
**Plastics — Methods of exposure to solar
radiation —**

**Part 3:
Intensified weathering using
concentrated solar radiation**

*Plastiques — Méthodes d'exposition au rayonnement solaire —
Partie 3: Exposition intensifiée par rayonnement solaire concentré*



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Foreword

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Together with the other parts (see below), it cancels and replaces ISO 877:1994, which has been technically revised.

ISO 877 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Methods of exposure to solar radiation*:

- *Part 1: General guidance*
- *Part 2: Direct weathering and exposure behind window glass*
- *Part 3: Intensified weathering using concentrated solar radiation*

Introduction

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Plastics — Methods of exposure to solar radiation —

Part 3: Intensified weathering using concentrated solar radiation

1 Scope

This part of ISO 877 specifies a method for exposing plastics to concentrated solar radiation using reflecting concentrators to accelerate the weathering processes. The purpose is to assess property changes produced after specified stages of such exposures. General guidance concerning the scope of ISO 877 is given in ISO 877-1:2009, Clause 1. The reflecting concentrators used in these exposures are sometimes referred to as “Fresnel reflectors” because in cross-section the array of mirrors used to concentrate the solar radiation resembles the cross-section of a Fresnel lens.

For additional information about solar concentrating exposures, including a partial list of standards in which they are specified, refer to the Bibliography.

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 877-1:2009, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to solar radiation — Part 1: General guidance*

ISO 4582, *Plastics — Determination of changes in colour and variations in properties after exposure to daylight under glass, natural weathering or laboratory light sources*

ISO 4892-1, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 1: General guidance*

ASTM G 90, *Standard Practice for Performing Accelerated Outdoor Weathering of Nonmetallic Materials Using Concentrated Natural Sunlight*

ASTM G 179, *Standard Specification for Metal Black Panel and White Panel Temperature Devices for Natural Weathering Tests*

3 Principle

This part of ISO 877 describes a method for performing accelerated weathering on plastics using intensified solar radiation. General guidance is given in ISO 877-1:2009, Clause 4.