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Foreword

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- specification for the temperature difference between the middle and the ends of the test specimens has been removed;
- specification for the position of the tip of the temperature sensor has been widened;
- editorial changes have been applied.

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Part 1: General test method

1 Scope

1.1 This document gives a general test method for the determination of the temperature of deflection under load (flexural stress under three-point loading) of plastics. Different types of test specimen and different constant loads are defined to suit different types of material.

1.2 ISO 75-2 gives specific requirements for plastics (including filled plastics and fibre-reinforced plastics in which the fibre length, prior to processing, is up to 7,5 mm) and ebonite, while ISO 75-3 gives specific requirements for high-strength thermosetting laminates and long-fibre-reinforced plastics in which the fibre length, prior to processing, is greater than 7,5 mm.

1.3 The methods specified are suitable for assessing the relative behaviour of different types of material at elevated temperature under load at a specified rate of temperature increase. The results obtained do not necessarily represent maximum applicable temperatures because, in practice, essential factors, such as time, loading conditions and nominal surface stress, can differ from the test conditions. True comparability of data can only be achieved for materials having the same room-temperature flexural modulus.

1.4 The methods specify preferred dimensions for the test specimens.

1.5 Data obtained using the test methods described are not intended to be used to predict actual end-use performance. The data are not intended for design analysis or prediction of the endurance of materials at elevated temperatures.

1.6 This method is commonly known as the heat deflection temperature or heat distortion temperature (HDT) test, although there is no official document using this designation.

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

ISO 75-3, *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load — Part 3: High-strength thermosetting laminates and long-fibre-reinforced plastics*

ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 16012, *Plastics — Determination of linear dimensions of test specimens*

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples — Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

IEC 60751, *Industrial platinum resistance thermometers and platinum temperature sensors*

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 flexural strain

ε_f
nominal fractional change in length of an element of the outer surface of the test specimen at midspan

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed as a dimensionless ratio or a percentage (%).

3.2 flexural strain increase

$\Delta\varepsilon_f$
specified increase in *flexural strain* (3.1) that takes place during heating

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed as a percentage (%).

3.3 deflection

s
distance over which the top or bottom surface of the test specimen at midspan deviates during flexure from its original position

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in millimetres (mm).

3.4 standard deflection

Δs
increase in *deflection* (3.3) corresponding to the *flexural strain increase* (3.2), $\Delta\varepsilon_f$, at the surface of the test specimen, and which is specified in ISO 75-2 or ISO 75-3

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in millimetres (mm). See [Formula \(4\)](#).

3.5 flexural stress

σ_f
nominal stress at the outer surface of the test specimen at midspan

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in megapascals (MPa).

3.6 load

F
force, applied to the test specimen at midspan, which results in a defined *flexural stress* (3.5)

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in newtons (N). See [Formulae \(1\) to \(3\)](#).

3.7 temperature of deflection under load

T_f
temperature at which the *deflection* (3.3) of the test specimen reaches the *standard deflection* (3.4) as the temperature is increased

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in degrees Celsius (°C).