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— publication dates of references have been removed;

— the term “system peak” has been added to Figure 4;

— molecular mass has been changed to molecular weight according to IUPAC rule.

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Plastics — Determination of average molecular weight and molecular weight distribution of polymers using size-exclusion chromatography —

Part 1: General principles

1 Scope

This document specifies a general method for determining the average molecular weight and the molecular weight distribution of polymers using size-exclusion chromatography (SEC).

The average molecular weight and the molecular weight distribution are calculated from a calibration curve constructed using polymer standards if using one of the SEC techniques described in ISO 16014-2 to ISO 16014-4 or from a calibration curve constructed using absolute molecular weight data if using size-exclusion chromatography coupled with light-scattering detection (SEC-LS) as described in ISO 16014-5.

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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 16014-2, *Plastics — Determination of average molecular weight and molecular weight distribution of polymers using size-exclusion chromatography — Part 2: Universal calibration method*

ISO 16014-3, *Plastics — Determination of average molecular weight and molecular weight distribution of polymers using size-exclusion chromatography — Part 3: Low-temperature method*

ISO 16014-4, *Plastics — Determination of average molecular weight and molecular weight distribution of polymers using size-exclusion chromatography — Part 4: High-temperature method*

ISO 16014-5, *Plastics — Determination of average molecular weight and molecular weight distribution of polymers using size-exclusion chromatography — Part 5: Light-scattering method*

3 Terms and definitions

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

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light-scattering detection
LS detection
technique for determining the mass or size of polymer molecules dissolved in solution by measuring the light scattered by the polymer molecules

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