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**Plastics — Polyoxymethylene (POM)  
moulding and extrusion materials —**

**Part 1:  
Designation system and basis for  
specifications**

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— [4.5.2](#) and [5.3](#) have been revised.

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# Plastics — Polyoxymethylene (POM) moulding and extrusion materials —

## Part 1: Designation system and basis for specifications

### 1 Scope

This document establishes a system of designation for polyoxymethylene (POM) thermoplastic material, which can be used as the basis for specifications.

NOTE Polyoxymethylene materials are thermoplastic materials composed principally of long-chain synthetic homopolymers and copolymers of formaldehyde. The repeating unit in the molecular chain is  $-CH_2O-$  as an integral part of the main polymer chain resulting from polymerization of formaldehyde.

The types of polyoxymethylene plastic are differentiated from each other by a classification system based on appropriate levels of the following designatory properties:

- a) melt mass-flow rate or melt volume-flow rate;
- b) tensile modulus, and on information about basic polymer parameters, intended application, method of processing, important properties, additives, colorants, fillers and reinforcing materials.

This document is applicable to all polyoxymethylene homopolymers and to copolymers of polyoxymethylene and blends of polymers containing polyoxymethylene. It applies to materials ready for normal use in the form of powder, granules or pellets and to materials unmodified and modified by colorants, additives, fillers, etc. It is not intended to imply that materials having the same designation necessarily give the same performance.

This document does not provide engineering data, performance data or data on processing conditions which can be required to specify materials for particular end-use applications. If such additional properties are required, they are to be determined in accordance with the test methods specified by the relevant International Standard.

### 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 1043-1, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics*

ISO 1133-1, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics — Part 1: Standard method*

ISO 29988-2, *Plastics — Polyoxymethylene (POM) moulding and extrusion materials — Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties*

### 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 Designation and specification system

### 4.1 General

The designation and specification system for thermoplastics is based on the following standardized pattern:

Designation						
Designation block	Identity block					
	International Standard number block	Individual-item block				
		Data block 1	Data block 2	Data block 3	Data block 4	Data block 5

The designation consists of an optional description block, reading “Thermoplastics”, and an identity block comprising the International Standard number and an individual-item block. For unambiguous designation, the individual-item block is subdivided into five data blocks comprising the following information.

Data block 1: Identification of the plastic by its symbol POM in accordance with ISO 1043-1 and information about the polymerization process or composition of the polymer (see 4.2).

Data block 2: Fillers or reinforcing materials and their nominal content (see 4.3).

Data block 3: Position 1: Intended application or method of processing (see 4.4).

Positions 2 to 8: Important properties, additives, and supplementary information (see 4.4).

Data block 4: Designatory properties (see 4.5).

Data block 5: For the purpose of specifications, a fifth data block can be added containing additional information (see 4.6).

The first character of the individual-item block shall be a hyphen. The data blocks shall be separated from each other by commas.

If a data block is not used, this shall be indicated by doubling the separation sign, i.e. by two commas (,,).

NOTE Data blocks 1 and 2 together form the part marking symbol.

### 4.2 Data block 1

In this data block, after the hyphen, polyoxymethylene plastics are identified by the symbol “POM”, in accordance with ISO 1043-1, followed by a hyphen and the code-letter H for homopolymers or K for copolymers.

Blends can be made from materials mentioned in both tables and/or other polymers (see ISO 1043-1). For polymer blends or alloys, use the abbreviated terms for the basic polymers, with the main component in first place followed by the other components in descending order according to their mass fractions, separated by a plus sign and no space before or after the plus sign.

EXAMPLE A blend of polyoxymethylene homopolymer and polyethylene is designated: POM-H+PE.