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Standard Practice for Determining Surface Temperature of Molds for Plastics¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice is intended for determining the temperature at a specified point or points on the surface of the cavity and base of a mold for plastics. By determining the temperature at as many points as deemed necessary, the overall temperature condition of the surface can be determined.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. ~~The values in brackets are given for information only. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.~~

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

NOTE 1—There is no ~~similar ISO~~ known ISO equivalent to this standard.

2. Summary of Practice

2.1 With the use of a calibrated surface or radiation (infrared) non-contact pyrometer, the overall temperature condition of a mold for plastics can be determined by taking readings at a specified point or many points on the mold surface.

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The properties of molded parts and the ease of producing satisfactory specimens are influenced by the temperature of the mold. It is desirable to know the actual mold ~~temperature which may be different~~ temperature, which can differ from the mold temperature control medium.

3.2 The user ~~should~~ needs to be aware of temperature differences across the mold/thermocouple interface and at leads, and ~~should take appropriate~~ precautions to minimize such differences.

4. Apparatus

4.1 Surface Pyrometer—A calibrated ~~surface pyrometer traceable to~~ temperature device designed to measure surface temperatures that is traceable to the international system of units (SI) through a national metrology ~~institution~~ institute (NMI)² standard and accurate to within $\pm 1.5^\circ\text{C}$ shall be used.

4.2 Non-Contact Pyrometer—A Radiation (infrared) Thermometer that is traceable to the international system of units (SI) through a national metrology institute (NMI)² accurate to within $\pm 1.5^\circ\text{C}$ shall be used. Radiation Thermometers with selectable emissivity shall be set to the estimated emissivity of the surface to be measured. An emissivity correction shall be made when using Radiation Thermometers with a preset emissivity.

5. Procedure

5.1 The size, shape, and contours of a mold ~~will~~ determine the location and number of points at which temperature readings ~~should be~~ are observed. Take temperature readings at as many points as deemed necessary to determine the temperature condition of the mold surface. At a minimum, it is suggested that ~~temperature~~ temperatures be measured at the mold center, near the edge, and at least two different but intermediate points between the center and edge.

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² NMI includes such organizations as the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard