
**Plastics — Determination of dynamic
mechanical properties —**

**Part 1:
General principles**

*Plastiques — Détermination des propriétés mécaniques
dynamiques —*

Partie 1: Principes généraux



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Foreword

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- the document has been revised editorially;
- normative references have been changed to undated and added as references into [Tables 4](#) and [5](#).

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Introduction

The methods specified in the first nine parts of ISO 6721 can be used for determining storage and loss moduli of plastics over a range of temperatures or frequencies by varying the temperature of the specimen or the frequency of oscillation. Plots of the storage or loss moduli, or both, are indicative of viscoelastic characteristics of the specimen. Regions of rapid changes in viscoelastic properties at particular temperatures or frequencies are normally referred to as transition regions. Furthermore, from the temperature and frequency dependencies of the loss moduli, the damping of sound and vibration of polymer or metal-polymer systems can be estimated.

Apparent discrepancies may arise in results obtained under different experimental conditions. Without changing the observed data, reporting in full (as described in the various parts of ISO 6721) the conditions under which the data were obtained will enable apparent differences observed in different studies to be reconciled.

The definitions of complex moduli apply exactly only to sinusoidal oscillations with constant amplitude and constant frequency during each measurement. On the other hand, measurements of small phase angles between stress and strain involve some difficulties under these conditions. Because these difficulties are not involved in some methods based on freely decaying vibrations and/or varying frequency near resonance, these methods are used frequently (see ISO 6721-2 and ISO 6721-3). In these cases, some of the equations that define the viscoelastic properties are only approximately valid.

Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties —

Part 1: General principles

1 Scope

The various parts of ISO 6721 specify methods for the determination of the dynamic mechanical properties of rigid plastics within the region of linear viscoelastic behaviour. This document specifies the definitions and describes the general principles including all aspects that are common to the individual test methods described in the subsequent parts.

Different deformation modes can produce results that are not directly comparable. For example, tensile vibration results in a stress which is uniform across the whole thickness of the specimen, whereas flexural measurements are influenced preferentially by the properties of the surface regions of the specimen.

Values derived from flexural-test data will be comparable to those derived from tensile-test data only at strain levels where the stress-strain relationship is linear and for specimens which have a homogeneous structure.

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 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 4593, *Plastics — Film and sheeting — Determination of thickness by mechanical scanning*

ISO 6721-2, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 2: Torsion-pendulum method*

ISO 6721-3, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 3: Flexural vibration — Resonance-curve method*

ISO 6721-4, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 4: Tensile vibration — Non-resonance method*

ISO 6721-5, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 5: Flexural vibration — Non-resonance method*

ISO 6721-6, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 6: Shear vibration — Non-resonance method*

ISO 6721-7, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 7: Torsional vibration — Non-resonance method*

ISO 6721-8, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 8: Longitudinal and shear vibration — Wave-propagation method*

ISO 6721-9, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 9: Tensile vibration — Sonic-pulse propagation method*

ISO 6721-10, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 10: Complex shear viscosity using a parallel-plate oscillatory rheometer*

ISO 6721-12, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 12: Compressive vibration — Non-resonance method*

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/>

NOTE Some of the terms defined here are also defined in ISO 472. The definitions given here are not strictly identical with, but more detailed than those in ISO 472.

3.1 complex modulus

M^*
ratio of dynamic stress, given by $\sigma(t) = \sigma_A \exp(i2\pi ft)$ and dynamic strain, given by $\varepsilon(t) = \varepsilon_A \exp[i(2\pi ft - \delta)]$, of a viscoelastic material that is subjected to a sinusoidal vibration, where σ_A and ε_A are the amplitudes of the stress and strain cycles, f is the frequency, δ is the phase angle between stress and strain and t is time

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in Pascals (Pa).

Note 2 to entry: The *phase angle* (3.5), δ , is shown in Figure 1.

Note 3 to entry: Depending on the mode of deformation, the complex modulus might be one of several types: E^* , G^* , K^* or L^* (see Table 3).

$$M^* = M' + i M''$$

where $i = (-1)^{1/2} = \sqrt{-1}$ and M' and M'' are as defined in 3.2 and 3.3 respectively.

For the relationships between the different types of complex modulus, see Table 1.

Note 4 to entry: For isotropic viscoelastic materials, only two of the elastic parameters G^* , E^* , K^* , L^* and μ^* are independent (μ^* is the complex Poisson's ratio, given by $\mu^* = \mu' + i\mu''$).

Note 5 to entry: The most critical term containing Poisson's ratio μ is the "volume term" $1 - 2\mu$, which has values between 0 and 0,4 for μ between 0,5 and 0,3. The relationships in Table 1 containing the "volume term" $1 - 2\mu$ can only be used if this term is known with sufficient accuracy.

It can be seen from Table 1 that the "volume term" $1 - 2\mu$ can only be estimated with any confidence from a knowledge of the bulk modulus K or the uniaxial-strain modulus L and either E or G . This is because K and L measurements involve deformations when the volumetric strain component is relatively large.

Note 6 to entry: Up to now, no measurement of the dynamic mechanical bulk modulus K , and only a small number of results relating to relaxation experiments measuring $K(t)$, have been described in the literature.

Note 7 to entry: The uniaxial-strain modulus L is based upon a load with a high hydrostatic-stress component. Therefore, values of L compensate for the lack of K values, and the "volume term" $1 - 2\mu$ can be estimated with sufficient accuracy based upon the modulus pairs (G, L) and (E, L) . The pair (G, L) is preferred, because G is based upon loads without a hydrostatic component.

Note 8 to entry: The relationships given in Table 1 are valid for the complex moduli as well as their *magnitudes* (3.4).