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## ISO 17855-1:2014(E)

## Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 17855-1 cancels and replaces ISO 1872-1:1993, which has been technically revised to introduce a new designation system.

ISO 17855 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Polyethylene (PE) moulding and extrusion materials*:

- *Part 1: Designation system and basis for specifications*
- *Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties*

# Plastics — Polyethylene (PE) moulding and extrusion materials —

## Part 1: Designation system and basis for specifications

### 1 Scope

**1.1** This part of ISO 17855 establishes a system of designation for polyethylene thermoplastic material, which may be used as the basis for specifications.

**1.2** The types of polyethylene plastics are differentiated from each other by a classification system based on appropriate levels of the designatory properties

a) density,

b) melt mass-flow rate,

and on information about the intended application and/or method of processing, important properties, additives, colorants, fillers and reinforcing materials.

**1.3** This part of ISO 17855 is applicable to all polyethylene homopolymers and to copolymers of ethylene having a content of other 1-olefinic monomers of less than 50 % (mass fraction) and a content of non-olefinic monomers with functional groups up to a maximum of 3 % (mass fraction).

It applies to materials ready for normal use in the form of powder, granules or pellets, unmodified or modified by colorants, additives, fillers, etc.

This part of ISO 17855 does not apply to masterbatches or to EPM rubber. This part of ISO 17855 also does not apply to PE-UHMW. It should reference to ISO 11542-1 for PE-UHMW.

**1.4** It is not intended to imply that materials having the same designation give necessarily the same performance. This part of ISO 17855 does not provide engineering data, performance data or data on processing conditions which may be required to specify a material for a particular application and/or method of processing.

If such additional properties are required, they shall be determined in accordance with the test methods specified in ISO 1872-2, if suitable.

**1.5** In order to specify a thermoplastic material for a particular application or to ensure reproducible processing, additional requirements may be given in data block 5 (see [Clause 3](#), introductory paragraph).

### 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.

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