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**Rubber, raw natural — Guidelines  
for the specification of technically  
specified rubber (TSR)**

*Caoutchouc naturel brut — Lignes directrices pour la spécification de  
caoutchoucs spécifiés techniquement (TSR)*



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This seventh edition cancels and replaces the sixth edition (ISO 2000:2003), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- the normative references were updated in [Clause 2](#) and in [Table 2](#);
- a grade of low viscosity in TSR (LoV) was added in [Table 1](#);
- the gel content property was added in [Table 2](#), with reference to the new test method described in ISO 17278.

## Introduction

Since the initial development of ISO 2000, when requirements for raw natural rubber were first specified, a number of different grades have become available, and significant developments have taken place in the supply of raw natural rubber, especially in relation to constant-viscosity (CV) grades. Rather than continuing to closely specify a limited number grades, possibly restricting future developments, a more open approach is appropriate, providing guidance and assistance to those parties (such as producers, suppliers, and purchasers) involved in the specification of requirements for technically specified rubber rather than imposing potentially inappropriate limits on the TSR available.

This International Standard encompasses rubbers that are typically more closely defined elsewhere. In more precise specifications, reference may need to be made to such specifications in particular cases.



# Rubber, raw natural — Guidelines for the specification of technically specified rubber (TSR)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard provides guidance on the specification of technically specified rubber (TSR). A grading system is proposed, based on the origin of the natural rubber content and on properties exhibited by the rubber.

This International Standard is intended for use by parties involved in the procurement of TSR, and is intended to form a basis from which requirements for a particular case may be more closely specified. As such, it describes a number of criteria that need to be the subject of appropriate agreement between the interested parties.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 247, *Rubber — Determination of ash*

ISO 248-1, *Rubber, raw — Determination of volatile-matter content — Part 1: Hot-mill method and oven method*

ISO 249, *Rubber, raw natural — Determination of dirt content*

ISO 289-1, *Rubber, unvulcanized — Determinations using a shearing-disc viscometer — Part 1: Determination of Mooney viscosity*

ISO 1656, *Rubber, raw natural, and rubber latex, natural — Determination of nitrogen content*

ISO 1795, *Rubber, raw natural and raw synthetic — Sampling and further preparative procedures*

ISO 2007, *Rubber, unvulcanized — Determination of plasticity — Rapid-plastimeter method*

ISO 2930, *Rubber, raw natural — Determination of plasticity retention index (PRI)*

ISO 4660, *Rubber, raw natural — Colour index test*

ISO 17278, *Rubber, raw natural — Determination of the gel content of technically specified rubber (TSR)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **technically specified rubber**

#### **TSR**

natural rubber obtained from the latex of *Hevea brasiliensis* (typically processed into block rubber), and having properties complying with the criteria for the grade concerned