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The main changes are as follows:

- updated the Normative references;
- changed the NOTES in [Table 1](#) of previous edition into text;
- added new the test condition of melt mass-flow rate and melt volume-flow rate into [Table 3](#);
- added flexural strength to [Table 3](#);
- added thermal oxidative stability in air to [Table 4](#).

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Plastics — Polypropylene (PP) moulding and extrusion materials —

Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties

1 Scope

This document specifies the methods of preparation of test specimens and the test methods for determining the properties of polypropylene (PP) moulding and extrusion materials. It gives requirements for handling test material and for conditioning both the test material before moulding and the specimens before testing.

This document specifies procedures and conditions for the preparation of test specimens, and procedures for measuring properties of the materials from which these specimens are made. Properties and test methods which are suitable and essential to characterize PP moulding and extrusion materials are listed.

The properties have been selected from the general test methods in ISO 10350-1. Other test methods in wide use for, or of particular significance to PP moulding and extrusion materials are also included in this document, as are the designatory properties specified in ISO 19069-1.

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 62, *Plastics — Determination of water absorption*

ISO 75-2, *Plastics — Determination of temperature of deflection under load — Part 2: Plastics and ebonite*

ISO 178, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties*

ISO 179-1, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test*

ISO 179-2, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 2: Instrumented impact test*

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 294-3, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 3: Small plates*

ISO 294-4, *Plastics — Injection moulding of test specimens of thermoplastic materials — Part 4: Determination of moulding shrinkage*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 899-1, *Plastics — Determination of creep behaviour — Part 1: Tensile creep*

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ISO 1133-1, *Plastics — Determination of the melt mass-flow rate (MFR) and melt volume-flow rate (MVR) of thermoplastics — Part 1: Standard method*

ISO 1183-1, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method*

ISO 1183-2, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 2: Density gradient column method*

ISO 1183-3, *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics — Part 3: Gas pycnometer method*

ISO 1628-3, *Plastics — Determination of the viscosity of polymers in dilute solution using capillary viscometers — Part 3: Polyethylenes and polypropylenes*

ISO 2818, *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining*

ISO 4577, *Plastics — Polypropylene and propylene-copolymers — Determination of thermal oxidative stability in air — Oven method*

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

ISO 6603-2, *Plastics — Determination of puncture impact behaviour of rigid plastics — Part 2: Instrumented impact testing*

ISO 8256, *Plastics — Determination of tensile-impact strength*

ISO 10350-1, *Plastics — Acquisition and presentation of comparable single-point data — Part 1: Moulding materials*

ISO 11357-2, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 2: Determination of glass transition temperature and step height*

ISO 11357-3, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 3: Determination of temperature and enthalpy of melting and crystallization*

ISO 11359-2, *Plastics — Thermomechanical analysis (TMA) — Part 2: Determination of coefficient of linear thermal expansion and glass transition temperature*

ISO 16152, *Plastics — Determination of xylene-soluble matter in polypropylene*

ISO 20753, *Plastics — Test specimens*

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60243-1, *Electrical strength of insulating materials — Test methods — Part 1: Tests at power frequencies*

IEC 60250, *Recommended methods for the determination of the permittivity and dielectric dissipation factor of electrical insulating materials at power, audio and radio frequencies including metre wavelengths*

IEC 60296, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications — Unused mineral insulating oils for transformers and switchgear*

IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing — Part 11-10: Test flames — 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 62631-3-1, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials — Part 3-1: Determination of resistive properties (DC methods) — Volume resistance and volume resistivity — General method*

IEC 62631-3-2, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials — Part 3-2: Determination of resistive properties (DC methods) — Surface resistance and surface resistivity*

ASTM D 5420, *Standard Test Method for Impact Resistance of Flat, Rigid Plastic Specimen by Means of a Striker Impacted by a falling Weight (Gardner Impact)*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Preparation of test specimens

4.1 General

In order to obtain reproducible and comparable test results, it is desirable to use the methods of specimen preparation and conditioning, the specimen dimensions and the test procedures specified herein. Values determined will not necessarily be identical to those obtained using specimens of different dimensions or prepared using different procedures.

It is essential that specimens are always prepared using the same procedure (either injection moulding or compression moulding), and under the same processing conditions.

The procedure to be used for each test method is indicated in [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) (M = injection moulding; Q = compression moulding).

4.2 Treatment of the material before moulding

Pre-treatment of the material sample is normally not necessary before moulding.

4.3 Injection moulding

Injection-moulded specimens shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 294-1 or ISO 294-3, under the conditions specified in [Table 1](#).

NOTE It has been found that bar test specimens prepared by cutting from type A1 specimens according to ISO 20753 give better precision than those injection-moulded directly to their final dimensions.

An appropriate hold pressure, consistent with the production of blemish-free mouldings, shall be used.

The uniformity of the mouldings shall be checked by weighing. Their masses shall not differ by more than 1 % from each other.

Heat-sensitive polypropylenes may undergo molecular breakdown during moulding; therefore, an increase in the melt flow rate (MFR) to > 1,5 times the original value shall be avoided with such materials. If the MFR increased by more than 1,5 times the original value, the melt temperature shall be lowered, 10 °C at a time, until the increase in MFR is < 1,5 times the original value. This adjustment in melt temperature shall be reported.

Table 1 — Conditions for injection moulding of test specimens

Material	Melt temperature °C	Mould temperature °C	Average injection velocity ^a mm/s	Hold time s	Cycle time s
MFR < 1,5 g/10 min	255	40	200 ± 20	40 ± 5	60 ± 5
1,5 g/10 min ≤ MFR < 7 g/10 min	230	40	200 ± 20	40 ± 5	60 ± 5
MFR ≥ 7 g/10 min	200	40	200 ± 20	40 ± 5	60 ± 5

Hold time and cycle time of different polypropylene materials can vary in a small range, if suitable, the hold time may be determined in accordance with ISO 294-1.

^a Average injection velocity shall be calculated according to ISO 294-1.

4.4 Compression moulding

Compression-moulded sheets shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 293 under the conditions specified in [Table 2](#).

If necessary, like heat-sensitive polypropylenes, the moulding temperature should be lowered by 10 °C or 20 °C and this adjustment in moulding temperature shall be reported.

Table 2 — Conditions for compression moulding of test specimens

Material	Moulding temperature °C	Cooling rate K/min	Demoulding temperature °C	Full pressure MPa	Full-pressure time min	Preheating pressure MPa	Preheating time min
All grades	210	15 ± 2	≤ 40	5 or 10 ^a	5 ± 1	<0,1	5 to 15

NOTE Inconsistent cooling rates can lead to significant deviations in measured properties due to the effect on the crystallinity of the specimens. It is therefore desirable to use a moulding machine that is capable of maintaining a constant cooling rate.

^a Use 5 MPa for a frame mould and 10 MPa for a positive mould.

If a frame mould is used, it is necessary to start cooling while simultaneously applying the full pressure. This avoids the melt being pressed out of the frame and also avoids sink marks.

With the frame mould, the full pressure is only applied to the frame, and thus the sheets produced can suffer from insufficient homogeneity and pellet boundaries can be preserved.

The test specimens required for the determination of the properties shall be obtained from the compression-moulded sheets machined or stamped in accordance with ISO 2818.

NOTE Stamping is suitable for specimens of thicknesses up to 4 mm. Compared with milling or sawing, it gives less stress to the specimens and deforms them less.

5 Conditioning of test specimens

Unfilled test specimens shall be conditioned for a period of between 40 h and 96 h at (23 ± 2) °C, with no relative humidity requirement. Specimens containing fillers or additives that are susceptible to moisture uptake shall be conditioned in the same way but with an additional requirement for (50 ± 10) % relative humidity unless sufficient testing has been conducted that indicates that specific material properties are not affected by humidity.

6 Determination of properties

In the determination of properties and the presentation of data, the standards, supplementary instructions and notes given in ISO 10350-1 shall be applied. Unless specifically stated in [Tables 3](#) and [4](#), testing of unfilled test specimens shall be carried out at a standard temperature of (23 ± 2) °C, with no relative humidity requirement. Specimens made from materials containing fillers or additives that are susceptible to moisture

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uptake shall be tested in a standard atmosphere of (23 ± 2) °C and (50 ± 10) % relative humidity unless sufficient testing has been conducted that indicates that specific material properties are not affected by humidity. Electrical properties are generally affected by the relative humidity, and should be measured in a standard atmosphere of (23 ± 2) °C and (50 ± 10) % relative humidity.

[Table 3](#), compiled from ISO 10350-1, lists properties which are appropriate to polypropylene (PP) moulding and extrusion materials. These properties shall be used for comparisons of data generated for different thermoplastics.

[Table 4](#) contains those properties, not found specifically in [Table 3](#), which shall be used in the practical characterization of polypropylene (PP) moulding and extrusion materials.

Table 3 — General properties and test conditions (selected from ISO 10350-1)

Property		Symbol	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Specimen preparation ^a	Unit	Test condition and supplementary instructions
1 Rheological properties							
1.1	Melt mass-flow rate	MFR	ISO 1133-1	Moulding compound	—	g/10 min	Temperature 230 °C, load 2,16 kg Temperature 230 °C, load 5,0 kg ^b
1.2	Melt volume-flow rate	MVR				cm ³ /10 min	Use a value for the melt density of 738,6 kg/m ³ to calculate the mass-flow rate of unfilled materials ^c
1.3	Moulding shrinkage	S_{Mp}	ISO 294-4	60 × 60 × 2	M	%	Parallel
1.4		S_{Mn}					Normal
2 Mechanical properties							

Table 3 (continued)

Property		Symbol	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Specimen preparation ^a	Unit	Test condition and supplementary instructions		
2.1	Tensile modulus	E_t	ISO 527-2	ISO 20753 Type A1 or A2	M	MPa	Test speed 1 mm/min.		
2.2	Yield stress	σ_y					MPa	Failure without yielding. Test speed 50 mm/min.	
2.3	Yield strain	ϵ_y				%			Failure with yielding. Test speed 50 mm/min.
2.4	Nominal strain at break	ϵ_{tb}							
2.5	Stress at 50 % strain	σ_{50}							
2.6	Stress at break	σ_b				MPa			Failure without yielding. $\epsilon_B \leq 10\%$: test speed 5 mm/min. $\epsilon_B > 10\%$: test speed 50 mm/min.
2.7	Strain at break	ϵ_b					%		
2.8	Tensile creep modulus	$E_{tc}1$	ISO 899-1	M	MPa	At 1 h		Strain $\leq 0,5\%$	
2.9		$E_{tc}10^3$				At 1 000 h			
2.10	Flexural modulus	E_f	ISO 178	80 × 10 × 4	M	MPa	Test speed 2 mm/min.		
2.11	Flexural-strength	σ_{fM}							
2.12	Charpy impact strength	α_{cU}	ISO179-1 or ISO179-2	80 × 10 × 4	M	kJ/m ²	Edgewise impact, method 1 eU. Also record type of failure.		
2.13	Charpy notched impact strength	α_{cA}		80 × 10 × 4 Machined V-notch, r = 0,25			Edgewise impact, method 1 eA. Also record type of failure.		
2.14	Tensile notched impact strength	α_{tI}	ISO 8256	80 × 10 × 4 Machined double V-notch, r = 1	M	kJ/m ²	Only to be quoted if fracture cannot be obtained with notched Charpy test.		
2.15	Puncture energy	E_p	ISO 6603-2	60 × 60 × 2	M	J	Striker velocity 4,4 m/s. Striker diameter 20 mm.		
2.16	Maximum puncture force	F_M				N	Support ring diameter 40 mm. Lubricate the striker. Clamp the specimen sufficiently to prevent any out-of-plane movement of its outer regions.		
3 Thermal properties									
3.1	Melting temperature	T_m	ISO 11357-3	Moulding compound	—	°C	Record peak melting temperature. Use 10 K /min heating/cooling rate.		
3.2	Glass transition temperature	$T_{1/2,g}$	ISO 11357-2				Record half-step-height temperature. Use 10 K/min heating rate.		

Table 3 (continued)

Property		Symbol	Standard	Specimen type (dimensions in mm)	Specimen preparation ^a	Unit	Test condition and supplementary instructions			
3.3	Temperature of deflection under load	T_f 1,8	ISO 75-2	80 × 10 × 4	M	°C	Max surface stress (MPa)	1,8	Use flatwise loading	
3.4		T_f 0,45						0,45		
3.5	Coefficient of linear thermal expansion	α_p	ISO 11359-2	Prepared from ISO 20753		°C ⁻¹	Parallel	Record the secant value over the temperature range 23 °C to 55 °C.		
3.6		α_n							Transverse	
3.7	Burning behaviour	B50/ 1,5	IEC 60695-11-10	125 × 13 × 1,5				Record one of the classifications V-0, V-1, V-2, HB, HB40 or HB75.		
3.8		B50/h		Thickness h greater than 1,5 mm						
3.9	Oxygen index	—	ISO 4589-2	80 × 10 × 4			%	Use procedure A (top surface ignition).		
4 Electrical properties^c										
4.1	Relative permittivity	ϵ_r 100	IEC 60250	≥ 60 × ≥ 60 × 2		M/Q	—	100 Hz	Compensate for electrode edge effects.	
4.2		ϵ_r 1 M			1 MHz					
4.3	Dissipation factor	$\tan\delta$ 100			100 Hz					
4.4		$\tan\delta$ 1 M			1 MHz					
4.5	Volume resistivity	ρ_e	IEC 62631-3-1	≥ 60 × ≥ 60 × 2	M/Q	Ω·m	Voltage 500 V	Measure value at 1 min.		
4.6	Surface resistivity	σ_e	IEC 62631-3-2			Ω		Use contacting line electrodes 1 mm to 2 mm wide, 50 mm long and 5 mm apart.		
4.7	Electric strength	E_B 1	IEC 60243-1			≥ 60 × ≥ 60 × 1	kV/mm	Use 20-mm-diameter spherical electrodes. Immerse in transformer oil in accordance with IEC 60296. Use a voltage application rate of 2 kV/s.		
4.8	Comparative tracking index	CTI-A	IEC 60112	≥ 20 × ≥ 20 × 4	M	—	Use solution A.			
5 Other properties										
5.1	Water absorption	w_w	ISO 62	60 × 60 × 1	M/Q	%	Saturation value in water at 23 °C.			
5.2		w_H					Equilibrium value at 23 °C, 50 % RH.			