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**Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact  
properties —**

**Part 1:  
Non-instrumented impact test**

*Plastiques — Détermination des caractéristiques au choc Charpy —  
Partie 1: Essai de choc non instrumenté*



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## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

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International Standard ISO 179-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 61, *Plastics*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Mechanical properties*.

It cancels and replaces ISO 179:1993, which has been technically revised.

ISO 179 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties*:

- *Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test*
- *Part 2: Instrumented impact test*

Annexes A and B of this part of ISO 179 are for information only.

# Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties —

## Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test

### 1 Scope

**1.1** This part of ISO 179 specifies a method for determining the Charpy impact strength of plastics under defined conditions. A number of different types of specimen and test configurations are defined. Different test parameters are specified according to the type of material, the type of test specimen and the type of notch.

**1.2** The method is used to investigate the behaviour of specified types of specimen under the impact conditions defined and for estimating the brittleness or toughness of specimens within the limitations inherent in the test conditions. It may also be used for the determination of comparative data from similar types of material.

**1.3** The method has a greater range of applicability than that given in ISO 180<sup>1)</sup> and is more suitable for the testing of materials showing interlaminar shear fracture or of materials exhibiting surface effects due to environmental factors.

**1.4** The method is suitable for use with the following range of materials:

- rigid thermoplastic moulding and extrusion materials, including filled and reinforced compounds in addition to unfilled types; rigid thermoplastics sheets;
- rigid thermosetting moulding materials, including filled and reinforced compounds; rigid thermosetting sheets, including laminates;
- fibre-reinforced thermosetting and thermoplastic composites incorporating unidirectional or non-unidirectional reinforcements such as mat, woven fabrics, woven rovings, chopped strands, combination and hybrid reinforcements, rovings and milled fibres, sheet made from pre-impregnated materials (prepregs), including filled and reinforced compounds;
- thermotropic liquid-crystal polymers.

**1.5** The method is not normally suitable for use with rigid cellular materials and sandwich structures containing cellular material. Also, notched specimens are not normally used for long-fibre-reinforced composites or thermotropic liquid-crystal polymers.

**1.6** The method is suited to the use of specimens which may be either moulded to the chosen dimensions, machined from the central portion of a standard multipurpose test specimen (see ISO 3167) or machined from finished or semifinished products such as mouldings, laminates and extruded or cast sheet.

**1.7** The method specifies preferred dimensions for the test specimen. Tests which are carried out on specimens of different dimensions or with different notches, or specimens which are prepared under different conditions, may produce results which are not comparable. Other factors, such as the energy capacity of the apparatus, its impact

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1) ISO 180:2000, *Plastics — Determination of Izod impact strength*.

velocity and the conditioning of the specimens can also influence the results. Consequently, when comparative data are required, these factors must be carefully controlled and recorded.

**1.8** The method should not be used as a source of data for design calculations. Information on the typical behaviour of a material can be obtained, however, by testing at different temperatures, by varying the notch radius and/or the thickness and by testing specimens prepared under different conditions.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 179. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 179 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 291:1997, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing.*

ISO 293:1986, *Plastics — Compression moulding test specimens of thermoplastic materials.*

ISO 294-1:1996, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 1: General principles, and moulding of multipurpose and bar test specimens.*

ISO 294-3:1996, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 3: Small plates.*

ISO 295:1991, *Plastics — Compression moulding of test specimens of thermosetting materials.*

ISO 1268:1974<sup>2)</sup>, *Plastics — Preparation of glass fibre reinforced, resin bonded, low pressure laminated plates or panels for test purposes.*

ISO 2602:1980, *Statistical interpretation of test results — Estimation of the mean — Confidence interval.*

ISO 2818:1994, *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining.*

ISO 3167:—<sup>3)</sup>, *Plastics — Multipurpose test specimens.*

ISO 10724-1:1998, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermosetting powder moulding compounds (PMCs) — Part 1: General principles and moulding of multipurpose test specimens.*

ISO 13802:1999, *Plastics — Verification of pendulum impact-testing machines — Charpy, Izod and tensile impact-testing.*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 179, the following terms and definitions apply.

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2) Under revision as a series of 11 parts.

3) To be published. (Revision of ISO 3167:1993)