
**Rubber, vulcanized or
thermoplastic — Determination of
compression set —**

**Part 2:
At low temperatures**

*Caoutchouc vulcanisé ou thermoplastique — Détermination de la
déformation rémanente après compression —*

Partie 2: À basses températures



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 815-2:2008), which has been technically revised, mainly by addition of method 1 and a calibration schedule ([Annex A](#)).

ISO 815 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of compression set*:

- *Part 1: At ambient or elevated temperatures*
- *Part 2: At low temperatures*

Introduction

Allowing measurement and recording of the compression set at low temperature is very sensitive to testing conditions, and the values obtained can differ a lot especially for type B test pieces. That is why two measurement methods have been introduced. Method 2 generally gives a higher compression set than method 1, and this difference should be taken into account when preparing material specifications.

Those methods are intended to measure the ability of rubbers of hardness within the range 10 IRHD to 95 IRHD to retain their elastic properties at specified temperatures after prolonged compression at constant strain (normally 25 %) under one of the alternative sets of conditions described. For rubber of nominal hardness 80 IRHD and above, a lower compression strain is used: 15 % for a nominal hardness from 80 IRHD to 89 IRHD, and 10 % for a nominal hardness from 90 IRHD to 95 IRHD.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 815 specifies two methods for the determination of the compression set characteristics of vulcanized and thermoplastic rubbers at low temperatures.

Method 1 derives from the methodology used in ISO 815-1. Method 2 uses a specified testing device, allowing to measure and record the test piece thickness during recovery. Due to the load applied during recovery in method 2, no correlation can be established between the results given by both methods.

NOTE When rubber is held under compression, physical or chemical changes can occur that prevent the rubber returning to its original dimensions after release of the deforming force. The result is a set, where the magnitude of which depends on the time and temperature of compression as well as on the time, temperature, and conditions of recovery. At low temperatures, changes resulting from the effects of glass hardening or crystallization become predominant and, since these effects are reversed by raising the temperature, it is necessary for all measurements to be undertaken at the test temperature.

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 18899:2013, *Rubber — Guide to the calibration of test equipment*

ISO 23529:2010, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

3 Principle

3.1 Method 1

A test piece of known thickness is compressed at standard laboratory temperature to a defined strain, which is then maintained constant for a specified time at a fixed low temperature. The compression is totally released and, after the test piece has been allowed to freely recover at the same fixed low temperature, the thickness of the test piece is again measured.