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# Plastics — Thermoplastic materials — Determination of Vicat softening temperature (VST)

## 1 Scope

**1.1** This document specifies four methods for the determination of the Vicat softening temperature (VST) of thermoplastic materials:

- Method A50 using a force of 10 N and a heating rate of 50 °C/h;
- Method B50 using a force of 50 N and a heating rate of 50 °C/h;
- Method A120 using a force of 10 N and a heating rate of 120 °C/h;
- Method B120 using a force of 50 N and a heating rate of 120 °C/h.

**1.2** The methods specified are applicable only to thermoplastics, for which they give a measure of the temperature at which the thermoplastics start to soften rapidly.

## 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 293, *Plastics — Compression moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials*

ISO 294-1, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 1: General principles, and moulding of multipurpose and bar test specimens*

ISO 294-2, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 2: Small tensile bars*

ISO 294-3, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 3: Small plates*

ISO 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 2818, *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining*

ISO 16012, *Plastics — Determination of linear dimensions of test specimens*

ISO 20753, *Plastics — Test specimens*

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples — Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

IEC 60584-3, *Thermocouples — Part 3: Extension and compensating cables — Tolerances and identification system*

IEC 60751, *Industrial platinum resistance thermometers and platinum temperature sensors*