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Plastics — Determination of migration of plasticizers

Plastiques — Détermination de la migration des plastifiants

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Foreword

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International Standard ISO 177 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 61, *Plastics*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 177 : 1979), of which it constitutes a technical revision.

Plastics — Determination of migration of plasticizers

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the tendency of plasticizers to migrate from plastics in which they are contained into other materials or other plastics when they are brought into close contact.

NOTE 1 — The surfaces into which the migration may proceed may also consist of organic surface coatings, such as lacquers.

This test is suitable

- a) for evaluating the tendency displayed by plastics, particularly in the form of films and sheets, to lose certain of their liquid constituents when they are brought into contact with materials that have an affinity for plasticizers;
- b) for studying the tendency to migrate of plasticizers contained in a resin or a series of resins, in one or more concentrations.

In case b), standard compounds should be prepared on the basis of a well characterized resin with well defined ratios of plasticizer to resin.

NOTE 2 — When the absorbent sheets themselves contain a substance capable of migrating, simultaneous migrations may occur from the test specimens into the absorbent sheets and vice versa.

The results may also be affected by the migration of other constituents of the plastic material (for example oligomers) or by the loss of any volatile constituents other than plasticizers from the plastic material or the absorbent layer.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 291 : 1977, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*.

ISO 293 : 1986, *Plastics — Compression moulding test specimens of thermoplastic materials*.

ISO 294 : 1975, *Plastics — Injection moulding test specimens of thermoplastic materials*.

ISO 4649 : 1985, *Rubber — Determination of abrasion resistance using a rotating cylindrical drum device*.

3 Definition

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definition applies.

migration of plasticizers: The loss of mass of a sheet of plasticized plastic when placed in close contact between two absorbent sheets of another material, under specified conditions.

4 Principle

A test specimen cut from a sheet or plate of the material or from the finished product to be tested is placed in close contact with two sheets, capable of absorbing plasticizers. It is then subjected to heating under defined conditions. The loss in mass of the test specimen, theoretically equal to the increase in mass of the sheets, is a measure of the migration of the plasticizer.

5 Apparatus

5.1 **Analytical balance**, accurate to 0,001 g.

5.2 **Micrometer**, accurate to 0,01 mm.

5.3 **Air circulating oven**, capable of maintaining the temperature to within ± 2 °C, in the range 50 to 100 °C.

5.4 **Glass plates**, with plane surfaces, of sufficient size to cover the absorbent backing discs (5.6).

5.5 **Weights**, of 5 kg.

5.6 **Absorbent backing discs**, with an affinity for plasticizers, 60 mm \pm 1 mm in diameter and at least 0,5 mm in thickness.