
**Plastics — Differential scanning
calorimetry (DSC) —**

**Part 1:
General principles**

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Partie 1: Principes généraux



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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 11357-1:2016), which has been technically revised.

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

- the examples of materials given for temperature and enthalpy calibration have been updated;
- the data of sapphire to be used for calibration of heat flow rate have been updated.

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Introduction

The ISO 11357 series describes thermoanalytical DSC test methods which can be used for quality assurance purposes, for routine checks of raw materials and finished products, or for the determination of comparable data needed for data sheets or databases. The procedures given in ISO 11357 apply as long as product standards or standards describing special atmospheres for conditioning of specimens do not specify otherwise.

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1 Scope

The ISO 11357 series specifies several differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) methods for the thermal analysis of polymers and polymer blends, such as

- thermoplastics (polymers, moulding compounds and other moulding materials, with or without fillers, fibres or reinforcements),
- thermosets (uncured or cured materials, with or without fillers, fibres or reinforcements), and
- elastomers (with or without fillers, fibres or reinforcements).

The ISO 11357 series is applicable for the observation and measurement of various properties of, and phenomena associated with, the above-mentioned materials, such as

- physical transitions (glass transition, phase transitions such as melting and crystallization, polymorphic transitions, etc.),
- chemical reactions (polymerization, crosslinking and curing of elastomers and thermosets, etc.),
- the stability to oxidation, and
- the heat capacity.

This document specifies a number of general aspects of differential scanning calorimetry, such as the principle and the apparatus, sampling, calibration and general aspects of the procedure and test report common to all parts.

Details on performing specific methods are given in subsequent parts of the ISO 11357 series (see Foreword).

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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 80000-5, *Quantities and units — Part 5: Thermodynamics*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472, ISO 80000-5 and the following apply.