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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 16589-4:2001), which has been technically revised.

ISO 16589 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rotary shaft lip-type seals incorporating thermoplastic sealing elements*:

- *Part 1: Nominal dimensions and tolerances*
- *Part 2: Vocabulary*
- *Part 3: Storage, handling and installation*
- *Part 4: Performance test procedures*
- *Part 5: Identification of visual imperfections*

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## Introduction

Rotary shaft lip-type seals are used to retain fluid in equipment where the differential pressure is relatively low. Typically, the shaft rotates and the housing is stationary, although in some applications the shaft is stationary and the housing rotates.

Dynamic sealing is normally the result of a designed interference fit between the shaft and a flexible element incorporated in the seal.

Similarly, a designed interference fit between the outside diameter of the seal and the diameter of the housing bore retains the seal and prevents static leakage.

Careful storage and handling and proper installation of all seals are necessary to avoid hazards, both prior to and during installation, which would adversely affect service life.

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## Part 4: Performance test procedures

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### 1 Scope

ISO 16589 specifies seals utilizing sealing elements manufactured from suitably formulated compounds based on thermoplastic materials, such as polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE). They are considered suitable for use under low pressure conditions.

This part of ISO 16589 specifies general performance tests which can be used for seal qualification purposes. Materials quality control, dynamic testing, and supplementary low temperature testing requirements are covered.

NOTE ISO 16589 is complementary to ISO 6194, which covers seals incorporating elastomeric sealing elements.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5598, *Fluid power systems and components — Vocabulary*

ISO 16589-1, *Rotary shaft lip-type seals incorporating thermoplastic sealing elements — Part 1: Nominal dimensions and tolerances*

ISO 16589-2, *Rotary shaft lip-type seals incorporating thermoplastic sealing elements — Part 2: Vocabulary*