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Détermination de la basicité*



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Foreword

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Introduction

This method is for the determination of trace amounts of basicity in polyether polyols, which are used in the preparation of polyurethane prepolymers and polyurethane products. Knowledge of this value is important to prevent gelation during prepolymer production and to control reaction rates during polyurethane preparation. The method, known as the CPR (controlled polymerization rate) analysis, has become an accepted industry practice, a version of which has been published as part of JIS K 1557.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the measurement of trace amounts of basic materials present in polyether polyols used in the production of polyurethanes. It is important to know the trace amount of basicity in a polyol to prevent gelation of the reaction mass during the production of polyurethane prepolymers. It is also useful to control the basicity in polyols used for polyurethane production to assure consistent and reproducible reaction behaviour. This method is suitable for quality control, as a specification test and for research.

The applicable range is 0 µg to 50 µg/g, expressed as KOH. The method is not applicable to amine-based polyols. The values may be reported as CPR (controlled polymerization rate) units.

2 Normative references

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ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*.

ISO 6353-1:1982, *Reagents for chemical analysis — Part 1: General test methods*.

ISO 6353-2:1983, *Reagents for chemical analysis — Part 2: Specifications — First series*.

ISO 6353-3:1987, *Reagents for chemical analysis — Part 3: Specifications — Second series*.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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polyurethane

a polymer prepared by the reaction of an organic di- or polyisocyanate with compounds containing two or more hydroxyl groups