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Foreword

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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 4659:2014), which has been technically revised.

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

— Normative references have been updated in Clause 2, 5.3, 7.1 and 10 e), in particular replacing ISO 247 by ISO 247-1 and ISO 247-2.

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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 styrene-butadiene rubber masterbatches with carbon black or with carbon black and oil.

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 11235, *Rubber compounding ingredients — Sulfenamide accelerators — Test methods*

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 further preparative procedures

4.1 Select the sample from the lot in accordance with ISO 1795.

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

4.3 Prepare test samples in accordance with ISO 1795.

5 Physical and chemical tests on raw rubber

5.1 Mooney viscosity

Prepare a test sample in accordance with the preferred procedure in ISO 1795, i.e. without milling.

If massing is deemed necessary, use a mill with its roll surfaces maintained at a temperature of 35 °C ± 5 °C and record this fact in the test report.

Determine the Mooney viscosity in accordance with ISO 289-1. Record the result as ML(1 + 4) at 100 °C.

5.2 Volatile matter

Determine the volatile-matter content by the hot-mill method or by the oven method as specified in ISO 248-1 or by the method specified in 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 formulation

The standard test formulation is given in Table 1.

The materials used shall be national or international standard reference materials. If no standard reference material is available, the materials to be used shall be agreed between the interested parties.

6.2 Procedure

6.2.1 Equipment and procedure

Equipment and procedure for the preparation, mixing, and vulcanization shall be in accordance with ISO 2393.

6.2.2 Mixing procedure

6.2.2.1 General

Two alternative mixing procedures are specified, but in accordance with ISO 2393, the laboratory internal mixer procedure is preferred:

— Method A: Mixing with a laboratory mill;

— Method B: Single-stage mixing using a laboratory internal mixer — the preferred method.

Table 1 — Standard test formulation for evaluation of masterbatches of styrene-butadiene rubbers

Material	Parts by mass
Masterbatch	$100 + x^a + y^b$
Zinc oxide	3,00
Sulfur	1,75
Stearic acid	1,50
TBBS[c]	1,25
Total	$107{,}50 + x + y$

[a] x is the number of parts of carbon black to 100 parts of rubber in the masterbatch.

[b] y is the number of parts of oil to 100 parts of rubber in the masterbatch.

[c] *N*-tert-butyl-benzothiazole-2-sulfenamide. This shall be supplied in powder form having an initial insoluble-matter content, determined in accordance with ISO 11235, of less than 0,3 %. The material shall be stored at room temperature in a closed container and the insoluble matter shall be checked every 6 months. If this is found to exceed 0,75 %, the TBBS shall be discarded or recrystallized.

6.2.2.2 Method A — Mixing with a laboratory mill

The standard laboratory mill batch mass factor shall be selected to the nearest 0,5 to give as large a total mass as possible that does not exceed 525 g. The surface temperature of the rolls shall be maintained at 50 °C ± 5 °C throughout the mixing.

A good rolling bank at the nip of the rolls shall be maintained during mixing. If this is not obtained with the nip settings specified hereunder, small adjustments to the mill openings may be necessary.

		Duration (min)	**Cumulative time** (min)
a)	Band the masterbatch with the mill opening set at 1,4 mm.	2,0	2,0
b)	Add the sulfur slowly and evenly across the masterbatch.	2,0	4,0
c)	Add the stearic acid. Make one 3/4 cut from each side.	2,0	6,0
d)	Add the zinc oxide and the TBBS.	3,0	9,0
e)	Make three 3/4 cuts from each side.	2,0	11,0
f)	Cut the batch from the mill. Set the mill opening to 0,8 mm and pass the rolled batch endwise between the rolls six times.	2,0	13,0
	Total time	**13,0**	**13,0**

g) Sheet the batch to approximately 6 mm and determine the mass of the batch (see ISO 2393). If the mass of the batch differs from the theoretical value by more than ${}^{+0,5}_{-1,5}$ %, discard the batch and re-mix.

h) Remove sufficient material for curemeter testing.

i) Sheet the batch to approximately 2,2 mm for preparing test sheets or to the appropriate thickness for preparing ISO ring specimens in accordance with ISO 37.

j) Leave the batch for 2 h to 24 h after mixing, if possible at standard temperature and humidity as defined in ISO 23529.

6.2.2.3 Method B — Single stage mixing using a laboratory internal mixer

For laboratory internal mixers having nominal capacities of 65 cm^3 to about 2 000 cm^3, the batch mass shall be equal to the nominal mixer capacity, in cubic centimetres, multiplied by the density of the compound. For each batch mixed, the laboratory internal mixer conditions shall be the same during the preparation of a series of identical mixes. At the beginning of each series of test mixes, a machine-conditioning batch shall be mixed using the same formulation as the mixes under test. The laboratory internal mixer shall be allowed to cool down to 60 °C between the end of one test batch and the start of the next. The temperature control conditions shall not be altered during the mixing of a series of test batches.

The mixing technique shall be such as to obtain a good dispersion of all the ingredients.

The temperature of the batch discharged on completion of mixing shall not exceed 120 °C. If necessary, adjust the batch mass or the mixer starting temperature so that this condition is met

In the following procedure, compounding materials other than masterbatch, may be added to the batch more precisely and with greater ease if they are previously blended together in the proportions required by the formulation. Such blends may be made using one of the following:

— a mortar and pestle;

— a double-cone mixer (mix for 10 min with the intensifier bar turning);

— a blender (mix for five periods of 3 s each, scraping the inside of the blender to dislodge material stuck to the sides after each 3 s period) (a “Waring”-type blender has been found suitable for this method).

CAUTION — If the mixing periods are longer than 3 s, the stearic acid may melt, thus preventing good dispersion.

NOTE The following is a general mixing procedure for the laboratory internal mixer.

	Duration min	**Cumulative time** min
a) Load the mixing chamber with the masterbatch, lower the ram and start the timer.		
b) Masticate the masterbatch.	0,5	0,5
c) Raise the ram and add the pre-blended zinc oxide, sulfur, stearic acid and TBBS. Sweep in any powder round the mouth of the mixing chamber, taking care to avoid any losses. Lower the ram.	0,5	1,0
d) Allow the batch to mix.	5,0	6,0
Total time	**6,0**	**6,0**

e) Turn off the rotors, raise the ram, open the mixing chamber and discharge the batch. Record the maximum batch temperature indicated, if desired.

f) Pass the batch through a laboratory mill set at 50 °C ± 5 °C, once with the mill opening set at 0,5 mm then twice with the mill opening set at 3 mm.

g) Check-weigh the batch and record the mass. If it differs from the theoretical value by more than $^{+0,5}_{-1,5}$ %, discard the batch.

h) Leave the batch for 2 h to 24 h after mixing and prior to vulcanizing, if possible at standard temperature and humidity as defined in ISO 23529.

For a laboratory internal mixer having a nominal mixing capacity of 65 cm^3, a batch mass corresponding to 0,47 times the formulation mass (i.e. 0,47 × 156,75 = 73,67 g) has been found to be suitable.

Prepare the masterbatch by passing it through a laboratory mill once with the roll temperature set at 50 °C ± 5 °C and with an opening that will give an approximately 5 mm thick sheet. Cut into strips approximately 25 mm wide.

Mix with the head temperature of the MIM maintained at 60 °C ± 3 °C and the rotor speed at 6,3 rad/s to 6,6 rad/s (60 r/min to 63 r/min).

For a laboratory internal mixer having a nominal capacity of 1 170 cm^3 ± 40 cm^3, a batch mass corresponding to (8,5 × 156,75 g = 1 332 g) has been found to be suitable.

The speed of the fast rotor shall be set at 7 rad/s to 8 rad/s (67 r/min to 87 r/min).

7 Evaluation of vulcanization characteristics by a curemeter test

WARNING — Formation of nitrosamines is possible during the cure.

7.1 Using an oscillating-disc curemeter

Measure the following standard test parameters:

M_L, M_H at defined time, t_{s1}, $t'_c(50)$ and $t'_c(90)$

in accordance with ISO 6502-2, using the following test conditions:

— oscillation frequency: 1,7 Hz (100 cycles per minute);

— amplitude of oscillation: 1° of arc;

— selectivity: to be chosen to give at least 75 % of full-scale deflection at M_H;

NOTE With some rubbers, 75 % might not be attainable.

— die temperature: 160 °C ± 0,3 °C;

— pre-heat time: none.

7.2 Using a rotorless curemeter

Measure the following standard test parameters:

F_L, F_{max} at defined time, t_{s1}, $t'_c(50)$ and $t'_c(90)$

in accordance with ISO 6502-1, using the following test conditions: