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## Introduction

This document has been prepared to extend the test methods available for the determination of flammability by oxygen index to higher gas velocity of oxygen/nitrogen mixture to which plastic materials can be exposed in a service situation where the gas velocity is higher than that specified in ISO 4589-2. The gas velocity at the position of the test specimen is measured prior to the test.

The output of the test described in this document can be used, for example, in the evaluation of the burning behaviour of plastics materials used in circumstances where forced ventilation air flow governs the supply of oxygen to the fire. See References [10] to [16].

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