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viscometer —**

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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 289-2:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main change compared to the previous edition is that the precision statement in [Annex B](#) has been updated after a new ITP was performed.

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WARNING 1 — Persons using this document should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This document 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 determine the applicability of any other restrictions.

WARNING 2 — Certain procedures specified in this document might involve the use or generation of substances, or the generation of waste, that could constitute a local environmental hazard. Reference should be made to appropriate documentation on safe handling and disposal after use.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the pre-vulcanization characteristics of compounded rubber.

The pre-vulcanization characteristics determined by this method provide a means of estimating how long compounded rubber can be maintained at high temperatures and remain processable.

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 289-1, *Rubber, unvulcanized — Determinations using a shearing-disc viscometer — Part 1: Determination of Mooney viscosity*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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/>

3.1

pre-vulcanization time **scorch time**

time including warm-up time, for the viscosity to increase by a specified amount from the minimum value

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in minutes.

4 Principle

The test consists of determining how the Mooney viscosity of the rubber compound changes with running time at a specified temperature relevant to the process for which the compound is to be used. The time at which the Mooney viscosity has increased by a specified number of units is recorded.

5 Apparatus

The apparatus specified in ISO 289-1 shall be used. It is permissible to use the small rotor for high-viscosity compounds.

6 Calibration schedule

See [Annex A](#).

7 Preparation of test specimen

Prepare the two discs comprising the test specimen from a sheet of rubber compound, using the procedure for preparation of test pieces described in ISO 289-1.

8 Test temperature

Choose a test temperature relevant to the process for which the compound is to be used.

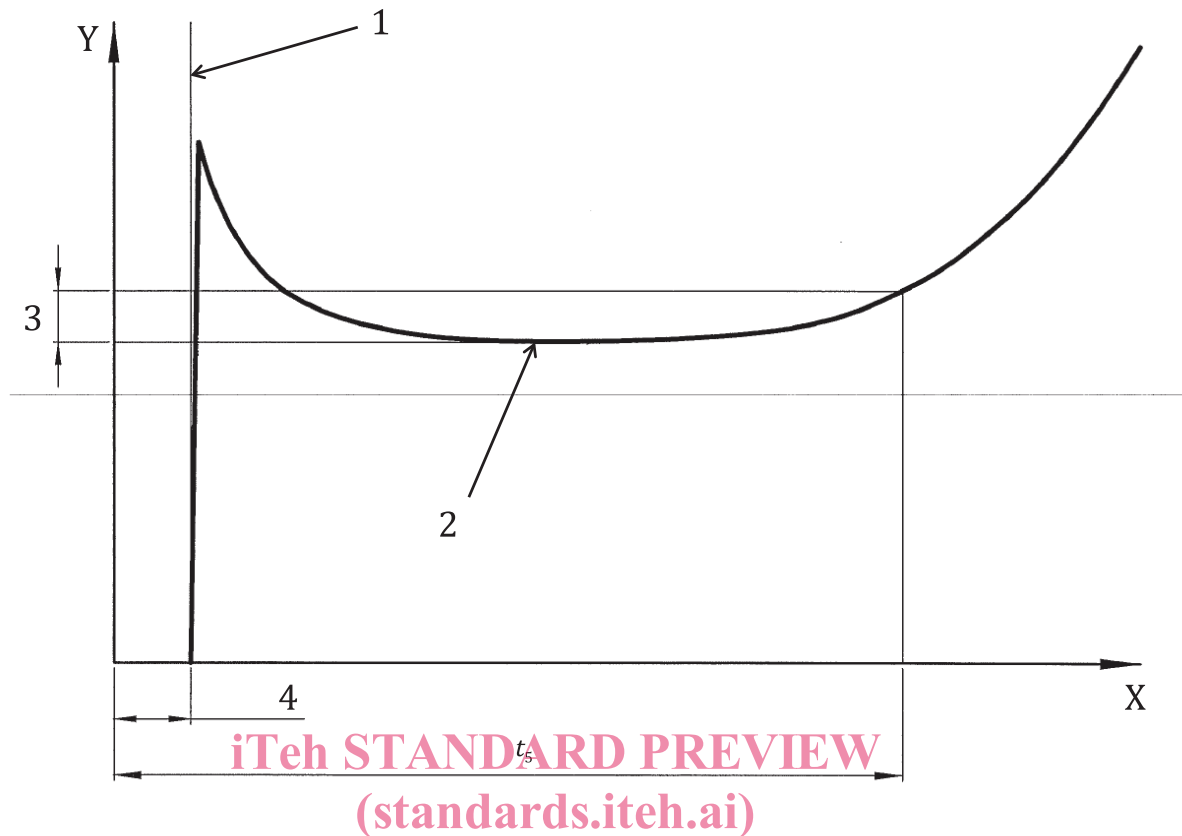
9 Procedure

Use the procedure described in ISO 289-1. The pre-heating time shall be 1 min, and the test shall be continued until the viscosity reaches the specified number of units above the minimum. When a large rotor is used, the increase is specified as five units and when a small rotor is used, the increase is specified as three units. The corresponding pre-vulcanization times are designated t_5 and t_3 , respectively. A typical trace obtained with the large rotor is shown in [Figure 1](#).

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**Key**

X time, in minutes

Y Mooney viscosity, in Mooney units

1 rotor started

2 minimum viscosity value

3 5 units

4 1 min

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Figure 1 — Determination of the pre-vulcanization or scorch time using the large rotor (increase in viscosity = 5 units)

10 Precision

See [Annex B](#).

11 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) sample details:
 - 1) full description of the sample and its origin;
 - 2) details of compounded rubbers, if applicable;
- b) details of the preparation of the test pieces,
- c) a reference to this document, i.e. ISO 289-2:2020;

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- d) a description of the apparatus used, including the model used, the manufacturer of the apparatus and the rotor size (large or small),
- e) test details:
 - 1) the test temperature;
 - 2) the die-closing force, if other than 11,5 kN;
 - 3) details of any procedures not specified in this document;
- f) test results:
 - 1) the minimum viscosity, in Mooney units;
 - 2) the pre-vulcanization or scorch time (t_5 or t_3), in minutes;
- g) date(s) of test.

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Annex A (informative)

Calibration schedule

A.1 Inspection

Before any calibration is undertaken, the condition of the items to be calibrated shall be ascertained by inspection and recorded in any calibration report or certificate. It shall be reported whether calibration was carried out in the “as-received” condition or after rectification of any abnormality or fault.

It shall be ascertained that the apparatus is generally fit for the intended purpose, including any parameters specified as approximate and for which the apparatus does not therefore need to be formally calibrated. If such parameters are liable to change, then the need for periodic checks shall be written into the detailed calibration procedures.

A.2 Schedule

Verification/calibration of the test apparatus is a mandatory part of this document. However, the frequency of calibration and procedures used are, unless otherwise stated, at the discretion of the individual laboratory, using ISO 18899 for guidance.

The calibration schedule is given in ISO 289-1.

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