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- ISO 3205 (withdrawn) has been deleted from [Clause 2](#);
- the figure keys have been revised;
- nominal viscometer constant has been added to [Table 1](#);

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## Part 1: General principles

### 1 Scope

This document defines the general conditions for the determination of the reduced viscosity, intrinsic viscosity and *K*-value of organic polymers in dilute solution. It defines the standard parameters that are applied to viscosity measurement.

This document is used to develop standards for measuring the viscosities in solution of individual types of polymer. It is also used to measure and report the viscosities of polymers in solution for which no separate standards exist.

### 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 3105, *Glass capillary kinematic viscometers — Specifications and operating instructions*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

ISO 80000-4, *Quantities and units — Part 4: Mechanics*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 80000-1, ISO 80000-4 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 Terms related to any liquid

##### 3.1.1

##### **viscosity**

property of a fluid sheared between two parallel plates, one of which moves relative to the other in uniform rectilinear motion in its own plane, defined by the Newton formula

$$\tau = \eta \dot{\gamma}$$

where