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# <u>Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties</u>

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# 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the tensile stress-strain properties of vulcanize and thermoplastic rubbers.

The properties which can be determined are tensile strength, elongation at break, stress at a given elongation, elongation at a given stress, stress at yield and elongation at yield. The measurement of stress and strain at yield applies only to some thermoplastic rubbers and certain other compounds.

## 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 5893, Rubber and plastics test equipment—— Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse)—— Specification

ISO 23529:2016, Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods

# 3 Terms, definitions, and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <a href="http://www.electropedia.org/">http://www.electropedia.org/</a>
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# 3.1 tensile stress

stress applied so as to extend the test piece

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# elongation

tensile strain, expressed as a percentage of the test length, produced in the test piece by a tensile stress (3.1)(3.1)

3.3

# tensile strength

Smax

maximum tensile stress (3.1)(3.1) recorded in extending the test piece to breaking point

Note-1-to-entry:-See Figure 1. Figure 1.

## tensile strength at break

tensile stress (3.1)(3.1) recorded at the moment of rupture

Note-1-to entry:-See Figure 1. Figure 1.

Note-2-to entry:-The values of TS and TS<sub>b</sub> might be different if, after yield at  $S_y$ , the *elongation* (3.2)(3.2) continues and is accompanied by a drop in stress, resulting in  $TS_b$  being lower than TS [see Figure 1 Figure 1 c)].

3.5

# elongation at break

tensile strain in the test length at breaking point

Note-1-to-entry:-See Figure 1. Figure 1.

3.6 elongation at a given stress

tensile strain in the test length when the test piece is subjected to a given tensile stress (3.1)(3.1)

3.7

# stress at a given elongation

tensile stress (3.1)(3.1) in the test length required to produce a given elongation (3.2)(3.2)

 $Note\_1\_to\_entry:\_In \ the \ rubber \ industry, this \ definition \ is \ widely \ identified \ with \ the \ term \ "modulus" \ and \ care \ should \ be$ taken to avoid confusion with the other use of "modulus" to denote the slope of the stress-strain curve at a given elongation.

# tensile stress at yield

tensile stress (3.1)(3.1) at the first point on the stress-strain curve where some further increase in strain occurs without any increase in stress

Note\_1-to-entry:-This might correspond either to a point of inflection [see Figure 1 Figure 1 b)] or to a maximum [see

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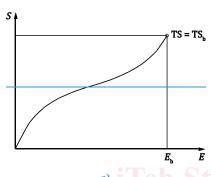
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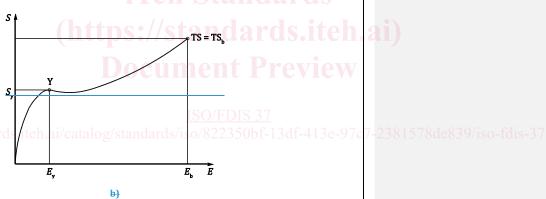
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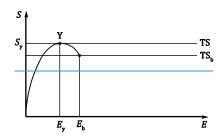
# elongation at yield

tensile strain at the first point on the stress-strain curve where some further increase in strain is not accompanied by an increase in stress

Note-1-to-entry:-See Figure 1. Figure 1.







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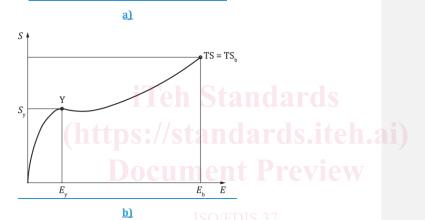
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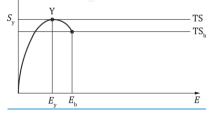
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Key			
E	elongation	$S_{v}$	stress at yield
$E_{\rm b}$	elongation at break	Smax	tensile strength
$E_{y}$	elongation at yield	$S_{\rm b}$	tensile strength at break
S	stress	Y	vield point

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## Figure 1 — Illustration of tensile terms

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# test length

initial distance between reference points within the length of the narrow portion of a dumbbell test piece used to measure *elongation* (3.2)(3.2)

Note\_1\_to\_entry:\_See Figure 2. Figure 2.

# 4 Principle

Standard test pieces, either dumbbells or rings, are stretched in a tensile-testing machine at a constant rate df traverse of the driven grip or pulley. Readings of force and elongation are taken as required during the uninterrupted stretching of the test piece and when it breaks.

# 5 General

Dumbbell and ring test pieces do not necessarily give the same values for their respective stress-strain properties. This is mainly because in stretched rings, the stress is not uniform over the cross-section. A second factor is in the existence of "grain" which might cause dumbbells to give different values depending on whether their length is parallel or at right angles to the grain.

The main points to be noted in choosing between rings and dumbbells are as follows.

a) a) Tensile strength

Dumbbells are preferable for determination of tensile strength. Rings give lower, sometimes much lower, values than dumbbells.

b)\_b)\_Elongation at break

Rings give approximately the same values as dumbbells, provided that

- 1) 1)—the elongation of rings is calculated as a percentage of the initial internal circumference, and
- 2) dumbbells are cut at right angles to the grain if this is present to a significant degree.

Dumbbells shall be used if it is required to study grain effects, as rings are not suitable for this purpose.

c) Elongation at a given stress and stress at a given elongation

The larger dumbbells (types 1, 2 and 1A) are generally preferred.

Rings and dumbbells give approximately the same values provided that

- 1) 1 the elongation of rings is calculated as a percentage of the initial mean circumference, and
- the average value is taken for dumbbells cut parallel and at right angles to the grain if this is present to a significant degree.

Rings might be preferred in automated testing, due to the ease of handling of the test pieces, and in the determination of stress at a given strain.

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# 6 Test pieces

# 6.1 General

Miniature test pieces might give somewhat different, usually higher, values for tensile strength and elongation at break than the larger test pieces.

Seven types of test piece are provided, i.e. dumbbell-shaped types 1, 2, 3, 4 and 1A and ring-shaped types A (normal) and B (miniature). The results obtained for a given material are likely to vary according to the type of test piece used and the results obtained for different materials should therefore not be regarded as comparable unless the same type of test piece has been used.

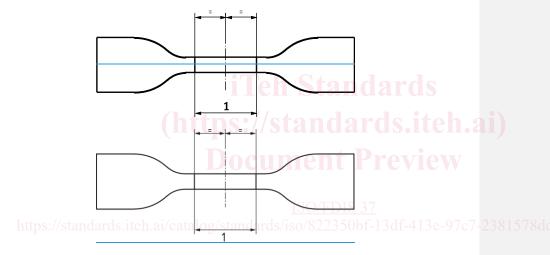
When preparation of test pieces requires buffing or thickness adjustment, results might be affected.

### 6.2 Dumbbells

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Dumbbell test pieces shall have the outline shown in Figure 2. Figure 2.



test length (see Table 1) Table 1)

Figure 2 — Shape of dumbbell test pieces

The standard thickness of the narrow portion shall be 2,0 mm  $\pm$  0,2 mm for types 1, 2, 3 and 1A and 1,0 mm  $\pm$  0,1 mm for type 4.

The test length shall be in accordance with  $\frac{Table 1}{Table 1}$ .

The other dimensions of the dumbbells shall be as produced by the appropriate die (see Table 2). Table 2).

For non-standard test pieces, e.g. those taken from finished products, the maximum thickness of the narrow portion shall be 3.0 mm for types 1 and 1A, 2.5 mm for types 2 and 3, and 2.0 mm for type 4.

 ${\bf Table~1-Test~length~of~dumbbells}$ 

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