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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4589-3:1996), which has been technically revised.

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## **Introduction**

This document has been prepared to extend the methods available for the determination of flammability by oxygen index (OI) (see ISO 4589-2) to typical elevated temperatures to which a plastic material can be exposed in a service situation. It also provides a method for determining the temperature at which combustion of a small bar of material is just supported in air under certain test conditions; the resulting temperature is termed the flammability temperature.

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 4589-2 which describes the basic OI test method.

Results obtained in accordance with this document are not applicable to describe or appraise the fire hazard presented by a particular material or shape under actual fire conditions, unless used as one element of a fire risk assessment which takes into account all of the factors which are pertinent to the assessment of the fire hazard of a particular application for the material.



# Plastics — Determination of burning behaviour by oxygen index —

## Part 3: Elevated-temperature test

### 1 Scope

This document specifies methods for determining the minimum volume fraction of oxygen, in a mixture with nitrogen, that will support combustion of small vertical test specimens under specified test conditions over a range of temperatures between 25 °C and 150 °C. The range of temperatures is typically between 40 °C and 150 °C. The results are defined as temperature index values at the test temperature, which is typical of the practical temperature that a plastic material can experience in an overheated service situation.

Methods are provided for testing materials that are self-supporting at the test temperature in the form of vertical bars or sheet up to 10,5 mm thick. However, they are not applicable to form V which requires a supporting frame as defined in ISO 4589-2:2017, Table 2. These methods are suitable for solid, laminated or cellular materials characterized by an apparent density 100 kg/m<sup>3</sup> or higher. The methods are also applicable to some cellular materials having an apparent density of less than 100 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. A method is provided for testing flexible sheet or film materials while supported vertically.

This document also includes a method (see [Annex A](#)) for determining the temperature at which the OI of small vertical test specimens in air is 20,9 % under specified test conditions. The temperature at which this occurs is defined as the flammability temperature (FT) and the method is limited to the determination of temperatures less than 400 °C. The method is not applicable to materials having an OI of <20,9 %.

NOTE 1 It might not be possible to apply these methods satisfactorily to materials that exhibit high levels of shrinkage when heated, e.g. highly oriented thin film.

NOTE 2 For assessing the flame propagation properties of cellular materials of density <100 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, attention is drawn to the method described in ISO 3582.

### 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 4589-1, *Plastics — Determination of burning behaviour by oxygen index — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 4589-2:2017, *Plastics — Determination of burning behaviour by oxygen index — Part 2: Ambient-temperature test*

ISO 13943, *Fire safety — Vocabulary*

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