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method**

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- the document has been revised editorially;
- normative references have been changed to undated.

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# Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties —

## Part 5:

## Flexural vibration — Non-resonance method

### 1 Scope

This document describes a flexural, non-resonance method for determining the components of the flexural complex modulus  $E_f^*$  of polymers at frequencies typically in the range 0,01 Hz to 100 Hz. Higher-frequency measurements can be made, but significant errors in the dynamic properties measured are likely to result (see 10.2.2 and 10.2.3). The method is suitable for measuring dynamic storage moduli in the range 10 MPa to 200 GPa.

**NOTE** Although materials with moduli less than 10 MPa can be studied, more accurate measurements of their dynamic-mechanical properties can be made using shear modes of deformation (see ISO 6721-6).

This method is particularly suited to the measurement of loss factors greater than 0,02 and can therefore be conveniently used to study the variation of dynamic properties with temperature and frequency through most of the glass-rubber relaxation region (see ISO 6721-1). The availability of data determined over wide ranges of both frequency and temperature enables master plots to be derived, using frequency/temperature shift procedures, which present dynamic properties over an extended frequency range at different temperatures.

### 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 6721-1, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 1: General principles*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6721-1 apply.

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

### 4 Principle

A test specimen is subjected to a sinusoidal transverse force or displacement at a frequency significantly below the fundamental flexural resonance frequency (see 10.2.2). The amplitudes of the force and displacement cycles applied to the specimen and the phase angle between these cycles are measured. The storage and loss components of the flexural complex modulus and the loss factor are calculated using formulae given in Clause 10.