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The main changes are as follows:

- an introduction section has been added;
- the calculation of K-value was moved to [9.2](#);
- an alternative procedure has been incorporated, the differential pressure method, based on comparing the differential pressure in capillary tubings due to the flow of polymer solution and neat solvent simultaneously.

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Introduction

Two methods are described in this document to determine the viscosity of polymer solutions, the Efflux time method and the differential pressure method. The results of both methods are equivalent. Differences may be found due to different conditions for the determination, such as concentration, solvent or shear rate.

The differential pressure method which has been incorporated in the present revision has the important advantage for industry that it is more easily adapted to automation, leading to improved efficiency, higher throughput, and enhanced safety for the operator. The new added method can help in the reduction of solvents use due to the lower requirement for washing of the capillaries.

Another advantage of the new alternative differential pressure method is that it can be integrated within existing polymer characterization workflows, as part of existing or new polymer analysis instrumental setups.

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Plastics — Determination of the viscosity of polymers in dilute solution using capillary viscometers —

Part 1: General principles

1 Scope

This document defines the general conditions for the determination of the reduced viscosity, intrinsic viscosity and *K*-value of organic polymers in dilute solution. It defines the standard parameters that are applied to viscosity measurement.

This document is used to develop standards for measuring the viscosities in solution of individual types of polymer. It is also used to measure and report the viscosities of polymers in solution for which no separate standards exist.

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 3105, *Glass capillary kinematic viscometers — Specifications and operating instructions*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

ISO 80000-4, *Quantities and units — Part 4: Mechanics*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 80000-1, ISO 80000-4 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1 Terms related to any liquid

3.1.1

viscosity

property of a fluid sheared between two parallel plates, one of which moves relative to the other in uniform rectilinear motion in its own plane, defined by the Newton formula

$$\tau = \eta \dot{\gamma}$$

where

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τ is the shear stress;

η is the viscosity;

$\dot{\gamma}$ is the velocity gradient or rate of shear, given by $\frac{dV}{dz}$ where V is the velocity of one plane relative to the other and z the coordinate perpendicular to the two planes.

Note 1 to entry: The units of viscosity are Pa·s.

Note 2 to entry: Viscosity is usually taken to mean “Newtonian viscosity”, in which case the ratio of shearing stress to velocity gradient is constant. In non-Newtonian behaviour, which is the usual case with solutions of polymers with high molar masses, the ratio varies with the shear rate. Such ratios are often called “apparent viscosities” at the corresponding shear rate.

3.1.2 viscosity/density ratio kinematic viscosity

ν
ratio defined by the formula

$$\nu = \frac{\eta}{\rho}$$

where ρ is the density of the fluid at the temperature at which the viscosity is measured.

Note 1 to entry: The units of kinematic viscosity are $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$.

3.2 Terms related to polymer solutions

3.2.1 relative viscosity viscosity ratio

η_r
ratio of the viscosity of the polymer solution (of stated concentration) η and the viscosity of the solvent η_0 , at the same temperature

$$\eta_r = \frac{\eta}{\eta_0}$$

Note 1 to entry: The ratio has no dimensions.

3.2.2 relative viscosity increment viscosity ratio increment and specific viscosity

η_{sp}
viscosity ratio minus one

$$\eta_{sp} = \left(\frac{\eta}{\eta_0} \right) - 1 = \frac{\eta - \eta_0}{\eta_0}$$

Note 1 to entry: The increment has no dimensions.

3.2.3 reduced viscosity viscosity number

I

ratio of the relative viscosity increment to the polymer concentration c in the solution

$$I = \frac{\eta - \eta_0}{\eta_0 c}$$

Note 1 to entry: The units of reduced viscosity are m³/kg.

Note 2 to entry: The reduced viscosity is usually determined at low concentration (less than 5 kg/m³, i.e. 0,005 g/cm³), except in the case of polymers of low molar mass, for which higher concentrations can be necessary.

3.2.4 inherent viscosity logarithmic viscosity number

η_{inh}

ratio of the natural logarithm of the viscosity ratio to the polymer concentration in the solution

$$\eta_{inh} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{\eta}{\eta_0}\right)}{c}$$

Note 1 to entry: The dimensions and units are the same as those given in [3.2.3](#).

Note 2 to entry: The inherent viscosity is usually determined at low concentration (less than 5 kg/m³, i.e. 0,005 g/cm³), except in the case of polymers of low molar mass, for which higher concentrations can be necessary.

3.2.5 intrinsic viscosity limiting viscosity number

η

limiting value of the reduced viscosity or of the *inherent viscosity* ([3.2.4](#)) at infinite dilution

$$[\eta] = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\eta - \eta_0}{\eta_0 c} \right)$$

$$[\eta] = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{\eta}{\eta_0}\right)}{c}$$

Note 1 to entry: The dimensions and units are the same as those given in [3.2.3](#).

Note 2 to entry: The effect of the shear rate on the functions defined in [3.2.1](#) to [3.2.5](#) has been neglected, since this effect is usually negligible for values of the reduced viscosity, inherent viscosity and intrinsic viscosity less than 0,5 m³/kg, i.e. 500 cm³/g. Strictly speaking, all these functions can be defined at the limiting (preferably infinitely small) value of the shear rate.

3.2.6 K-value

empirical parameter related to the relative viscosity and concentration used to estimate the viscosity average of the molecular mass of polymers

Note 1 to entry: For constant measurement parameters such as type of solvent, concentration and temperature, the K-value depends only on the viscosity average of the molecular mass distribution.