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DETERMINATION OF ASH
OF UNPLASTICIZED CELLULOSE ACETATE

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BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 872, *Plastics – Determination of ash of unplasticized cellulose acetate*, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 61, *Plastics*, the Secretariat of which is held by the United States of America Standards Institute (USASI).

Work on this question by the Technical Committee began in 1964 and led, in 1965, to the adoption of a Draft ISO Recommendation.

In March 1967, this Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 1003) was circulated to all the ISO Member Bodies for enquiry. It was approved, subject to a few modifications of an editorial nature, by the following Member Bodies :

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Germany	New Zealand	Yugoslavia
Greece	Poland	

One Member Body opposed the approval of the Draft :

Switzerland

The Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council, which decided, in November 1968, to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.

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1. SCOPE

- 1.1 This ISO Recommendation describes a method for determining the ash of unplasticized cellulose acetate. The ash is formed from the inorganic matter which is present in the product.
- 1.2 The method is intended for cellulose acetate without plasticizers and free of additives, fillers, dyes or other materials which may affect the test.
- 1.3 When plasticizers, additives, fillers or dyes which may affect the test are present, they should be separated by a method agreed between the contracting parties.

2. PRINCIPLE OF THE METHOD

A suitable quantity of cellulose acetate is ignited and then ashed in a muffle furnace at 600 °C. The residue obtained is weighed.

3. APPARATUS

The apparatus consists of the following :

- 3.1 *Crucible*, of silica, platinum or porcelain, capacity between 50 ml and 200 ml.
- 3.2 *Bunsen burner*, with silica triangle and tripod.
- 3.3 *Muffle furnace*, thermostatically controlled at 600 ± 15 °C.
- 3.4 *Analytical balance*, accurate to the nearest 0.0001 g.
- 3.5 *Desiccator*, containing a drying agent, for example, anhydrous calcium chloride.

4. TEST SAMPLE

The moisture content of the test sample should be known, and determined according to ISO Recommendation R 585, *Plastics – Determination of the moisture content of non-plasticized cellulose acetate*.