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— Clause 4: the possible use of water baths, oil baths or heat blocks was added for method B.

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Introduction

The action of a liquid on vulcanized or thermoplastic rubber can generally result in:

a) absorption of the liquid by the rubber;

b) extraction of soluble constituents from the rubber;

c) a chemical reaction with the rubber.

The amount of absorption [a)] is usually larger than that of extraction [b)], so that the net result is an increase in volume, commonly termed “swelling”. The absorption of liquid can profoundly alter physical and chemical properties and hence change tensile strength, extensibility and hardness of the rubber, so it is important to measure these properties after treatment of the rubber. The extraction of soluble constituents, especially plasticizers and antidegradants can likewise alter the rubber's physical properties and chemical resistance after drying (assuming the liquid to be volatile). Therefore, it is necessary to test these properties following immersion and drying of the rubber. This document describes the methods necessary for determining the following properties after immersion and after immersion and drying:

— change in mass, volume and dimensions;

— extractable matter;

— change in hardness and tensile stress-strain properties.

Although in some respects these tests can simulate service conditions, no direct correlation with service behaviour is implied. Thus, the rubber giving the lowest change in volume is not necessarily the best one in service. The thickness of the rubber must be taken into account, since the rate of penetration of liquid is time-dependent and the bulk of a very thick rubber product can remain unaffected for the whole of the projected service life, especially with viscous liquids. Moreover, it is known that the action of a liquid on rubber, especially at high temperatures, can be affected by the presence of atmospheric oxygen. The tests described in this document can, however, provide valuable information on the suitability of a rubber for use with a given liquid and, in particular, constitute a useful control when used for developing rubbers resistant to oils, fuels or other service liquids.

The effect of a liquid can depend on the nature and magnitude of any stress within the rubber. In this document, test pieces are tested in an unstressed condition.

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Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of the effect of liquids

1 Scope

This document describes methods of evaluating the resistance of vulcanized and thermoplastic rubbers to the action of liquids by measurement of properties of the rubbers before and after immersion in test liquids. The liquids concerned include current service liquids, such as petroleum derivatives, organic solvents and chemical reagents, as well as reference test liquids.

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 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 48-2, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness — Part 2: Hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD*

ISO 18899:2013, *Rubber — Guide to the calibration of test equipment*

ISO 18899, *Rubber — Guide to the calibration of test equipment*

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

ASTM D5964-16, *Standard Practice for Rubber IRM 901, IRM 902, and IRM 903 Replacement Oils for ASTM No. 1, ASTM No. 2, ASTM No. 3 Oils, and IRM 905 formerly ASTM No. 5 Oil*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

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

4 Apparatus

4.1 General

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