



Standard Specification for Nonrigid Vinyl Chloride Polymer and Copolymer Molding and Extrusion Compounds¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers nonrigid vinyl chloride polymer and copolymer classes in which the resin portion of the composition contains at least 90 % vinyl chloride. The remaining 10 % can include one or more monomers copolymerized with vinyl chloride or consist of other resins mechanically blended with polyvinyl chloride or copolymers thereof.

1.2 These nonrigid vinyl compounds are defined by a hardness range and include the necessary stabilizers, plasticizers, fillers, dyes, and pigments to meet the designated requirements.

1.3 This specification includes nonrigid vinyl chloride compounds recommended for compression molding, injection molding, and extrusion, but it must be recognized that particular compounds are not suitable for all these means of fabrication.

NOTE 1—This standard and ISO 2898-1 and ISO 2898-2 address the same subject matter, but differ in technical content.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.5 *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.*

1.6 The text of this specification references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of this specification.

1.7 Recycle PVC plastics meeting the requirements of this specification may be used in some applications. Refer to the

specific requirements in the Materials and Manufacture section of the applicable product standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D257 Test Methods for DC Resistance or Conductance of Insulating Materials
- D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing
- D635 Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Plastics in a Horizontal Position
- D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
- D746 Test Method for Brittleness Temperature of Plastics and Elastomers by Impact
- D792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement
- D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics
- D1203 Test Methods for Volatile Loss From Plastics Using Activated Carbon Methods
- D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
- D2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness
- D3182 Practice for Rubber—Materials, Equipment, and Procedures for Mixing Standard Compounds and Preparing Standard Vulcanized Sheets
- D3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics

2.2 ISO Standards:³

- ISO 2898-1 Plastics—Plasticizer Compounds of Homopolymers and Copolymers of Vinyl Chloride (PVC-P)
- ISO 2898-2 Plastics—Plasticizer Compounds of Homopolymers and Copolymers of Vinyl Chloride (PVC-P)—Part 2 Preparation of Test Specimens and Determination of Properties

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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