
**Plastics — Polyamides — Determination
of ϵ -caprolactam and ω -laurolactam by
gas chromatography**

*Plastiques — Polyamides — Détermination du ϵ -caprolactame
et du ω -laurolactame par chromatographie en phase gazeuse*



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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining ϵ -caprolactam and ω -laurolactam in polyamides by gas chromatography. It is suitable particularly for the determination of ϵ -caprolactam in polyamide 6 and ω -laurolactam in polyamide 12. Bearing in mind that gas chromatography offers a wide range of possible conditions, the method specified is that shown to have been suitable in practice.

Two variants of the basic method are specified:

- Method A is an extraction method with boiling methanol, and the extract is injected into a gas chromatograph.
- Method B is a method using a solvent, and the solution is injected into a gas chromatograph.

Method A is suitable for the determination of ϵ -caprolactam and method B for ϵ -caprolactam and ω -laurolactam.

2 Normative references

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

ISO 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 565, *Test sieves — Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings*

3 Terms and definitions

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