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- a normative reference to ISO 472 has been added;
- definitions specified in ISO 472 have been removed;
- measurement under reactive atmosphere has been added;
- the apparatus specifications have been changed;
- the calibration procedures have been revised;
- buoyancy correction has been added;
- use of a differential thermogravimetric curve has been added.

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# Plastics — Thermogravimetry (TG) of polymers —

## Part 1: General principles

### 1 Scope

This document specifies general conditions for the analysis of polymers using thermogravimetric techniques. It is applicable to liquids or solids. Solid materials can be in the form of pellets, granules or powders. Fabricated shapes reduced to appropriate specimen size can also be analysed by this method.

This document establishes methods for the investigation of physical effects and chemical reactions that are associated with changes of mass.

This document can be used to determine the temperature(s) and rate(s) of decomposition of polymers, and to measure at the same time the amounts of volatile matter, additives and/or fillers they contain.

This document is applicable to measurements in dynamic mode (mass change versus temperature or time under programmed temperature conditions) or isothermal mode (mass change versus time at constant temperature).

This document is applicable to measurements at different testing atmospheres, such as separation of decomposition in an inert atmosphere from oxidative degradation.

### 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*

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#### 3.1

##### **dynamic mass-change determination**

technique for recording the variation of the mass of a test specimen with temperature,  $T$ , which is changing at a programmed rate

#### 3.2

##### **isothermal mass-change determination**

technique for recording the variation of the mass of a test specimen with time  $t$  at constant temperature  $T$