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**Complex shear viscosity using a parallel-  
plate oscillatory rheometer**

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- *Part 2: Torsion-pendulum method*
- *Part 3: Flexural vibration — Resonance-curve method*
- *Part 4: Tensile vibration — Non-resonance method*
- *Part 5: Flexural vibration — Non-resonance method*
- *Part 6: Shear vibration — Non-resonance method*
- *Part 7: Torsional vibration — Non-resonance method*
- *Part 8: Longitudinal and shear vibration — Wave-propagation method*
- *Part 9: Tensile vibration — Sonic-pulse propagation method*
- *Part 10: Complex shear viscosity using a parallel-plate oscillatory rheometer*

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# Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties —

## Part 10:

## Complex shear viscosity using a parallel-plate oscillatory rheometer

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 6721 specifies the general principles of a method for determining the dynamic rheological properties of polymer melts at angular frequencies typically in the range  $0,01 \text{ rad}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  to  $100 \text{ rad}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  by means of an oscillatory rheometer with a parallel-plate geometry. Angular frequencies outside this range can also be used (see note 1). The method is used to determine values of the following dynamic rheological properties: complex shear viscosity  $\eta^*$ , dynamic shear viscosity  $\eta'$ , the out-of-phase component of the complex shear viscosity  $\eta''$ , complex shear modulus  $G^*$ , shear loss modulus  $G''$  and shear storage modulus  $G'$ . It is suitable for measuring complex shear viscosity values typically up to approximately  $10 \text{ MPa}\cdot\text{s}$  (see note 2).

NOTE 1 The angular-frequency measurement range is limited by the specification of the measuring instrument and also by the response of the specimen. When testing using angular frequencies lower than  $0,1 \text{ rad}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  the test time can increase significantly as the time taken to obtain a single measurement is proportional to the reciprocal of the angular frequency. Consequently, when testing at low angular frequencies degradation or polymerization of the specimen is more likely to occur and have an effect on the results. At high angular frequencies the specimen may distort or fracture at the edge, consequently invalidating the test results.

NOTE 2 The range of complex shear viscosity values that can be measured is dependent on the specimen dimensions and also the specification of the measuring instrument. For a specimen of given dimensions, the upper limit of the range is limited by the machine's torque capacity, angular-displacement resolution and compliance. However, correction can be made for compliance effects.

### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 6721. 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 6721 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 472:1999, *Plastics — Vocabulary*.

ISO 5725-1:1994, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 1: General principles and definitions*.

ISO 6721-1:1994, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 1: General principles*.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 6721, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6721-1:1994, ISO 5725-1:1994 and ISO 472:1999 apply, plus the following: