



Standard Test Method for Rubber Property—Resilience Using a Goodyear-Healey Rebound Pendulum¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of impact resilience and penetration of rubber by means of the Goodyear-Healey rebound pendulum, see Fig. 1.

1.1.1 The term rubber, used within this method, shall refer to those substances classified as thermoplastic elastomers, vulcanized (thermoset) rubber, elastomeric materials, and cellular materials.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only. Many of the stated dimensions in SI are direct conversions from the U.S. Customary System to accommodate the instrumentation, practices and procedures that existed prior to the Metric Conversion Act of 1975.

1.3 All materials, instruments, or equipment used for the determination of mass, force, direction, temperature or dimension shall have traceability to the National Institute for Standards and Technology, or other internationally recognized organization parallel in nature.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 3182 Practice for Rubber—Materials, Equipment, and Procedures for Mixing Standard Compounds and Preparing Standard Vulcanized Sheets²

D 3183 Practice for Rubber—Preparation of Pieces for Test Purposes from Products²

D 4483 Practice for Determining Precision for Test Method Standards in the Rubber and Carbon Black Industries²

E 145 Specification for Gravity—Convection and Forced-Ventilation Ovens³

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 *Impact Resilience*—A freely falling pendulum hammer that is dropped from a given height impacts a test specimen, imparting a certain amount of energy. A portion of that energy is returned by the specimen to the pendulum and may be measured by the extent to which the pendulum rebounds. Since the energy of the pendulum is proportional to the vertical component of the displacement of the pendulum, it may be expressed as $1 - \cos$ (of the angle of displacement) and impact resilience. *RB*, is readily determined from the equation.

$$RB = \frac{1 - \cos (\text{angle of rebound})}{1 - \cos (\text{original angle})} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

3.1.1 The value *RB* is commonly called percentage rebound.

3.2 *Penetration*—Dynamic stiffness is a factor that influences impact resilience. A convenient index of stiffness is the depth to which the penetration striker penetrates the test specimen upon impact.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 The Goodyear-Healey⁴ rebound pendulum is designed to measure percent resilience of a rubber compound as an indication of hysteretic energy loss that can also be defined by the relationship between storage modulus and loss modulus. The percent rebound measured is inversely proportional to the hysteretic loss.

4.2 Deflection is determined by measuring the depth of penetration of the rebound ball into the rubber block under test.

4.3 Percent resilience and deflection are commonly used in quality control testing of polymers and compounding chemicals, especially reinforcing material.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Rebound Pendulum*—The Goodyear-Healey rebound pendulum (see Fig. 1) shall consist of the following:

5.1.1 Ball bearings (1), which support the pendulum,

5.1.2 Free swinging pendulum (2),

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 09.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.04.

⁴ This instrument is no longer available from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Process Engineering and System Designs, Dept. 109 E, 1144 East Market Street, Akron, OH 44316. Technical and engineering drawings for its manufacture and the reproduction of replacement parts are available from ASTM at a nominal cost. Request Adjunct Number ADJD1054.