
**Styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR) —
Determination of the microstructure
of solution-polymerized SBR —**

Part 2:
FTIR with ATR method

*Caoutchouc styrène-butadiène (SBR) — Détermination de la
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Partie 2: Méthode FTIR avec ATR

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: ¹H-NMR and IR with cast-film method*
- *Part 2: FTIR with ATR method*

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 21561 specifies procedures for the quantitative determination of the microstructure of the butadiene and the content of styrene in solution-polymerized SBR (S-SBR) by Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometry (FTIR) with Attenuated Total Reflection (ATR) method. The styrene content is expressed in mass % relative to the whole polymer. The vinyl, trans and cis contents are expressed in mol % relative to the butadiene content. This method is only applicable to raw rubbers.

NOTE 1 Precision as shown in [Annex A](#) may not be obtained for S-SBRs containing polystyrene block or styrene content more than 45 mass %.

NOTE 2 Only “vinyl”, “trans” and “cis”, are used in this part of ISO 21561. However, the expression of vinyl, trans and cis mean as follows in general:

- vinyl: vinyl unit, vinyl bond, 1,2-unit, 1,2-bond, 1,2-vinyl-unit or 1,2-vinyl-bond;
- trans: 1,4-trans unit, 1,4-trans bond, trans-1,4 unit or trans1,4 bond;
- cis: 1,4-cis unit, 1,4-cis bond, cis-1,4 unit or cis-1,4 bond.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1795, *Rubber, raw natural and raw synthetic — Sampling and further preparative procedures*

3 Principle

The IR spectrum of the S-SBR sample is measured by FTIR with ATR. The absorbances that are characteristic of each microstructure component and styrene at the specified wavelengths are used to determine the content of each component by using the specific formulae presented in this part of ISO 21561.