
**Footwear — Critical substances
potentially present in footwear
and footwear components — Test
method to quantitatively determine
dimethylformamide in footwear
materials**

*Chaussures — Substances critiques potentiellement présentes dans
les chaussures et les composants de chaussures — Méthode d'essai
pour déterminer quantitativement le diméthylformamide dans les
matériaux de chaussures*



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Footwear — Critical substances potentially present in footwear and footwear components — Test method to quantitatively determine dimethylformamide in footwear materials

1 Scope

This document specifies a method to determine the amounts of dimethylformamide (DMF) in footwear and footwear components containing polyurethane (PU) coated material.

NOTE 1 In the footwear industry, when PU is injected (reaction moulded), this process does not require the use of DMF. For PU coated material, the use of DMF is possible.

NOTE 2 Several abbreviations can be used for dimethylformamide DMF, DMFa, DMFo. This document uses DMF.

ISO/TR 16178:2021, Table 1 defines which materials are concerned by this determination.

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 4787, *Laboratory glassware — Volumetric instruments — Methods for testing of capacity and for use*

3 Terms and definitions

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

4 Principle

The sample is cut in small pieces and extracted with methanol in a sealed vial at 70 °C in an ultrasonic bath for 1 h. An aliquot is then analysed using a gas chromatograph with mass selective detector.

5 Reagents

Unless otherwise specified, analytical grade chemicals shall be used.

5.1 Dimethylformamide (DMF), CAS Registry Number¹⁾ 68-12-2, highest available defined purity standard.

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