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## Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 21301-1 cancels and replaces the second edition of ISO 4613-1:1993, which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a new designation system has been introduced;
- the range of MFR has been added.

The revised designation system is published under a new ISO number, as many existing documents refer to ISO 4613-1. If the existing ISO 4613-1 would be replaced by the new designation system, these documents would refer to the incorrect designation system.

The new designation system according to ISO 21301-1 is intended to replace gradually any designation system according to ISO 4613-1.

A list of all parts in the ISO 21301 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

ISO 4613-1 (revised as ISO 21301-1) is complex and does not fit with daily practice anymore. In practice, ISO 1043 (all parts) and ISO 11469 are, in combination, “improperly” being used as a designation system for, for example, marking. The aim of this revision is to simplify the data block system and to connect more to ISO 1043 (all parts) and ISO 11469, where the first two blocks are used for generic identification and marking of products.

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## Part 1: Designation system and basis for specifications

### 1 Scope

**1.1** This document establishes a system of designation for ethylene-vinyl acetate thermoplastic material, which can be used as the basis for specifications.

**1.2** The types of ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVAC) plastic are differentiated from each other by a classification system based on appropriate levels of the following designatory properties:

- a) vinyl acetate content;
- b) melt mass-flow rate;

and on information about the intended application and/or method of processing, important properties, additives, colorants, fillers and reinforcing materials.

**1.3** This document is applicable to all ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers containing from a mass fraction from 3 % to 50 % (approximately 25 % molar) of vinyl acetate.

It applies to materials ready for normal use in the form of powder, granules or pellets and to materials unmodified or modified by colorants, additives, fillers, etc.

**1.4** It is not intended to imply that materials having the same designation give necessarily the same performance. This document does not provide engineering data, performance data or data on processing conditions which can be required to specify a material for a particular application and/or method of processing.

If such additional properties are required, they are determined in accordance with the test methods specified in ISO 21301-2, if suitable.

**1.5** In order to specify a thermoplastic material for a particular application or to ensure reproducible processing, additional requirements can be given in data block 5 (see [4.1](#)).

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 1043-1, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics*

ISO 1043-2, *Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 2: Fillers and reinforcing materials*

ISO 8985, *Plastics — Ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer (EVAC) thermoplastics — Determination of vinyl acetate content*



ISO 21301-2, *Plastics — Ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVAC) moulding and extrusion materials — Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Designation system

#### 4.1 General

The designation system for thermoplastics is based on the following standard pattern.

Designation						
Description block (optional)	Identity block					
	International Standard number block	Individual-item block				
		Data block 1	Data block 2	Data block 3	Data block 4	Data block 5

The designation consists of an optional description block, reading “Thermoplastics”, and an identity block comprising the International Standard number and an individual-item block. For unambiguous designation, the individual-item block is subdivided into five data blocks comprising the following information:

- Data block 1: Identification of the plastic by its symbol EVAC in accordance with ISO 1043-1 and information about the polymerization process or composition of the polymer (see 4.2);
- Data block 2: Fillers or reinforcing materials and their nominal content (see 4.3);
- Data block 3: Position 1: Intended application or method of processing (see 4.4);  
Positions 2 to 8: Important properties, additives and supplementary information (see 4.4);
- Data block 4: Designatory properties (see 4.5);
- Data block 5: For the purpose of specifications, a fifth data block may be added containing additional information (see 4.6).

The first character of the individual-item block shall be a hyphen. The data blocks shall be separated from each other by commas.

If a data block is not used, this shall be indicated by doubling the separation sign, i.e. by two commas (,,).

#### 4.2 Data block 1

In this data block, after the hyphen, ethylene-vinyl acetate plastics are identified by the symbol “EVAC”, in accordance with ISO 1043-1 and, after a space, the vinyl acetate content is indicated.

The vinyl acetate content, expressed as a percentage by mass, shall be determined in accordance with ISO 8985. The possible values of vinyl acetate content are divided into 8 ranges, each represented by a 2-figure code-number as specified in Table 1.