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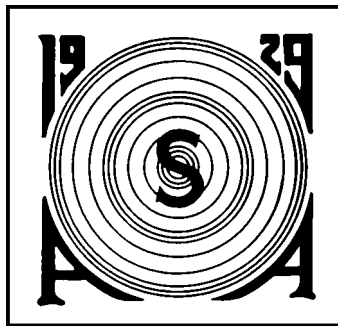
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**Abstract**

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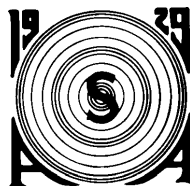
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## Foreword

[This Foreword is for information only, and is not a part of ANSI S2.21-1998 *American National Standard Method for Preparation of a Standard Material for Dynamic Mechanical Measurements*.]

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## American National Standard

# Method for Preparation of a Standard Material for Dynamic Mechanical Measurements

## 0 Introduction

**0.1** This Standard concerns the preparation of a standard material for use in the calibration of instruments for measuring the dynamic mechanical properties of viscoelastic materials.

**0.2** The standard material is chemically classified as a polyurethane.

**0.3** The component materials required for the preparation of the standard material are specified in clause 4.

**0.4** The laboratory equipment required for the preparation of the standard material is specified in clause 5.

**0.5** In the context of this Standard, the phrase "dynamic mechanical properties" means the logarithmic frequency dependence of modulus and loss factor at a given reference temperature.

## 1 Scope, purpose, and applications

### 1.1 Scope

This Standard applies to the preparation of a standard material for calibration of instruments for measuring the dynamic mechanical properties of viscoelastic materials.

### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to assist users of dynamic mechanical test equipment in preparing the standard material from its basic components.

### 1.3 Applications

The standard material is used for the calibration of new instruments in comparison with other instruments and in checking the operation of the same instrument at different times.

## 2 Informative references

[1] *ASTM Method D2572-91. Standard Test Method for Isocyanate Groups in Urethane Materials or Prepolymers.*

[2] W. M. Madigosky and G. F. Lee, "Improved resonance technique for material characterization," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **73**, 1374-1377 (1983).

[3] J. D. Ferry, *Viscoelastic Properties of Polymers*, 3rd ed., Wiley, New York, 1980, pp 264-320.

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Standard, the following definitions apply:

**3.1 polyurethane.** A polymer containing the group -NHCOO-.

**3.2 glycol.** A compound terminated with -OH groups.

**3.3 diisocyanate.** A compound terminated with -NCO groups.

**3.4 pre-polymer.** Low molecular weight material formed by the reaction of a glycol with a large excess of diisocyanate.

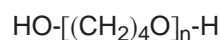
**3.5 chain extender.** Compound terminated with -OH groups added to a pre-polymer to complete the reaction of the isocyanate groups and form the final polymer.

## 4 Components

The material shall be a three component system: a glycol, a diisocyanate, and a chain extender blend of two chemicals.

### 4.1 Glycol

The glycol shall be polytetramethylene ether glycol of nominal molecular weight 2000. Abbreviation: PTMG2000. The chemical formula for this component is



where the value of  $n$  determines the molecular weight. CAS Registry numbers 25190-0601 and 24979-97-3.