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### Foreword

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## Part 1: General methods

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### 1 Scope

This document specifies general methods, with suitable test conditions, for the determination of the ash of a range of plastics. The particular conditions chosen can be included in the specifications for the plastic material in question.

Particular conditions applicable to poly(alkylene terephthalate) materials, unplasticized cellulose acetate, polyamides and poly(vinyl chloride) plastics, including some specific filled, glass-fibre-reinforced and flame-retarded materials, are specified in ISO 3451-2, ISO 3451-3, ISO 3451-4 and ISO 3451-5.

### 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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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### 4 Principle

It is possible to determine the ash of an organic material by four main methods (methods A, B, C and D).

- a) Direct calcination, i.e. by burning the organic matter and heating the residue at high temperature until constant mass is reached, which may be carried out by two different procedures:
  - burning with, for example, a Bunsen burner and one or more calcining steps in a muffle furnace (method A);
  - burning and calcining as one single step in a muffle furnace (method A — rapid ashing), if it can be demonstrated that the rapid ashing yields the same results as method A.

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