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- revision of definition of glass transition step height;
- correction of unit of glass transition step height;
- assessment of methods for determination of T_g ;
- revision of rounding of T_g ;
- strong restriction of re-using crucibles.

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Part 2:

Determination of glass transition temperature and step height

1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the determination of the glass transition temperature and the step height related to the glass transition of amorphous and partially crystalline plastics.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 11357-1, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 1: General principles*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472 and ISO 11357-1 and the following apply.

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

glass transition temperature

T_g

characteristic value of the temperature range over which the glass transition takes place

Note 1 to entry: The assigned glass transition temperature (T_g) may vary, depending on the specific property and on the method and conditions selected to measure it.

3.2

glass transition step height

$\Delta c_p(T_g)$

difference of specific heat capacity of the upper and lower extrapolated baselines at T_g

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#).

Note 2 to entry: For partially crystalline polymers, the glass transition step height is proportional to the amorphous content.

4 Principle

The principle is specified in ISO 11357-1.