
**Elastomeric parts for parenterals and
for devices for pharmaceutical use —**

**Part 2:
Identification and characterization**

*Éléments en élastomère pour administration parentérale et dispositifs
à usage pharmaceutique —*

Partie 2: Identification et caractérisation



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8871-2:2003), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 8871-2:2003/Amd.1:2005. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- expansion of the scope to include coated stoppers;
- addition of terms and definitions;
- addition of [H.6](#) on the interpretation of results for ATR.

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Introduction

The elastomeric parts specified in the ISO 8871 series are produced from rubber. However, rubber is not a unique entity, since the composition of rubber materials can vary considerably. The base elastomer and the type of vulcanization have a major influence on the principle characteristics of an individual rubber material, as do additives such as fillers, softeners and pigments. These might have a significant effect on the overall properties. Polymer coatings or films are often applied to either entire or partial surface(s) of a rubber component to impart certain physical or chemical properties. The effectiveness, purity, stability and safe handling of a drug preparation can be affected adversely during manufacture, storage and administration if the rubber part used has not been properly selected and validated (approved).

Elastomeric parts for parenterals and for devices for pharmaceutical use —

Part 2: Identification and characterization

1 Scope

This document specifies identification and characterization procedures applicable to elastomeric parts including coated stoppers used for drug containers and medical devices.

The physical and chemical test procedures specified in this document permit the determination of the typical characteristics of elastomeric parts including coatings and surface treatments and can serve as a basis for agreements between manufacturer and user regarding the product consistency in subsequent supplies. Depending upon the type of elastomer and its application, an appropriate set of tests is selected.

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 48-4, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness — Part 4: Indentation hardness by durometer method (Shore hardness)*

ISO 247-1:2018, *Rubber — Determination of ash — Part 1: Combustion method*

ISO 2781:2018, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of density*

ISO 8871-1, *Elastomeric parts for parenterals and for devices for pharmaceutical use — Part 1: Extractables in aqueous autoclavates*

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/>

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barrier coating

layer of a different polymer completely or partly covering the elastomeric part to reduce migration, permeation and/or interactions of substances of rubber component to drug product and vice versa

Note 1 to entry: The coating can be applied by different techniques, such as spraying, tumbling or vapour-depositing a liquid or vapour onto the rubber component or laminating a film onto the elastomeric surface during the moulding process.

Note 2 to entry: The presence of the coating can be verified by using the test method described in [Annex H](#).