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**Plastics — Differential scanning  
calorimetry (DSC) —**

**Part 1:  
General principles**

*Plastiques — Analyse calorimétrique différentielle (DSC) —*

*Partie 1: Principes généraux*

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11357-1:2009), [3.7.2](#) of which has been technically revised.

ISO 11357 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)*:

- *Part 1: General principles*
- *Part 2: Determination of glass transition temperature and glass transition step height*
- *Part 3: Determination of temperature and enthalpy of melting and crystallisation*
- *Part 4: Determination of specific heat capacity*
- *Part 5: Determination of characteristic reaction-curve temperatures and times, enthalpy of reaction and degree of conversion*
- *Part 6: Determination of oxidation induction time (isothermal OIT) and oxidation induction temperature (dynamic OIT)*
- *Part 7: Determination of crystallization kinetics*

## Introduction

ISO 11357 describes thermoanalytical DSC test methods which can be used for quality assurance purposes, for routine checks of raw materials and finished products or for the determination of comparable data needed for data sheets or databases. The procedures given in ISO 11357 apply as long as product standards or standards describing special atmospheres for conditioning of specimens do not specify otherwise.

# Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) —

## Part 1: General principles

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### 1 Scope

ISO 11357 specifies several differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) methods for the thermal analysis of polymers and polymer blends, such as

- thermoplastics (polymers, moulding compounds and other moulding materials, with or without fillers, fibres or reinforcements),
- thermosets (uncured or cured materials, with or without fillers, fibres or reinforcements), and
- elastomers (with or without fillers, fibres or reinforcements).

ISO 11357 is intended for the observation and measurement of various properties of, and phenomena associated with, the above-mentioned materials, such as

- physical transitions (glass transition, phase transitions such as melting and crystallization, polymorphic transitions, etc.),
- chemical reactions (polymerization, crosslinking and curing of elastomers and thermosets, etc.),
- the stability to oxidation, and
- the heat capacity.

This part of ISO 11357 specifies a number of general aspects of differential scanning calorimetry, such as the principle and the apparatus, sampling, calibration and general aspects of the procedure and test report common to all following parts.

Details on performing specific methods are given in subsequent parts of ISO 11357 (see Foreword).

### 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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 80000-5, *Quantities and units — Part 5: Thermodynamics*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472 and ISO 80000-5 and the following apply.