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**Plastics — Preparation of test  
specimens by machining**

*Plastiques — Préparation des éprouvettes par usinage*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The preparation of test specimens by machining influences the finished surfaces and, in some cases, even the internal structure of the specimens. Since test results are strongly dependent on both of these parameters, exact definitions of tools and machining conditions are required for reproducible test results with machined specimens.



# Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining

## 1 Scope

This document establishes the general principles and procedures to be followed when machining and notching test specimens from compression-moulded and injection-moulded plastics, extruded sheets, plates and partially finished or wholly finished products.

In order to establish a basis for reproducible machining and notching conditions, the following general standardized conditions are applied. It is assumed, however, that the exact procedures used are selected or specified by the relevant material specification or by the standards on the particular test methods. If sufficiently detailed procedures are not thus specified, the interested parties agree upon the conditions to be used.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

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/>

### 3.1 Milling

**NOTE** In this machining operation, the tool has a circular primary motion and the workpiece a suitable feed motion. The axis of rotation of the primary motion retains its position with respect to the tool, independently of the feed motion (see ISO 3855). Complete dumb-bell and rectangular test specimens, as well as notches in finished specimens, may be prepared by milling.

#### 3.1.1 Geometry (see ISO 3002-1 and [Figure 1](#))

**NOTE** Only a few details of the exact geometrical conditions of the milling tool and its position with respect to the workpiece given in ISO 3002-1 are relevant to this document.

##### 3.1.1.1 tool-cutting-edge angle

$\alpha_r$

angle between the tool-cutting-edge plane,  $P_s$ , and the assumed working plane,  $P_f$ , measured in the tool back plane,  $P_r$

##### 3.1.1.2 tool back clearance

$\alpha_p$

angle between the flank,  $A_\alpha$ , of the cutter and the tool-cutting-edge plane,  $P_s$ , measured in the tool back plane,  $P_p$