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Tetrahydrofuran method (ISO 14389:2014)**

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Introduction

This International Standard covers a test method for the determination of some phthalates in textile articles.

Phthalates are commonly used as plasticizers in polymers. Phthalates are an issue for textile manufacturers and retailers due to their use within motifs, coated fabrics, plastisol prints, buttons, etc.

Phthalates are controversial because high doses of many phthalates have shown hormonal activity in rodent studies. Studies on rodents involving large amounts of phthalates have shown damage to the liver, the kidneys, the lungs, and the developing testes.

Due to their potential effect as endocrine disruptors, some of the listed phthalates are toxic in reproduction. The listed phthalates are based on those which have been restricted in some regulations (e.g. in the European Union).

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method of determining phthalates in textiles with gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC-MS) with mass selective detector.

This International Standard is applicable to textile products where there is a risk of the presence of some phthalates.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1

plasticized or softened material

plastic material that is treated with chemicals to make it more flexible

Note 1 to entry: For this specific International Standard, the chemicals are phthalates.

EXAMPLE Examples of plastic material: coating, pigment print binder, etc.

2.2

overall treated textile

textile with a continuous finish, coating or print

2.3

locally treated textile

textile with a discontinuous finish, coating or print

2.4

representative specimen

specimen obtained by mixing pieces of all the different treated parts and colours

3 Principle

The phthalates are extracted from textile specimen by ultrasonic generator with tetrahydrofuran. As the plastic polymer is partially or completely dissolved, the phthalate extraction is followed by the precipitation of the dissolved polymer using the appropriate solvent (acetonitrile, *n*-hexane, etc.). After centrifugation and dilution of the extract to volume, gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC-MS) is used to identify individual phthalates in the specimen and quantify them by using an internal standard (IS).

4 Reagents

Unless otherwise specified, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade.