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Standard Practice for Separation of Contaminants in Polymers Using an Extruder Filter Test¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice covers a means to separate the unmolten particles, gels, and impurities contaminating a polymer sample. The procedure may be used to remove gels and incompatible materials that may cause imperfections in the final extruded product. Under pressure, most gels will break up or deform and pass through a wire mesh filter, however high molecular weight gels may not break up or deform.

1.2 Materials isolated on a wire mesh filter can be identified by spectroscopic or other analytical means.

NOTE 1—Although not presented as a quantitative method, the procedure presented in this practice may be used to provide quantitative results at the discretion of the user. The user assumes the responsibility to verify the reproducibility of quantitative results. Detection limit depends on the mesh size of the filter screen, but the procedure is generally applicable to the separation of immiscible contaminants present at concentrations greater than 0.1 %.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard.

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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For specific hazards statements, see Section 8

NOTE 2—There is no known ISO equivalent to this standard.

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D20 on Plastics and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D20.95 on Recycled Plastics.

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics

D1238 Test Method for Melt Flow Rates of Thermoplastics by Extrusion Plastometer

D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms that appear in this specification relating to plastics, refer to Terminology D883. For abbreviations that appear in the specification, refer to Terminology D1600.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 This practice determines the relative contamination level that can cause undesirable imperfections in the extruded product due to contaminants and gels. Although this practice is not designed to provide an absolute measurement of contamination level, using appropriate criteria, the rate of this pressure rise can be correlated to the relative contamination level.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Problems with extrusion and subsequent processing of the material are caused, in part, by the presence of paper, metal, gels, incompatible polymers, or other extraneous contamination found in polymers.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Extruder*, designed to deliver a continuous supply of molten resin to a filter at a uniform rate with good temperature control. Extruders with 18 to 64-mm diameters have been found to be satisfactory.

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.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard