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chromatographic methods —**

**Part 1:
Identification of polymers (single
polymers and polymer blends)**

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

- normative references have been updated in [Clause 2](#).

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Part 1:

Identification of polymers (single polymers and polymer blends)

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the identification of polymers, or blends of polymers, in raw rubbers and in vulcanized or unvulcanized compounds from pyrograms (pyrolysis-gas chromatographic patterns) obtained under the same conditions. This allows qualitative identification of single rubbers or blends, with exceptions discussed below. This document is not intended for quantitative analysis.

The method applies first and foremost to single polymers. When the pyrogram indicates a characteristic hydrocarbon, the method is also applicable to blends. For details, see [Clause 5](#). The method can be also applicable to other types of polymer when verified by the analyst in each particular case.

NOTE The use of this document pre-supposes sufficient working knowledge of the principles and techniques of gas chromatography to enable the analyst to carry out the operations described and to interpret the results correctly.

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 1407:2011, *Rubber — Determination of solvent extract*

ISO 1629:2013, *Rubber and latices — Nomenclature*

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 Principle

4.1 Raw or vulcanized rubbers and/or their blends are pyrolysed and the pyrolysis products are subjected to gas-chromatographic analysis under predefined conditions. The chromatograms produced are referred to as pyrograms.

4.2 Pyrograms are interpreted by comparison with reference pyrograms produced from the same rubbers and/or blends, prepared and analysed under the same conditions.

5 Single polymers and blends

5.1 General

The rubbers in the following listing are grouped in accordance with ISO 1629:2013.

5.2 Group M

- a) Chlorinated polyethylene (CM) and chlorosulfonated polyethylene (CSM).

NOTE 1 The pyrogram will not differentiate between these chlorinated polyethylenes.

- b) Ethylene-propylene copolymers (EPMs) and ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymers (EPDMs).

NOTE 2 The pyrogram can differentiate terpolymers from copolymers when the pyrogram indicates characteristic "diene" monomer pyrolysis products.

- c) Acrylic rubbers (ACMs).

5.3 Group O

Epichlorohydrin rubbers [homopolymer (CO), copolymer (ECO) and terpolymers].

NOTE The pyrogram will not differentiate between these various types of epichlorohydrin polymer.

5.4 Group Q

Polysiloxanes.

5.5 Group R

- a) Polybutadiene (BR).

NOTE 1 The pyrogram will not differentiate between polymers containing different proportions of isomers.

- b) Polychloroprene (CR).

NOTE 2 The pyrogram will not differentiate between the various types of polychloroprene rubber, or polychloroprene rubber from other types of chlorinated rubber.

- c) Isobutene-isoprene copolymer (IIR).

NOTE 3 The pyrogram will not differentiate butyl rubber from its halogenated forms or from isobutene.

- d) Polyisoprene (NR or IR).

NOTE 4 The pyrogram will not differentiate natural from synthetic polyisoprenes.

- e) Acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymer (NBR).

NOTE 5 In some cases, NBR can be differentiated from hydrogenated acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymer (HNBR). The pyrogram will not differentiate a single NBR from an NBR/BR blend or a blend of various types of NBR.

f) Styrene-butadiene copolymer (SBR).

NOTE 6 In some cases, block polymers can be differentiated from random polymers. The pyrogram will not differentiate a single SBR from an SBR/BR blend or a blend of various types of SBR.

5.6 Blends

With the exception of blends containing both styrene-butadiene copolymer and polybutadiene, the method enables blends of the following polymers to be identified:

- a) polyisoprene (NR or IR);
- b) polybutadiene (BR);
- c) isobutene-isoprene copolymers (IIRs);
- d) styrene-butadiene copolymers (SBRs).

6 Reagents

All reagents shall be of analytical grade.

6.1 Solvents for extraction purposes

The following solvents are suitable (see 8.2):

6.1.1 Acetone.

6.1.2 Methanol.

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6.1.3 Methyl ethyl ketone.

6.2 Carrier gas.

6.2.1 Nitrogen.

6.2.2 Helium.

6.3 Gas for flame-ionization detector: hydrogen plus purified compressed air.

7 Apparatus

7.1 Extraction apparatus

As specified in ISO 1407.

7.2 Pyrolysis/chromatography system

7.2.1 General

The apparatus utilized to obtain pyrograms consists of four parts: the pyrolysis device, the gas chromatograph, the gas-chromatographic column and the data-handling equipment.