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**Thermoplastics pipes and fittings —
Vicat softening temperature —
General test method and test
conditions for vinyl chloride-
based (PVC-U, PVC-C, PVC-HI) and
acrylonitrile-based (ABS, ASA) pipes
and fittings**

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de ramollissement Vicat — Méthode d'essai générale et
conditions d'essai pour les tubes et raccords à base de chlorure de
vinyle (PVC-U, PVC-C, PVC-HI) et à base d'acrylonitrile (ABS, ASA)*

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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- the document was modified following edition 6 of ISO 306:2022;
- the procedure for test piece preparation from pipes and fittings was described in more detail.

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Introduction

This document is based on ISO 306.

For convenience of use, it has been considered preferable to draw up a complete document for use in determining the Vicat softening temperature of thermoplastics pipes and fittings. For further details, reference to ISO 306 is recommended.

However, that ISO 306 is applicable to materials in the form of sheets, whereas this document is applicable to products in the form of pipes and fittings.

This document gives the general conditions under which the Vicat softening temperature of pipes and fittings is determined and provides the particular requirements for conducting tests on pipes and fittings of various materials.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a specific method for determining the Vicat softening temperature (VST) of thermoplastics pipes and fittings. It includes the adaptation of method B 50 of ISO 306:2022 using a force of 50 N and a heating rate of 50 °C/h and the procedure for specimen preparation.

It includes the particular test conditions for determining the Vicat softening temperature (VST) of unplasticized poly(vinylchloride) (PVC-U) or chlorinated poly(vinylchloride) (PVC-C) pipes and fittings, for high impact resistance poly(vinylchloride) (PVC-HI) pipes and for acrylonitrile/butadiene/styrene (ABS) and acrylonitrile/styrene/acrylic ester (ASA) pipes and fittings.

This document can also be used for pipes and fittings from other materials (e.g. PE-UHMW).

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

ISO 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 16012, *Plastics — Determination of linear dimensions of test specimens*

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples — Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

IEC 60584-3, *Thermocouples — Part 3: Extension and compensating cables — Tolerances and identification system*

IEC 60751, *Industrial platinum resistance thermometers and platinum temperature sensors*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1 penetration

distance over which the indenting tip shall penetrate into the specimen under test

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in millimetres (mm).