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Vulcanized rubber — Determination of carbon black content — Pyrolytic method*Caoutchouc vulcanisé — Détermination de la teneur en noir de carbone — Méthode pyrolytique*

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FOREWORD

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Prior to 1972, the results of the work of the technical committees were published as ISO Recommendations; these documents are in the process of being transformed into International Standards. As part of this process, Technical Committee ISO/TC 45, *Rubber and rubber products*, has reviewed ISO Recommendation R 1408-1971 and found it technically suitable for transformation. International Standard ISO 1408 therefore replaces ISO Recommendation R 1408-1971, to which it is technically identical.

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Germany	Netherlands	U.S.A.
Hungary	New Zealand	

The member body of the following country had expressed disapproval of the Recommendation on technical grounds :

Czechoslovakia*

- * Subsequently, this member body approved the Recommendation.

No member body disapproved the transformation of the Recommendation into an International Standard.

Vulcanized rubber — Determination of carbon black content — Pyrolytic method

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a pyrolytic method for the determination of the carbon black content of vulcanizates of the following polymers :

Natural rubber
Synthetic polyisoprene
Polybutadiene
Styrene butadiene rubber
Butyl rubber
Acrylate rubber
Ethylene-propylene copolymer
Ethylene-propylene terpolymer

This method is not suitable for vulcanizates containing halogens or nitrogen in the polymer or for those containing certain compounding materials, such as lead salts or phenolic resins, which cause the formation of a carbonaceous residue during pyrolysis.

The precision of the method may be affected if mineral fillers are present which dissociate at the pyrolysis temperature.

2 REFERENCE

ISO 1407, *Rubber — Determination of solvent extract*.

3 PRINCIPLE

Extraction of a weighed test portion of the rubber with acetone and, if bitumen is present, with chloroform. Pyrolysis of the extracted rubber in a combustion boat at 800 to 900 °C in a stream of nitrogen. Cooling and weighing of the boat containing the non-volatile residue. Burning off of the carbon black in a muffle furnace. Cooling and reweighing of the boat and its contents. The loss in mass represents the carbon black.

4 REAGENTS

4.1 Nitrogen, dry and free from oxygen.

NOTE — Nitrogen sold commercially as "free from oxygen" may require further purification.

4.2 Xylene.

4.3 Acetone, analytical reagent grade.

4.4 Chloroform, analytical reagent grade.

5 APPARATUS

5.1 Combustion boat, made of silica, of length 50 to 60 mm, with handle.

5.2 Electric tube furnace, capable of being controlled at 800 to 900 °C, with means for advancing and withdrawing the combustion boat. One end of the tube is provided with a gas-inlet system for nitrogen, the other end with a suitable outlet system for the vapours produced during pyrolysis.

5.3 Vapour absorption system, consisting of :

5.3.1 Trap for readily condensable vapours.

5.3.2 Xylene trap for uncondensed vapours.

5.4 Muffle furnace, capable of being controlled at 800 to 900 °C.

5.5 Suitable extraction apparatus, as specified in ISO 1407.

5.6 Desiccator.

6 PROCEDURE

Weigh about 0,1 to 0,2 g of the sample to the nearest 0,000 2 g, wrap in filter paper and extract first with the acetone (4.3) and then, if bitumen is present, with the chloroform (4.4) in the extraction apparatus (5.5) for at least 4 h with each solvent.

NOTE — Extraction with chloroform is only necessary if materials not completely soluble in acetone, such as bitumen, are present.