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## 1 Scope

**1.1** This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the indentation hardness of plastics and ebonite by means of durometers of two types: type A is used for softer materials and type D for harder materials (see the Note to 8.2). The method permits measurement either of the initial indentation or of the indentation after a specified period of time, or both.

NOTE The durometers and the methods specified in this International Standard are referred to as type A Shore and type D Shore durometers and durometer methods, respectively.

**1.2** This method is an empirical method intended primarily for control purposes. No simple relationship exists between indentation hardness determined by this method and any fundamental property of the material tested. For specification purposes, it is recommended that ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*, be used for the softer materials.

## 2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, this publication do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document 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*

## 3 Principle

A specified indenter is forced into the test material under specified conditions and the depth of penetration measured.

The indentation hardness is inversely related to the penetration and is dependent on the modulus of elasticity and the viscoelastic properties of the material. The shape of the indenter, the force applied to it and the duration of its application influence the results obtained so that there may be no simple relationship between the results obtained with one type of durometer and those obtained with either another type of durometer or another instrument for measuring hardness.

## 4 Apparatus

Use either a type A or type D Shore durometer consisting of the following components:

**4.1 Presser foot**, with a hole of diameter  $3\text{ mm} \pm 0,5\text{ mm}$  centred at least 6 mm from any edge of the foot.

**4.2 Indenter**, formed from a hardened steel rod of diameter  $1,25\text{ mm} \pm 0,15\text{ mm}$  to the shape and dimensions shown in Figure 1 for type A durometers and Figure 2 for type D durometers.