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**Carbon-fibre-reinforced composites —  
Determination of the resin, fibre and void  
contents**

*Composites renforcés de fibres de carbone — Détermination des  
teneurs en résine, en fibre et en vide*



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# Carbon-fibre-reinforced composites — Determination of the resin, fibre and void contents

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies methods for calculating the resin, fibre and void contents of a carbon-fibre-reinforced composite from the densities of the resin, the fibre and the composite and the mass of fibre in the composite (method A) and for calculating the fibre content from the thickness of the composite (method B).

Method A specifies three different resin removal procedures for the determination of the mass of fibre in the composite (viz a combustion procedure, a procedure by digestion in nitric acid and a procedure by digestion in a mixture of sulfuric acid and hydrogen peroxide). The selection of the procedure to be used is made by considering the combustibility of the resin used in the composite, its ability to decompose and the type of resin concerned. It should be noted that method A is only of limited applicability when filled resins are present that could prevent complete dissolution and/or combustibility of the resin.

Method B (thickness measurement method) is only applicable to composites moulded from prepregs of known fibre mass per unit area.

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

ISO 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 1183-1, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method*

ISO 1183-2, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 2: Density gradient column method*

ISO 1183-3, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 3: Gas pycnometer method*

ISO 5725-1, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 1: General principles and definitions*

ISO 5725-2, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method*

ISO 5725-3, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 3: Intermediate measures of the precision of a standard measurement method*

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

ISO 10119, *Carbon fibre — Determination of density*