mg/l phthalates standard solution (6.4.2) should be put into the sample cups, respectively.

Table 1 — Calibration standard solution of phthalates

No.	Concentration of each phthalate standard solution mg/l	Volume of each phthalate standard solution μl	Final concentration μg
1	100	1	0,1
2	100	2	0,2
3	100	5	0,5
4	100	10	1

8.3 Chromatographic analysis

8.3.1 The chromatography parameters for gas chromatograph – mass spectrometer equipped with a pyrolyzer

Different conditions can be necessary to optimize a specific Py/TD-GC-MS system to achieve effective separation of each phthalate. An example of chromatography parameters and the total ion current chromatogram are shown in [Annex C](#) and [Annex E](#).

8.3.2 Qualitative and quantitative analysis by gas chromatograph – mass spectrometer equipped with a pyrolyzer

Add 5 μl of mixed standard working solution ([6.4.2](#)) for the calibration and the test sample ([8.1](#)) to the sample cup. Introduce the sample cup into the pyrolyzer, then separate thermally extracted phthalates in specific heat zones into columns for determination of phthalates. If one or more peaks in the chromatogram of the test sample and standard working solution appear at the same retention time, analyse qualitatively by comparing the characteristic ions ([Table A.1](#)) of these peaks in the chromatogram of the test sample and standard working solution. Analyse quantitatively by the external standard calibration method through selected ion.

According to the content of the target phthalate in the test sample, select the standard working solution with a similar concentration and analyse an equal volume of standard working solution and test sample. The response value of each of the phthalates in standard working solution and in the test sample should be in the linear range of the detector.

If the response value of test solution is out of the calibration curve range, reduce the sample weight or adjust the split ratio appropriately before measurement.

NOTE Under the above analysis conditions, GC-MSD total ion chromatogram of 18 kinds of phthalate standards is given in [Annex D](#).

9 Calculation of phthalate compounds in the sample

9.1 Calculation of the phthalate compounds in the sample

The content of each phthalate in the sample is calculated using [Formula \(1\)](#).

$$X_i = \frac{A_i - A_0}{m} \quad (1)$$

where

- X_i is the content of phthalate in the sample, in mg/g;
- A_i is the concentration of phthalate in the test sample, in g;
- A_0 is the concentration of phthalate in the blank sample, in g;
- m is the mass of the sample (see [Clause 7](#)), in kg.

9.2 Performance of the test method

The test results of the comparison with ISO 16181-1 are given in [Annex E](#).

This method is able to detect the phthalates listed in [Table A.1](#) with a limit of the quantification of 30 mg/kg. Results below 30 mg/kg should be reported as not detected.

NOTE For the complex matrix (for example, leather, rubber, materials with a high amount of paraffins), this limit of quantification can be difficult to achieve. That is possible for phthalates that yields a single peak. If a phthalate yields several peaks, it will be difficult to achieve this LOQ

10 Detection limit

The detection limit of phthalates by this method is below 30 µg/g. Results below 30 µg/g should be reported as not detected.

11 Test report

The test report shall include at least the following information:

- a) a reference to this document, i.e. ISO 16181-2:2021;
- b) all information necessary for complete identification of the sample tested;
- c) the amount determined for each phthalate that was requested to be tested in mg/kg or in percentage by mass of each listed phthalate in the tested material;
- d) any deviation from this document;
- e) any unusual features observed.

Annex A (informative)

List of phthalates specified in CEN/TR 16417

Table A.1 — List of phthalates determined by this document

No.	Substance ^a	Abbreviation	CAS RN® ¹⁾
1	Dibutyl phthalate	DBP	84-74-2
2	Benzyl butyl phthalate	BBP	85-68-7
3	Bis (2-ethyl(hexyl)phthalate)	DEHP	117-81-7
4	Di-n-octyl phthalate	DNOP	117-84-0
5	Diisononyl phthalate	DINP	28553-12-0 68515-48-0
6	Diisodecyl phthalate	DIDP	26761-40-0 89-16-7 68515-49-1
7	Diisobutyl phthalate	DIBP	84-69-5
8	Bis(2-methoxyethyl) phthalate	DMEP	117-82-8
9	Diisopentyl phthalate	DIPP	605-50-5
10	N-pentyl-isopentyl phthalate	PIPP	776297-69-9
11	Di-n-pentyl phthalate	DNPP	131-18-0
12	Diisohexyl phthalate	DIHxP	71850-09-4
13	Di-n-hexyl phthalate	DNHP	84-75-3
14	Butyl octyl phthalate ^a	BOP	84-78-6
15	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-8-branched alkyl esters, C7-rich	DIHP	71888-89-6
16	Diisooctyl phthalate ^a	DIOP	27554-26-3
17	Diundecyl phthalate ^a	DUP	3648-20-2
18	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, dipentylester, branched and linear	DPP	84777-06-0
19	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, dihexyl ester, branched and linear	DHP	68515-50-4
20	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C7-11-branched and linear alkyl esters	DHNUP	68515-42-4
21	1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-10-alkyl esters; 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, mixed decyl and hexyl and octyl di- esters with ≥ 0.3 % of dihexyl phthalate	–	68515-51-5 68648-93-1
22	Diethylphthalate ^a	DEP	84-66-2
23	dimethylphthalate ^a	DMP	131-11-3
24	dicyclohexylphthalate	DCHP	84-61-7
25	Di-n-propyl phthalate ^a	DPRP	131-16-8
26	Dinonyl phthalate ^a	DNP	84-76-4

^a See ISO/TR 16178 and CEN/TR 16417 for detailed information.

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