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températures de fusion) des polymères semi-cristallins
par méthodes du tube capillaire et du microscope
polarisant (ISO 3146:2022)

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 3146:2000), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 3146:2000/Cor 1:2002.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the specifications of the apparatus and measurement procedure have been revised;
- the table of calibration standards has been revised by adding further entries, synonyms and CAS numbers of organic chemicals, correcting errors and modifying melting temperatures according to added references.

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Introduction

The melting behaviour of a crystalline or semi-crystalline polymer is a structure-sensitive property.

In polymers, a sharp melting point, such as is observed for low molecular mass substances, usually does not occur; instead, a melting temperature range is observed on heating, from the first change of shape of the solid particles to the transformation into a highly viscous or viscoelastic liquid, with accompanying disappearance of the crystalline phase. The melting range depends upon a number of parameters, such as molecular mass, molecular mass distribution, per cent crystallinity, and thermodynamic properties.

The melting range can also depend on experimental parameters such as previous thermal history of the specimen, heating or cooling rate, etc. The lower or upper limit of the melting range, or its average value, is sometimes conventionally referred to as the “melting temperature”.

The melting temperatures determined by different methods can differ by several kelvins for above reasons.

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1 Scope

This document specifies two methods for evaluating the melting behaviour of semi-crystalline polymers.

a) Method A: Capillary tube

This method is based on the changes in shape of the polymer. It is applicable to all semi-crystalline polymers and their compounds.

NOTE 1 Method A can also be useful for the evaluation of the softening of non-crystalline solids.

b) Method B: Polarizing microscope

This method is based on changes in the optical properties of the polymer. It is applicable to polymers containing a birefringent crystalline phase. It might not be suitable for plastics compounds containing pigments and/or other additives which can interfere with the birefringence of the polymeric crystalline zone.

NOTE 2 Another method applicable to semi-crystalline polymers is described in ISO 11357-3.

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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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melting range

temperature range over which crystalline or semi-crystalline polymers lose their crystalline characteristics or particulate shape when heated

Note 1 to entry: The “melting temperatures” determined by methods A and B are specified in 4.1 and 5.1.