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**Mechanical vibration and shock —  
Characterization of the dynamic  
mechanical properties of visco-elastic  
materials —**

Part 2:  
**Resonance method**

*Vibrations et chocs mécaniques — Caractérisation des propriétés  
mécaniques dynamiques des matériaux visco-élastiques —*

*Partie 2: Méthode de résonance*



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## Foreword

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ISO 18437-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 108, *Mechanical vibration and shock*.

ISO 18437 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Mechanical vibration and shock — Characterization of the dynamic mechanical properties of visco-elastic materials*:

- Part 2: *Resonance method*
- Part 3: *Cantilever shear beam method*

Part 4 (*Impedance method*) is under preparation.

## Introduction

Visco-elastic materials are used extensively to reduce vibration magnitudes in structural systems through the dissipation of energy (damping) or isolation of components, and in acoustical applications that require a modification of the reflection, transmission or absorption of energy. Such systems often require specific dynamic mechanical properties in order to function in an optimum manner. Energy dissipation is due to interactions on the molecular scale and is measured in terms of the lag between stress and strain in the material. The visco-elastic properties (modulus and loss factor) of most materials depend on frequency, temperature, and strain magnitude. The choice of a specific material for a given application determines the system performance. The goal of this part of ISO 18437 is to provide details in constructing the resonance apparatus, in setting up the measurement equipment, in performing the measurements and analysing the resultant data. A further intent is to assist users of this method and to provide uniformity in the use of this method. This part of ISO 18437 applies to the linear behaviour observed at small strain magnitudes.

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# Mechanical vibration and shock — Characterization of the dynamic mechanical properties of visco-elastic materials —

## Part 2: Resonance method

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 18437 defines a resonance method for determining from laboratory measurements the dynamic mechanical properties of the resilient materials used in vibration isolators. It is applicable to shock and vibration systems operating from a fraction of a hertz to about 20 kHz.

This part of ISO 18437 is applicable to resilient materials that are used in vibration isolators in order to reduce

- a) transmissions of unwanted vibrations from machines, structures or vehicles that radiate sound (fluid-borne, airborne, structure-borne, or others), and
- b) the transmission of low-frequency vibrations that act upon humans or cause damage to structures or sensitive equipment when the vibration is too severe.

The data obtained with the measurement methods that are outlined in this part of ISO 18437 and further detailed in ISO 18437-3 are used for

- the design of efficient vibration isolators,
- the selection of an optimum material for a given design,
- the theoretical computation of the transfer of vibrations through isolators,
- information during product development,
- product information provided by manufacturers and suppliers, and
- quality control.

The condition for the validity of the measurement method is linearity of the vibrational behaviour of the isolator. This includes elastic elements with nonlinear static load deflection characteristics, provided that the elements show approximate linearity in their vibrational behaviour for a given static preload.

Measurements using this method are made over one or two decades in frequency at a number of temperatures. By applying the time-temperature superposition principle, the measured data are shifted to generate dynamic mechanical properties over a much wider range of frequencies (typically  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^9$  Hz at a single reference temperature) than initially measured at a given temperature.

NOTE For the purposes of this part of ISO 18437, the term “dynamic mechanical properties” refers to the determination of the fundamental elastic properties, e.g. the complex Young's modulus as a function of temperature and frequency and, if applicable, a static preload.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 472:1999, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 2041:1990, *Vibration and shock — Vocabulary*

ISO 4664-1:2005, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of dynamic properties — Part 1: General guidance*

ISO 6721-1:2001, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 10112:1991, *Damping materials — Graphical presentation of the complex modulus*

ISO 10846-1:1997, *Acoustics and vibration — Laboratory measurement of vibro-acoustic transfer properties of resilient elements — Part 1: Principles and guidelines*

ISO 23529:2004, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in ISO 472, ISO 2041, ISO 4664-1, ISO 6721-1, ISO 10112, ISO 10846-1, ISO 23259 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### Young's modulus

$E^*$

quotient of normal stress (tensile or compressive) to resulting normal strain, or fractional change in length

NOTE 1 Unit is the pascal (Pa).

NOTE 2 Young's modulus for visco-elastic materials is a complex quantity, having a real part  $E'$  and an imaginary part  $E''$ .

NOTE 3 Physically, the real component of Young's modulus represents elastic-stored mechanical energy. The imaginary component is a measure of mechanical energy loss. See 3.2.

### 3.2

#### loss factor

ratio of the imaginary part of the Young's modulus of a material to the real part of the Young's modulus (the tangent of the argument of the complex Young's modulus)

NOTE When there is energy loss in a material, the strain lags the stress by a phase angle,  $\delta$ . The loss factor is equal to  $\tan \delta$ .

### 3.3

#### time-temperature superposition

principle by which, for visco-elastic materials, time and temperature are equivalent to the extent that data at one temperature are superposed upon data taken at a different temperature merely by shifting the data curves along the frequency axis

### 3.4

#### shift factor

measure of the amount of shift along the logarithmic (base 10) axis of frequency for one set of constant-temperature data to superimpose upon another set of data