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(PMMA) moulding and extrusion  
materials —**

**Part 2:  
Preparation of test specimens and  
determination of properties**

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

- the normative references have been updated;
- [Clause 3](#) has been added;
- the contents of [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#) have been updated.

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# Plastics — Poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) moulding and extrusion materials —

## Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties

### 1 Scope

**1.1** This document specifies the methods of preparation of test specimens and the test methods to be used in determining the properties of poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) moulding and extrusion materials. It gives the requirements for handling test material and for conditioning both the test material before moulding and the specimens before testing.

**1.2** This document specifies procedures and conditions for the preparation of test specimens and procedures for measuring properties of the materials from which these specimens are made. It lists properties and test methods which are suitable and necessary to characterize poly(methyl methacrylate) moulding and extrusion materials.

**1.3** The properties have been selected from the general test methods in ISO 10350-1. Other test methods in wide use for, or of particular significance to, these moulding and extrusion materials are also included in this document, as are the designatory properties specified in ISO 24026-1.

### 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 62, *Plastics — Determination of water absorption*

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

ISO 175, *Plastics — Methods of test for the determination of the effects of immersion in liquid chemicals*

ISO 178, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties*

ISO 179-1, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test*

ISO 179-2, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 2: Instrumented impact test*

ISO 180, *Plastics — Determination of Izod impact strength*

ISO 294-1, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 1: General principles, and moulding of multipurpose and bar test specimens*

ISO 306, *Plastics — Thermoplastic materials — Determination of Vicat softening temperature (VST)*

ISO 489, *Plastics — Determination of refractive index*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

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ISO 604, *Plastics — Determination of compressive properties*

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 1183-1, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method*

ISO 1628-6, *Plastics — Determination of viscosity number and limiting viscosity number — Part 6: Methyl methacrylate polymers*

ISO 2039-1, *Plastics — Determination of hardness — Part 1: Ball indentation method*

ISO 2039-2, *Plastics — Determination of hardness — Part 2: Rockwell hardness*

ISO 3167, *Plastics — Multipurpose test specimens*

ISO 6721-2, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 2: Torsion-pendulum method*

ISO 10350-1, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data — Part 1: Moulding materials*

ISO 13468-1, *Plastics — Determination of the total luminous transmittance of transparent materials — Part 1: Single-beam instrument*

ISO 24026-1, *Plastics — Poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) moulding and extrusion materials — Part 1: Designation system and basis for specifications*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

### 4 Preparation of test specimens

#### 4.1 General

In order to obtain reproducible and comparable test results, it is necessary to use the methods of specimen preparation and conditioning, the specimen dimensions and the test procedures specified in this document. Values determined are necessarily identical to those obtained using specimens of different dimensions or prepared using different procedures.

It is essential that specimens always be prepared by the same procedure (injection moulding), using the same processing conditions.

#### 4.2 Treatment of the material before moulding

Before processing, the moisture content of the material sample shall not exceed 0,05 % by mass. If the moisture level exceeds this limit, the sample shall be dried in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions until the moisture content no longer exceeds the limit.