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Plastics

Determination of melting behaviour (melting temperature or melting range) of semi-crystalline polymers by capillary tube and polarizing-microscope methods
(ISO 3146 : 2000)

Plastiques – Détermination du comportement à la fusion (température de fusion ou plage de températures de fusion) des polymères semi-cristallins par méthodes du tube capillaire et du microscope polarisant
(ISO 3146 : 2000)

Kunststoffe – Bestimmung des Schmelzverhaltens (Schmelztemperatur oder Schmelzbereich) von teilkristallinen Polymeren im Kapillarrohr- und Polarisationsmikroskop-Verfahren
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Foreword

International Standard

ISO 3146 : 2000 Plastics – Determination of melting behaviour (melting temperature or melting range) of semi-crystalline polymers by capillary tube and polarizing-microscope methods,

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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.

It may also depend on the previous thermal history of the specimens. The lower or upper limit of the melting range, or its average value, is sometimes conventionally referred to as the “melting temperature”.

1 Scope

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

Melting temperatures determined by the different methods usually differ by several kelvins for the reasons explained in the introduction.

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 may also be useful for the evaluation of the softening of non-crystalline solids.

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 may not be suitable for plastics compounds containing pigments and/or other additives which could interfere with the birefringence of the polymeric crystalline zone.

NOTE 2 Another method applicable to semi-crystalline polymers is described in ISO 11357-3:1999, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 3: Determination of temperature and enthalpy of melting and crystallization*.

2 Normative reference

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

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semi-crystalline polymer

polymer containing both crystalline and amorphous phases which may be present in varying proportions