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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 45, *Rubber and rubber products*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Raw materials (including latex) for use in the rubber industry*.

This seventh edition cancels and replaces the sixth edition (ISO 4097:2014), which has been technically revised.

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

- normative references have been updated in [Clauses 2](#) and [10 d](#)) and [subclauses 5.3](#), and [7.1](#), in particular replacing ISO 247 by ISO 247-1 and ISO 247-2;
- the standard formulations given in ISO 4097:2007 have been retained in ISO 4097:2014, to allow time for users to adapt to the new standard test formulations; they have been removed by deleting Annex B of the previous edition.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

# Rubber, ethylene-propylene-diene (EPDM) — Evaluation procedure

**WARNING** — Users of this document should be familiar with the 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.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies:

- the physical and chemical tests on raw rubbers;
- the standard materials, standard test formulations, equipment, and processing methods for evaluating the vulcanization characteristics of ethylene-propylene-diene rubbers (EPDM), including oil-extended types.

## 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 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 247-1:2018, *Rubber — Determination of ash — Part 1: Combustion method*

ISO 247-2:2018, *Rubber — Determination of ash — Part 2: Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)*

ISO 248-1, *Rubber, raw — Determination of volatile-matter content — Part 1: Hot-mill method and oven method*

ISO 248-2, *Rubber, raw — Determination of volatile-matter content — Part 2: Thermogravimetric methods using an automatic analyser with an infrared drying unit*

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

ISO 1795, *Rubber, raw natural and raw synthetic — Sampling and further preparative procedures*

ISO 2393, *Rubber test mixes — Preparation, mixing and vulcanization — Equipment and procedures*

ISO 6502-1, *Rubber — Measurement of vulcanization characteristics using curemeters — Part 1: Introduction*

ISO 6502-2, *Rubber — Measurement of vulcanization characteristics using curemeters — Part 2: Oscillating disc curemeter*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

## 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 Sampling and sample preparation

4.1 Take a laboratory sample of approximately 1,5 kg by the method described in ISO 1795.

4.2 Prepare the test portion in accordance with ISO 1795.

## 5 Physical and chemical tests on raw rubber

### 5.1 Mooney viscosity

Determine the Mooney viscosity in accordance with ISO 289-1, on a test portion prepared as indicated in 4.2 (without massing).

If massing is necessary, maintain the mill roll surface temperature at  $50\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$  (for rubbers with a low Mooney viscosity, a temperature of  $35\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$  can be used). Massing, if used, shall be mentioned in the test report.

Record the result as ML(1+4) at  $125\text{ °C}$  unless another test temperature ( $100\text{ °C}$  or  $150\text{ °C}$ ) and/or test time (1+8) min has been agreed by the interested parties.

### 5.2 Volatile matter

Determine the volatile matter content in accordance with ISO 248-1 or ISO 248-2.

### 5.3 Ash

Determine the ash in accordance with either method A, or method B, or method C of ISO 247-1:2018, or method A of ISO 247-2:2018.

## 6 Preparation of test mixes for evaluation

### 6.1 Standard test formulations

The standard test formulations are given in [Table 1](#), in which:

- a) formulation 1 is applicable to non-oil-extended EPDMs with a nominal ethylene content not higher than 67 % by mass;
- b) formulation 2 is applicable to non-oil-extended EPDMs with a nominal ethylene content equal to or higher than 67 % by mass;
- c) formulation 3 is applicable to non-oil-extended low Mooney viscosity EPDMs;
- d) formulation 4 is applicable to oil-extended EPDMs containing 50 or less parts by mass of oil per 100 parts of rubber;
- e) formulation 5 is applicable to oil-extended EPDMs containing more than 50 but less than 80 parts by mass of oil per 100 parts of rubber;
- f) formulation 6 is applicable to oil-extended EPDMs containing 80 or more parts by mass of oil per 100 parts of rubber.