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## Foreword

This document (EN 13900-1:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 298 "Pigments and extenders", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## 1 Scope

This part of this European Standard provides an introduction to the various parts of this European Standard which describe methods for dispersing pigments and extenders in plastics materials in order to determine their dispersion characteristics and colouristic properties.

Methods of assessing dispersion characteristics are described in the subsequent parts of this European Standard.

The various procedures described permit comparison to be made between similar pigments (for example between a test sample and an agreed reference pigment). The results provide an indication of relative dispersibility under practical conditions of use, provided that the test procedure and plastics material selected are appropriate.

## 2 Normative references

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EN 13900-2, *Pigments and extenders - Methods of dispersion and assessment of dispersibility in plastics – Part 2: Determination of colouristic properties and ease of dispersion in plasticized polyvinyl chloride by two-roll milling.*

EN 13900-3, *Pigments and extenders - Methods of dispersion and assessment of dispersibility in plastics – Part 3: Determination of colouristic properties and ease of dispersion of black and colour pigments in polyethylene by two-roll milling.*

prEN 13900-4, *Pigments and extenders - Methods of dispersion and assessment of dispersibility in plastics – Part 4: Determination of colouristic properties and ease of dispersion of white pigments in polyethylene by two-roll milling.*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of this European Standard the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 dispersibility

ease and extent to which pigments or extenders can, by wetting, elimination of air and by mechanical disagglomeration, be distributed homogeneously in a plastics material under standardized conditions of processing

NOTE Dispersibility is generally assessed in terms of colour strength development, colouristic properties and frequency and size of agglomerates.

### 3.2 ease of dispersion (DH)

measure of the rate at which or the degree to which a pigment or extender achieves a given level of dispersion when dispersed in a plastics material

### 3.3 aggregate

primary particles so joined together that they cannot be broken down during normal pigment/extender dispersing processes