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Foreword

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— the unit used in the formula to calculate the flexural stiffness in 8.4 and 8.5 has been changed.

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1 Scope

This document specifies three methods for measuring the flexibility of rubber and plastics hoses and tubing (methods A1, B and C1), where the deformation of the hose or tubing is measured, and two methods for measuring the stiffness (methods A2 and C2) by measuring the force required to bend rubber or plastics hoses or tubing to a specific radius at ambient temperature.

Methods A1 and A2 are suitable for rubber and plastics hoses and tubing with inside diameter of up to and including 80 mm.

Method A1 allows the measurement of the flexibility of the hose or tubing by measuring the reduction in outside diameter when the hose is compressed between two plates.

Method A2 provides a means of measuring the force required to reach a specific bend radius when the hose or tubing is compressed, as between two plates. The test can be carried out at a specified internal pressure.

Method B is suitable for rubber and plastics hoses and tubing with inside diameter of up to and including 100 mm, and provides a means of assessing the behaviour of the hose and tubing when bent around a mandrel. The final mandrel diameter used can be taken as the minimum bend radius of the hose or tubing. As this value is determined by the reduction of the outside diameter, it can be used as a measure of the flexibility of the hose or tubing. The hose or tubing being tested can be unpressurized, pressurized or under vacuum and, if required, with the curvature or against the curvature of the hose or tubing, if such curvature is present.

Methods C1 and C2 are suitable for rubber and plastics hoses and tubing with inside diameter of 100 mm and greater.

Method C1 provides a means of determining the flexibility of the hose and tubing at the minimum bend radius.

Method C2 provides a method of measuring the stiffness of the hose and tubing at the minimum bend radius.

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 4671, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Methods of measurement of the dimensions of hoses and the lengths of hose assemblies*

ISO 8330, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Vocabulary*

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ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8330 and the following apply.

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— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

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3.1
bending
shaping or forcing something straight into a curve or angle at a specified temperature

3.2
flexibility
ease of *bending* (3.1) a hose without it being damaged by kinking, collapse, breaking or cracking

Note 1 to entry: A hose can be bent around a mandrel, for example.

3.3
stiffness
resistance of a hose to *bending* (3.1)

3.4
hose deformation
ovality obtained when a hose is compressed or *bent* (3.1) around a mandrel

Note 1 to entry: This may be measured by the reduction in the outside or inside diameter.

3.5
flexural stiffness
measure of the resistance of a hose to *bending* (3.1)

3.6
dynamometer
force measuring device

4 Method A1

4.1 Apparatus

The apparatus shall consist of two guides, A and B, guide A being fixed in a plane and guide B being movable in that plane, parallel to and in line with, guide A [see Figure 1a)].

If it is desired to measure the force to attain the specified radius of curvature, this may be done, for example, by means of pulleys and weights. Care shall be taken to minimize the effects of frictional resistance (see Figure 2).

4.2 Hose test pieces

4.2.1 Types and dimensions

The hose test pieces shall consist either of complete manufactured lengths of hose or suitable test lengths. If the manufactured length is shorter than the length required for the test, hose test pieces of adequate length shall be specially manufactured.

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