



Standard Test Method for Rubber Property—Abrasion Resistance (Rotary Drum Abrader)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the measurement of abrasion resistance of rubbers (vulcanized thermoset rubbers and thermoplastic elastomers) that are subject to abrasive/frictional wear in actual service. The abrasion resistance is measured by moving a test piece across the surface of an abrasive sheet mounted to a revolving drum, and is expressed as volume loss in cubic millimetres or abrasion resistance index in percent. For volume loss, a smaller number indicates better abrasion resistance, while for the abrasion resistance index, a smaller number denotes poorer abrasion resistance.

1.2 Test results obtained by this test method shall not be assumed to represent the wear behavior of rubber products experienced in actual service.

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

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:²

D297 Test Methods for Rubber Products—Chemical Analysis

D1765 Classification System for Carbon Blacks Used in Rubber Products

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

D4483 Practice for Evaluating Precision for Test Method Standards in the Rubber and Carbon Black Manufacturing Industries

2.2 Other Standards:

DIN 53516 Determination of Abrasion Resistance³

ISO 868 Plastics and Ebonite—Determination of Indentation Hardness by Means of a Durometer (Shore Hardness)⁴

ISO 2393 Rubber Test Mixes—Preparation, Mixing and Vulcanization—Equipment and Procedures⁴

ISO 2781 Rubber, Vulcanized—Determination of Density⁴

ISO 4649 Rubber—Determination of Abrasion Resistance Using a Rotating Cylindrical Drum Device⁴

ISO 5725 Precision of Test Methods—Determination of Repeatability and Reproducibility for a Standard Test Method by Interlaboratory Tests⁴

ISO 7619 Rubber—Determination of Indentation Hardness by Means of Pocket Hardness Meters⁴

ISO 9298 Rubber Compounding Ingredients—Zone Oxide Test Methods⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 *abrasion loss, A*, (mm^3), *n*—the volume loss of a defined rubber test piece determined by sliding the test piece under specified conditions over the surface of an abrasive sheet of “nominal abrasiveness” (S_0) mounted to a rotating drum of specified dimensions.

NOTE 1—This corresponds to the test method of DIN 53516 and to Method A (Relative volume loss) of ISO 4649:1985. The same calculation could be made for the other test methods if the proper value for the “nominal abrasiveness” (S_0) for the test method were known or assumed. (150 mg has been indicated as a possible value for Method D but its accuracy has not been established to the degree of the Method A value.)

3.1.1 *Discussion*—The designation A_A is used to indicate that the test was run in accordance with Method A.

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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.

³ Available from Beuth Verlag GmbH (DIN-- DIN Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V.), Burggrafenstrasse 6, 10787, Berlin, Germany.

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.