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(PEEK) moulding and extrusion
materials —**

**Part 1:
Designation system and basis for
specifications**

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Plastics — Polyetheretherketone (PEEK) moulding and extrusion materials —

Part 1: Designation system and basis for specifications

1 Scope

This document establishes a system of designation for polyetheretherketone (PEEK) moulding and extrusion materials which can be used as the basis for specifications. Polyetheretherketone polymer chains are composed of phenylene rings linked in (1,4) position by a sequence of two ether groups followed by one ketone group.

The grades of PEEK plastics are differentiated from each other by a classification system based on appropriate levels of the designatory properties

- a) melt viscosity or melt volume-flow rate;
- b) tensile modulus;
- c) tensile strength;

and on information about the intended application and/or method of processing, important properties, additives, colorants, fillers and reinforcing materials.

The designation system is applicable to all polyetheretherketones.

It applies to materials ready for normal use in the form of powder, granules or pellets, unmodified or modified by colourants, fillers, reinforcements or other additives.

It is not intended to imply that materials having the same designation necessarily give the same performance. This document does not provide engineering data, performance data or data on processing conditions which can be required to specify a material for a particular application and/or method of processing.

If such additional properties are required, they are intended to be determined in accordance with the test methods specified in ISO 23153-2, if suitable.

In order to specify a thermoplastic material for a particular application or to ensure reproducible processing, additional requirements are given in data block 5 (see [4.1](#)).

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 527-1, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 1043-1, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics*

ISO 1043-2, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 2: Fillers and reinforcing materials*

ISO 1133-1, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics — Part 1: Standard method*

ISO 11443, *Plastics — Determination of the fluidity of plastics using capillary and slit-die rheometers*

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 Designation and specification system

4.1 General

The designation and specification system for thermoplastics is based on the following standardized pattern:

Designation						
Description block (optional)	Identity block					
	International Standard Number block	Individual-item block				
		Data block 1	Data block 2	Data block 3	Data block 4	Data block 5

The designation consists of an optional description block, reading “Thermoplastics”, and an identity block comprising the International Standard number and an individual-item block. For unambiguous designation, the individual-item block is subdivided into five data blocks comprising the following information:

- Data block 1: Identification of the plastic by its abbreviated term PEEK in accordance with ISO 1043-1 (see 4.2).
- Data block 2: Fillers or reinforcing materials and their nominal content (see 4.3).
- Data block 3: Position 1: Intended application or method of processing (see 4.4).
Positions 2 to 8: Important properties, additives and supplementary information (see 4.4).
- Data block 4: Designatory properties (see 4.5).
- Data block 5: For the purpose of transforming the designation specified in this document into another specifications, a fifth data block may be added containing additional information.

The first character of the individual-item block shall be a hyphen. The data blocks shall be separated from each other by commas.

If a data block is not used, this shall be indicated by doubling the separation sign, i.e. by two commas (,,).

4.2 Data block 1

In this data block, after the hyphen, the polyetheretherketone plastic is identified by its abbreviated term PEEK in accordance with ISO 1043-1.