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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3167:1983), which has been extended to introduce the preferred specimen type A with a smaller radius, in order to facilitate the testing of parts with simple machining for a variety of tests.

With respect to existing moulds, the specimen type described in the second edition is included as type B. It may be possible to eliminate type B at the next revision of this International Standard.

The designations of dimensions are harmonized with those of the International Standards for testing which relate to a multipurpose test specimen, in accordance with ISO 31.

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Plastics — Multipurpose test specimens

1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard specifies requirements relating to multipurpose test specimens for plastic moulding materials intended for processing by injection or direct compression moulding.

1.2 Specimens of types A and B are tensile test specimens, from which with simple machining, specimens for a variety of other tests can be taken (see annex A). Because they have such wide utility, these tensile specimens are referred to in this International Standard as multipurpose test specimens.

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1.3 The principal advantage of a multipurpose test specimen is that it allows all the test methods mentioned in annex A to be carried out on the basis of comparable mouldings. Consequently, the properties measured are coherent as all are measured with specimens in the same state. In other words, it can be expected that test results for a given set of specimens will not vary appreciably due to unintentionally different moulding conditions. On the other hand, if desired, the influence of moulding conditions and/or different states of the specimens can be assessed without difficulty for all of the properties measured.

1.4 For quality-control purposes, the multipurpose test specimen may serve as a convenient source of further specimens not readily available. Furthermore, the fact that only one mould is required may be advantageous.

1.5 The use of multipurpose test specimens shall be agreed upon by the interested parties, because there may be significant differences between properties of the multipurpose test specimens and those specified in the relevant test methods.

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 294:1975)

2) To be published. (Revision of ISO 2818:1980)

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 293:1986, *Plastics — Compression moulding test specimens of thermoplastic materials.*

ISO 294:—[1], *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials.*

ISO 295:1991, *Plastics — Compression moulding of test specimens of thermosetting materials.*

ISO 2818:—[2], *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining.*

3 Dimensions of test specimens

For the purposes of this International Standard, the preferred multipurpose test specimen is the tensile specimen type A according to figure 1. This can be made suitable for a variety of other tests by simple cutting, because the length l_1 of its narrow parallel portion is 80 mm ± 2 mm.

4 Preparation of test specimens

4.1 Moulding of multipurpose test specimens

The specimens shall be moulded as specified in ISO 293, ISO 294 and ISO 295, as appropriate, and

under conditions defined for the material under examination.

Strict control of moulding conditions is essential to ensure that all test specimens in a set are actually in the same state.

4.2 Machining of test specimens

4.2.1 Machining of specimens from the multipurpose test specimens shall be performed either as specified in ISO 2818, or as agreed upon by the interested parties. The surface of the central parallel-sided portion of the test specimens shall remain as moulded.

4.2.2 Test specimens having a width of 10 mm shall be cut symmetrically from the central parallel-sided portion of the multipurpose test specimen.

4.2.3 For test specimens longer than 80 mm, the broad ends of the multipurpose test specimen type A (or type B for test specimens longer than 60 mm) shall be machined to the width of the central parallel-sided portion. During the machining operation, care shall be taken to avoid any damage to the moulded surfaces of the central portion. The width of the machined portions of the specimen shall be not less than that of the central parallel-sided portion, but may exceed the width of the latter by not more than 0,2 mm.

5 Report on preparation of test specimens

The report shall contain the following information:

a) reference to this International Standard;

b) indication of specimen type (A or B);

c) type, source, manufacturer's code, grade and form, including history, etc. if known;

d) method of moulding and the conditions used;

e) method of machining and the conditions used;

f) number of test specimens;

g) the standard atmosphere for conditioning, plus any special conditioning treatment if required by the standard for the material or product concerned;

h) date of preparation.

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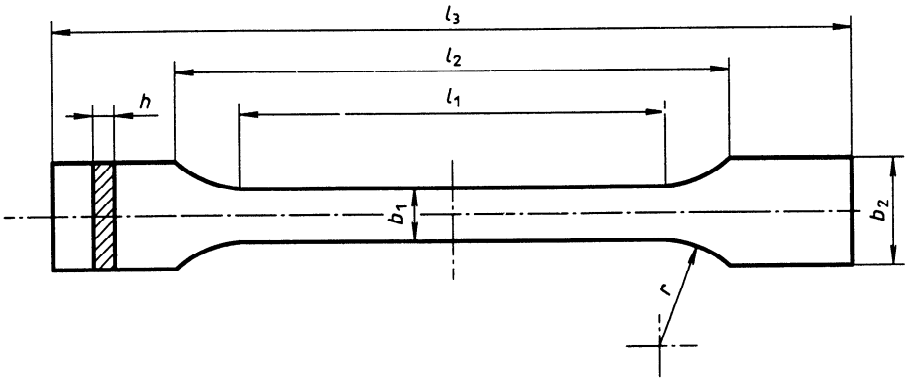

Dimensions in millimetres

	Specimen type	A	B
l_3	Overall length	⩾ 150 [1]	
l_1	Length of narrow parallel-sided portion	80 ± 2	60,0 ± 0,5
r	Radius	20 to 25	⩾ 60 [2]
l_2	Distance between broad parallel-sided portions	104 to 113[3]	106 to 120[3]
b_2	Width at ends	20,0 ± 0,2	
b_1	Width of narrow portion	10,0 ± 0,2	
h	Thickness	4,0 ± 0,2	

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1) For some materials, the length of the tabs may need to be extended (e.g. l_3 = 200 mm) to prevent breakage or slippage in the jaws of the testing machine.

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2) $$r = \frac{(l_2 - l_1)^2 + (b_2 - b_1)^2}{4(b_2 - b_1)}$$

3) Resulting from l_1, r, b_1 and b_2, but within the indicated tolerance.

Figure 1 — Multipurpose test specimen types A and B

Annex A
(informative)

Recommended applications for multipurpose test specimens or parts thereof

Method	Reference[1)]	Type of specimen and/or dimensions mm
Tensile test	ISO 527-2	A or B
Tensile creep test	ISO 899	A or B
Flexural test	ISO 178	80 × 10 × 4
Flexural creep test	ISO 6602	80 × 10 × 4
Compressive test	ISO 604	(10 to 40) × 10 × 4
Impact strength — Charpy	ISO 179	80 × 10 × 4
Impact strength — Izod	ISO 180	80 × 10 × 4
Impact strength — tensile	ISO 8256	80 × 10 × 4
Temperature of deflection under load	ISO 75	(110 or 80) × 10 × 4
Vicat softening temperature	ISO 306	10 × 10 × 4
Hardness, ball indentation	ISO 2039-1	(≥ 20) × 20 × 4
Environmental stress cracking	ISO 4599 ISO 4600	A or B or 80 × 10 × 4
Density	ISO 1183, method A	30 × 10 × 4
Oxygen index	ISO 4589	80 × 10 × 4
Comparative tracking index (CTI)	IEC 112	> 15 × 15 × 4
Electrolytic corrosion	IEC 426	30 × 10 × 4
Linear expansion		> 30 × 10 × 4

1) See annex B.

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Annex B
(informative)

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[17] IEC 112:1979, *Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions.*

[18] IEC 426:1973, *Determining electrolytic corrosion with insulating materials.*

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