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käes. Ahju kasutamise meetod**

Plastics - Polypropylene and propylene-copolymers -  
Determination of thermal oxidative stability in air -  
Oven method

## EESTI STANDARDI EESSÕNA

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Determination of thermal oxidative stability in air – Oven method  
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Plastiques – Polypropylène et  
copolymères de propylène – Déter-  
mination de la stabilité à l'oxydation  
à chaud dans l'air – (Méthode à  
l'étuve (ISO 4577 : 1983)

Kunststoffe – Polypropylen und  
Propylen-Copolymere – Bestimmung  
der thermischen Oxidationsstabilität  
in Luft – Ofen-Verfahren  
(ISO 4577 : 1983)

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## Foreword

International Standard

ISO 4577 : 1983 Plastics – Polypropylene and propylene-copolymers – Determination of thermal oxidative stability in air – Oven method,

which was prepared by ISO/TC 61 'Plastics' of the International Organization for Standardization, has been adopted by Technical Committee CEN/TC 249 'Plastics', the Secretariat of which is held by IBN, as a European Standard.

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NOTE: Normative references to international publications are listed in Annex ZA (normative).

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## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the resistance of moulded test specimens of polypropylene and propylene-copolymers to accelerated ageing by heat in the presence of air using a forced draught oven.

The method represents an attempt to estimate the service life of parts fabricated from propylene plastics.

The stability determined by this method is not directly related to the suitability of the material for use when different environmental conditions prevail.

NOTE — The specified thermal levels are considered sufficiently severe to cause failure of commercial grades of heat-stable propylene plastics within a reasonable period of time. If desired, lower temperatures can be applied to estimate the performance of propylene plastics with lower heat stabilities.

## 2 References

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

ISO 1133, *Plastics — Determination of the melt flow rate of thermoplastics.*

ISO 1191, *Plastics — Polyethylenes and polypropylenes in dilute solution — Determination of viscosity number and of limiting viscosity number.*

ISO 1873, *Plastics — Polypropylene and propylene-copolymer thermoplastics —*

*Part 1: Designation.*

*Part 2: Determination of properties.*<sup>1)</sup>

1) At present at the stage of draft.

## 3 Principle

Accelerated ageing of test specimens by heat in the presence of air using a forced draught oven. Visual examination and determination of the time to failure.

Under the severe conditions of this test, the specimens undergo degradation at a rate dependent upon the thermal endurance of the propylene plastic under examination.

For the purpose of this International Standard, the time to failure of the material is taken as the number of days after which the specimen shows localized crazing, crumbling and/or discoloration.

If a more reliable estimate of the life-temperature relationship of propylene plastics is required, the test may be conducted at several temperatures and the data interpreted through use of the Arrhenius relation, by plotting the logarithms of times to failure against the reciprocals of the temperatures in kelvins. Temperatures in the range from 100 to 150 °C, with intervals of 10 °C, are suggested for this purpose.

## 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Oven,** mechanical convection type, capable of controlled circulation of air, with adjustable air intake and exhaust, equipped with a specimen holder and a temperature control system capable of adjustment to meet the following conditions:

- a) exhaust rate: at least one oven-chamber volume in 10 min;
- b) air velocity: from 0,75 to 1 m/s at any oven position occupied by the test specimens;
- c) temperature control: range up to 200 °C and with control throughout the working range to the nearest 1 °C. The temperature control shall include a device to prevent temperature overrides. It is recommended that a device be used for recording the temperature inside the oven.