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**Raw rubber or unvulcanized  
compounds — Determination of green  
strength**

*Caoutchouc brut ou mélanges de caoutchoucs non vulcanisés —  
Détermination de la cohésion à cru*



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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9026:1991), which has been revised to update the normative references (ISO 471, ISO 3383 and ISO 4648 have been replaced by ISO 23529 and ISO 1796 by ISO 1795). In addition, the list of usable test pieces in 6.1 has been extended with the addition of the type 1A dumbbell and the text has been clarified in places.

## Introduction

The stress-strain properties of unvulcanized rubber (either a prepared mix or in the raw state) are important to certain processing operations in the rubber industry. These unvulcanized-rubber properties are frequently referred to as “green strength”, denoting that the final vulcanization cycle has not yet been achieved. The word “green” is thus a synonym for uncured or unvulcanized.

Green strength is determined primarily by the physical and chemical characteristics of polymers, such as molecular mass, tendency to crystallize, degree of branching, etc. It is also related to the compound formulation, particularly filler and plasticizer content and the presence of peptizers. It is a particularly important characteristic for all processing operations in which elongation predominates, for example elongation caused by the expansion of the green tyre during the building operation.

Green strength is dependent on the test piece preparation (thermal, mechanical), rate of extension and test temperature. Therefore a single-point method cannot be expected to give correlation between green strength and processing behaviour over the whole range of processing conditions.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the green strength of raw rubber or unvulcanized rubber compounds using a tensile stress-strain test, the test pieces being prepared following standard test conditions or cut from calendered sheets.

## 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 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 1795, *Rubber, raw natural and raw synthetic — Sampling and further preparative procedures*

ISO 2393, *Rubber test mixes — Preparation, mixing and vulcanization — Equipment and procedures*

ISO 5893:2002, *Rubber and plastics test equipment — Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse) — Specification*

ISO 23529:2004, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*