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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11403-3:1999), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

ISO 11403 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable multipoint data*:

- *Part 1: Mechanical properties*
- *Part 2: Thermal and processing properties*
- *Part 3: Environmental influences on properties*

Introduction

This International Standard has been prepared because users of plastics find sometimes that available data cannot be used readily to compare the properties of similar materials, especially when the data have been supplied by different sources. Even when the same standard tests have been used, they often allow the adoption of a wide range of alternative test conditions, and the data obtained are not necessarily comparable. The purpose of this International Standard is to identify specific methods and conditions of test to be used for the acquisition and presentation of data in order that valid comparisons between materials can be made. These data are not necessarily suitable for design.

ISO 10350^{[4][5]} is concerned with single-point data. Such data represent the most basic method for characterizing materials and are useful for the initial stages of material selection. The present International Standard identifies test conditions and procedures for the measurement and presentation of a more substantial quantity of data. Each property here is characterized by multipoint data which demonstrate how that property depends upon important variables such as time, temperature and environmental effects. Additional properties are also considered in this standard. These data therefore enable more discriminating decisions to be made regarding the material's suitability for a particular application. Some data are also considered adequate for undertaking predictions of performance in service and of optimum processing conditions for moulding a component, although it should be recognized that, for purposes of design, additional data will often be needed. One reason for this is that some properties are strongly dependent upon the physical structure of the material. The test procedures referred to in this standard employ standard test specimens, and the polymer structure in these specimens may be significantly different from that in specific regions of a moulded component. Under these circumstances, therefore, the data will not be suitable for accurate design calculations for product performance. The material supplier should be consulted for specific information on the applicability of data.

ISO 10350 and the various parts of this International Standard together define the means for acquiring and presenting a core set of comparable data for use in material selection. Use of these standards should result in a rationalization of effort and a reduction of cost associated with provision of these data. Furthermore, reference to these standards will simplify the development of data models for the computerized storage and exchange of data concerning material properties.

Where appropriate, values for test variables have been specified by this standard. For some tests however, owing to the wide range of conditions over which different plastics perform, the standard gives guidance in the selection of certain test conditions so that they cover the operating range for that polymer. Because, in general, the properties and performance specifications for different polymers differ widely, there is no obligation to generate data under all the test conditions specified in this standard.

Data on a wide range of properties are needed to enable plastics to be selected and used in the large variety of applications to which they are suited. ISO standards describe experimental procedures which are suitable for the acquisition of relevant information on many of these properties. For other properties, however, ISO standards either do not exist or exhibit shortcomings that complicate their use at present for the generation of comparable data (see [Annex A](#)). The standard has therefore been divided into parts so that each part can be developed independently. In this way, additional properties can be included as new or revised standards become available.

Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable multipoint data —

Part 3: Environmental influences on properties

1 Scope

This part of ISO 11403 specifies test procedures for the acquisition and presentation of multipoint data which demonstrate the behaviour of plastics under the following environments:

- prolonged exposure to heat;
- liquid chemicals;
- environmental stress cracking under a constant tensile stress;
- artificial weathering.

The tests are listed in order of increasing severity of the environment. By testing under the least severe environments first, it is possible to make informed judgements regarding whether tests under more severe conditions are worthwhile.

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 175, *Plastics — Methods of test for the determination of the effects of immersion in liquid chemicals*
- ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*
- ISO 293, *Plastics — Compression moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials*
- ISO 294-1, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 1: General principles, and moulding of multipurpose and bar test specimens*
- ISO 294-2, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 2: Small tensile bars*
- ISO 295, *Plastics — Compression moulding of test specimens of thermosetting materials*
- ISO 527-1, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*
- ISO 1268 (all parts), *Fibre-reinforced plastics — Methods of producing test plates*
- ISO 1817, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of the effect of liquids*
- ISO 2578, *Plastics — Determination of time-temperature limits after prolonged exposure to heat*
- ISO 2818, *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining*
- ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

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