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## Rubber and latices — Nomenclature

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 45, *Rubber and rubber products*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 1629:1995), of which it constitutes a minor revision. The main change is the addition of two new rubbers, BIMSM (terpolymer of isobutene, para-methylstyrene, and para-bromomethylstyrene) and DPNR (deproteinized natural rubber). It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 1629:1995/Amd.1:2007.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes a system of symbols for the basic rubbers in both dry and latex forms, based on the chemical composition of the polymer chain.

The purpose of this International Standard is to standardize the abbreviated terms used in industry, commerce, and government, and it is not intended to conflict with, but rather to act as a supplement to, existing trade names and trademarks.

**NOTE 1** It is intended that in technical papers or presentations, the name of the rubber be used, if possible. It is intended that the symbols follow the chemical name for use in later references.

**NOTE 2** The nomenclature of thermoplastic elastomers is described in ISO 18064.[\[1\]](#)

## 2 Rubbers

Rubbers, in both dry and latex forms, are grouped and symbolized on the basis of the chemical composition of the polymer chain in the following manner:

**M** rubbers having a saturated carbon chain of the polymethylene type

**N** rubbers having carbon and nitrogen in the polymer chain

**NOTE** At the time of publication, no rubber has so far been symbolized in the “N” group.

**O** rubbers having carbon and oxygen in the polymer chain

**Q** rubbers having silicon and oxygen in the polymer chain

**R** rubbers having an unsaturated carbon chain, e.g. natural rubber and synthetic rubbers derived at least partly from conjugated dienes

**T** rubbers having carbon, oxygen, and sulfur in the polymer chain

**U** rubbers having carbon, oxygen, and nitrogen in the polymer chain

**Z** rubbers having phosphorus and nitrogen in the polymer chain

## 3 Symbol groups

### 3.1 The “M” group

The “M” group comprises rubbers having a saturated chain of the polymethylene type. The following symbols are used:

**ACM** copolymer of ethyl acrylate (or other acrylates) and a small amount of a monomer which facilitates vulcanization (usually known as acrylic rubber)

**AEM** copolymer of ethyl acrylate (or other acrylates) and ethylene

**ANM** copolymer of ethyl acrylate (or other acrylates) and acrylonitrile