

**Plastics - Poly(methyl methacrylate)  
(PMMA) moulding and extrusion materials -  
Part 1: Designation system and basis for  
specifications**

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- *Part 1: Designation system and basis for specifications*
- *Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties*

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## Part 1:

### Designation system and basis for specifications

#### 1 Scope

**1.1** This part of ISO 8257 establishes a system of designation for poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) thermoplastic materials, which may be used as the basis for specifications.

**1.2** The types of PMMA plastics are differentiated from each other by the classification system based on appropriate levels of the designatory properties

- a) Vicat softening temperature,
- b) melt mass-flow rate,
- c) viscosity number (optional),

and on information about intended application and/or method of processing, important properties, additives and colorants.

**1.3** This part of ISO 8257 is applicable to all poly(methyl methacrylate) homopolymers and to copolymers of methyl methacrylate (MMA) containing at least 80 % (*m/m*) of MMA and not more than 20 % (*m/m*) of acrylic esters or other monomers.

It applies to materials ready for normal use in the form of beads, granules and pellets and to materials unmodified or modified by colorants, additives, etc.

This part of ISO 8257 does not apply to PMMA modified with elastomers.

**1.4** It is not intended to imply that materials having the same designation give necessarily the same performance. This part of ISO 8257 does not provide engineering data, performance data or data on processing conditions which may be required to specify a material for a particular application and/or method of processing.

If such additional properties are required, they shall be determined in accordance with the methods specified in part 2 of this International Standard, if suitable.

**1.5** In order to specify a thermoplastic material for a particular application or to ensure reproducible processing, additional requirements may be given in data block 5 (see clause 3, introductory paragraph).

## 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 8257. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 8257 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 472:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Plastics — Vocabulary*.

ISO 1043-1:1997, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics*.

ISO 8257-2:1990, *Plastics — Poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) moulding and extrusion materials — Part 2: preparation of test specimens and determination of properties*.

## 3 Designation and specification system

The designation and specification system for thermoplastics is based on the following standardized pattern:

Designation						
Description block (optional)	Identity block					
	International Standard number block	Individual-item block				
		Data block 1	Data block 2	Data block 3	Data block 4	Data block 5

The designation consists of an optional description block, reading “Thermoplastics”, and an identity block comprising the International Standard number and an individual-item block.

For unambiguous designation, the individual-item block is subdivided into five data blocks comprising the following information:

- Data block 1: Identification of the plastic by its symbol PMMA in accordance with ISO 1043-1 (see 3.1).
- Data block 2: Position 1: Intended application or method of processing (see 3.2).  
Positions 2 to 8: Important properties, additives and supplementary information (see 3.2).
- Data block 3: Designatory properties (see 3.3).
- Data block 4: Fillers or reinforcing materials and their nominal content (not included in this part of ISO 8257) (see 3.4).
- Data block 5: For the purpose of specifications, a fifth data block may be added containing additional information.

This first character of the individual-item block shall be a hyphen. The data blocks shall be separated from each other by commas.

If a data block is not used, this shall be indicated by doubling the separation sign, i.e. by two commas (,,).

<sup>1)</sup> To be published. (Revision of ISO 472:1988)