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Plastics — Phenolic resins — Determination of reactivity on a B-transformation test plate

Plastiques — Résines phénoliques — Méthode d'évaluation de la réactivité sur plaque d'essai de transformation au stade B

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Plastics — Phenolic resins — Determination of reactivity on a B-transformation test plate

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies methods for the determination of the B-transformation time of phenolic resins at a specified temperature and under specified conditions on a heated test plate.

Two methods are described, each with a different test plate:

Method A — plate with depressions in the form of segments of spheres;

Method B — flat plate without depressions.

2 Principle

The condensation of the phenolic resin is carried out to the B-stage on one of two types of test plate, depending on the method.

3 Method A: Determination on a plate with depressions

3.1 Apparatus

3.1.1 Thermostatic control device, permissible temperature variation $\pm 0,5$ K.

3.1.2 Hotplate, on which the test plate can be arranged in a suitable manner to obtain optimum heat transfer.

3.1.3 Glass rod, 5 mm in diameter, tapering to about 2 mm in diameter at one end.

3.1.4 Balance, scale interval 0,01 g.

3.1.5 Syringe.

3.1.6 Stopwatch, with at least 1 s sub-divisions.

3.1.7 B-transformation test plate, with depressions as shown in figure 1.

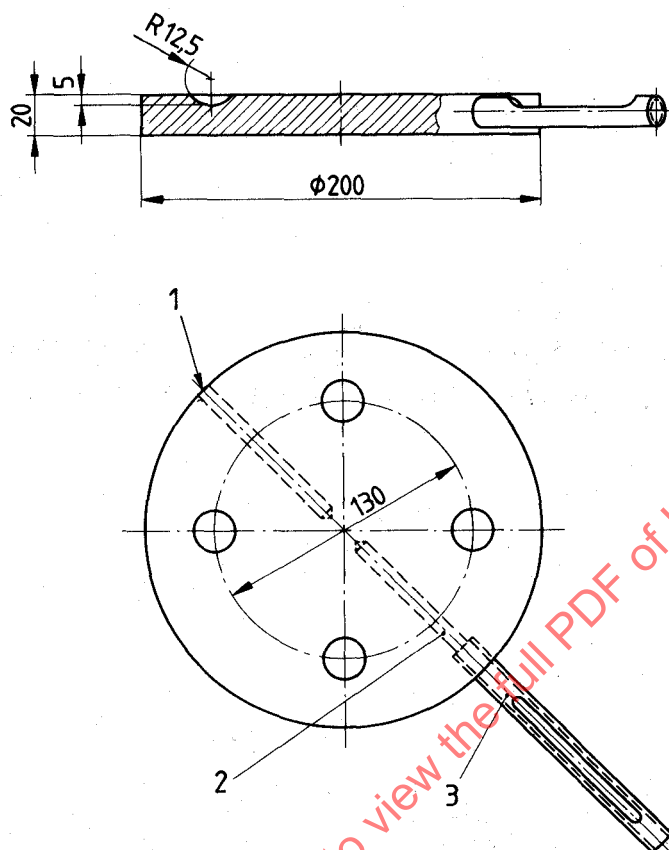
3.2 Number of tests

Conduct one or more tests, depending on the requirements of the appropriate International Standard or as agreed between the parties concerned.

3.3 Procedure

Bring the B-transformation test plate (3.1.7) to the required temperature on the hotplate (3.1.2) and place a box, open on one side, round the test plate and hotplate to provide protection against draughts. Pour $0,5 \text{ g} \pm 0,05 \text{ g}$ of phenolic resin into one of the depressions in the test plate and start the stopwatch (3.1.6) when the resin touches the plate. Liquid resins or phenolic resin solutions may be placed in the depression with a syringe (3.1.5). Stir the resin with the glass rod (3.1.3), using short circular movements from the edge of the depression towards the middle.

For longer B-transformation times, stir initially for one minute and then at one-minute intervals for 10 s in each case. If the B-transformation point is reached within a one-minute interval, repeat the test, knowing the approximate test time.

**Key**

- 1 Hole for temperature sensor of thermostatic control device
- 2 Hole for thermometer stem
- 3 Protective metal tube for thermometer

Figure 1 — B-transformation test plate

Towards the end of the test, when the resin becomes viscous, stir continuously. Briefly lift the rod to determine whether the resin will still form fibres. The B-transformation point is reached when resin fibres are no longer formed when the rod is briefly lifted, but instead the resin breaks away in a rubbery mass. When the resin reaches this state, stop the stopwatch. Report the measured time in minutes and seconds.

4 Method B: Determination on a flat plate without depressions

4.1 Apparatus

4.1.1 Thermostatic control device, permissible temperature variation $\pm 0,5$ K.

4.1.2 Hotplate, on which the test plate can be arranged in a suitable manner to obtain optimum heat transfer.

4.1.3 Spatula, about 10 cm long and 1,25 cm wide.

4.1.4 Balance, scale interval 0,01 g.

4.1.5 Syringe.

4.1.6 Stopwatch, with at least 1 s sub-divisions.

4.1.7 B-transformation test plate, measuring approximately 15 cm $\times$ 15 cm, with a hard, chromium-plated surface and fitted with a thermometer in a thermometer well.

4.2 Number of tests

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