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**Rubber — General procedures for  
preparing and conditioning test pieces  
for physical test methods**

*Caoutchouc — Procédures générales pour la préparation et le  
conditionnement des éprouvettes pour les méthodes d'essais physiques*

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 23529:2010), which has been technically revised as follows.

- [Clause 2](#) and [Clause 3](#) have been added.
- Rubber solvent has been added as a textile-removing liquid ([7.2.2.1](#)).
- Description on preparation of unvulcanized test pieces has been added ([7.6](#)).
- [7.3.1](#) and [7.3.2](#) have been modified.
- Information on suitable callipers has been added (Note to [9.2](#)).
- The format of [Table A.1](#), [Table A.2](#) and [Table A.3](#) has been improved.



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**WARNING 1** — Persons using this document should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This document does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

**WARNING 2** — Certain procedures specified in this document might involve the use or generation of substances, or the generation of waste, that could constitute a local environmental hazard. Reference should be made to appropriate documentation on safe handling and disposal after use.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies general procedures for the preparation, measurement, marking, storage, and conditioning of rubber test pieces for use in physical tests specified in other International Standards, and the preferred conditions to be used during the tests. Special conditions, applicable to a particular test or material or simulating a particular climatic environment, are not included, nor are special requirements for testing whole products.

This document also specifies the requirements for the time interval to be observed between forming and testing of rubber test pieces and products. Such requirements are necessary to obtain reproducible test results and to minimize disagreements between customer and supplier.

## 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 1795, *Rubber, raw natural and raw synthetic — Sampling and further preparative procedures*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1382 apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Identification and record keeping

Records shall be kept of the identity of each test piece so that it is identifiable with the sample supplied and such that all the relevant details of preparation, storage, conditioning and measurement are traceable to each individual test piece.

Each sample or test piece shall be individually identifiable by marking or segregation at each stage of its preparation and testing. Where marking is used as the method of identification, the markings shall be sufficiently durable to ensure that the test piece or sample remains identifiable until discarded. Where grain effects can be significant, the direction of the grain shall be identified on each sample or test piece.