
Plastics — Test specimens

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Foreword

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

- updating and amending the normative references in [Clause 2](#);
- introducing the plate with dimensions 120 mm × 80 mm × 2 mm.

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Introduction

Information on plastics test specimens has been specified in several different locations: in test method standards (e.g. ISO 527-2), in ISO 3167 (for multipurpose test specimens) and in ISO 294-1, ISO 294-2, ISO 294-3 and ISO 294-5 (for moulding conditions). The aim of this document is to give the designations and dimensions of test specimens used for the acquisition of comparable data, and also of other frequently used specimens, in one document for ease of reference. Other International Standards that have hitherto used different designations for the same specimen type will also be revised to bring the designations into line with those in this document.

ISO 3167 is intended to be withdrawn after reference to ISO 3167 in International Standards is gradually replaced with the appropriate test specimen defined in this document.

Plastics — Test specimens

1 Scope

This document specifies dimensional requirements relating to test specimens prepared from plastics materials intended for processing by moulding, as well as to test specimens prepared by machining from sheets or shaped articles. It compiles the designations and dimensions of test specimens used for the acquisition of comparable data and also of other frequently used specimens.

The following types of test specimen are specified:

- a) Type A1 and type A2 specimens (1 = injection moulded, 2 = machined from a sheet or shaped article)

These are tensile test specimens from which, with simple machining, specimens for a variety of other tests can be taken (see [Annex A](#)).

The type A1 specimen is a multipurpose test specimen. The principal advantage of a multipurpose test specimen is that it allows all the test methods mentioned in [Annex A](#) to be carried out by all test laboratories on the basis of comparable mouldings. Consequently, the properties measured are coherent as all are measured using similar specimens prepared in the same way. 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.

Also described are reduced-scale test specimens designated type A_{xy}, where *x* is the number indicating the method of specimen preparation (1 = injection moulded, 2 = machined from a sheet or shaped article) and *y* is a number indicating the scale factor (1:*y*). These can be used e.g. when full-sized test specimens are not convenient or when sample material exists in small quantities only.

- b) Type B specimens

These are bar specimens which can be directly moulded or can be machined from the central section of type A1 specimens or from sheets or shaped articles.

- c) Type C specimens

These are small tensile test specimens which can be directly moulded or machined, e.g. from plates (Type D or type F specimens), from the central section of type A1 specimens or from sheets or shaped articles.

- d) Type D1 and type D2 specimens

These are square plates of thickness 1 mm and 2 mm, respectively.

- e) Type F specimens

These are rectangular plates intended for use in the analysis of mechanical anisotropy.

If a particular type of test specimen is not mentioned in this document, this does not mean that there is any intention to exclude the use of the specimen. Additional specimen types can be added in future if they are commonly used.

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 293, *Plastics — Compression moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials*

ISO 294-1, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 1: General principles, and moulding of multipurpose and bar test specimens*

ISO 294-2, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 2: Small tensile bars*

ISO 294-3, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 3: Small plates*

ISO 294-5, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 5: Preparation of standard specimens for investigating anisotropy*

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

ISO 2818, *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining*

ISO 10350-1, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data — Part 1: Moulding materials*

ISO 10350-2, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data — Part 2: Long-fibre-reinforced plastics*

ISO 10724-1, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermosetting powder moulding compounds (PMCs) — Part 1: General principles and moulding of multipurpose test specimens*

ISO 11403-1, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable multipoint data — Part 1: Mechanical properties*

ISO 11403-2, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable multipoint data — Part 2: Thermal and processing properties*

ISO 11403-3, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable multipoint data — Part 3: Environmental influences on properties*

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 Symbols

l_1	length of the narrow parallel-sided section (central section) of the type A and type CP tensile test specimens, length of the type B bar specimen and length of the type D (square) and type F (rectangular) plate specimens
l_2	distance between the broad parallel-sided sections (tabs) of the type A and type CP tensile test specimens
l_3	overall length of the type A and type C tensile test specimens