
**Plastics — Polyketone (PK) moulding
and extrusion materials —**

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

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- the description of Data block 1 has been corrected.

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Plastics — Polyketone (PK) moulding and extrusion materials —

Part 1: Designation system and basis for specifications

1 Scope

This document establishes a system of designation for polyketone (PK) moulding and extrusion materials which may be used as the basis for specifications. Polyketone polymer chains are built up from regularly alternating olefinic units and keto groups. The olefinic units shall be randomly distributed ethylene and propylene.

The types of polyketone plastics are differentiated from each other by a classification system based on appropriate levels of the designatory properties, melting temperature, melt mass-flow rate, temperature of deflection under load and on information about the intended application and/or method of processing, important properties, additives, colour, fillers and reinforcing materials.

The designation system is applicable to all polyketone terpolymers and blends. It applies to materials ready for normal use in the form of powder, granules or pellets, unmodified or modified by colourants, fillers or other additives.

It is not intended to imply that materials having the same designation give necessarily the same performance. This document does not provide engineering data, performance data or data on processing conditions which may be required to specify a material. If such additional properties are required, they are intended to be determined in accordance with the test methods specified in ISO 21970-2, if suitable.

In order to designate a polyketone to meet particular specifications, the requirements are to be given in data block 5 (see [4.1](#)).

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 75-1, *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load — Part 1: General test method*

ISO 75-2, *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load — Part 2: Plastics and ebonite*

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 11357-3, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 3: Determination of temperature and enthalpy of melting and crystallization*

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 system

4.1 General

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

Designation						
Description block (optional)	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 abbreviated term PK in accordance with ISO 1043-1 and information about the composition of the polymer (see 4.2).
- Data block 2: Position 1: Intended application and/or method of processing (see 4.3).
Positions 2 to 8: Important properties, additives and supplementary information (see 4.3).
- Data block 3: Designatory properties (see 4.4).
- Data block 4: Fillers or reinforcing materials and their nominal content (see 4.5).
- Data block 5: For the purpose of specifications, a fifth data block contains appropriate 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 a comma. If a data block is not used, this shall be indicated by doubling the separation sign, i.e. by two commas (,,). Terminal commas may be omitted.

4.2 Data block 1

In this data block, the plastic is identified by its abbreviated term PK in accordance with ISO 1043-1 and, after a hyphen, a symbol indicating the composition as specified in Table 1.

Table 1 — Symbol indicating the chemical structure of polyketone materials in data block 1

Symbol	Chemical identification
PK-EP	Terpolymer of carbon monoxide, ethylene, propylene $-(\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}=\text{O})_n-(\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{C}=\text{O})_m-$

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 polyketone and polyamide 6 is designated: PK-EP+PA6.