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The main changes are as follows:

- the optional use of a cooling device has been added;
- the temperature calibration using the single sensor-DTA technique has been added;
- additional temperature calibration specimens have been specified for different deformation techniques;
- the list of temperature calibration substances has been extended;
- a correction method taking into account the influence of the change of length of the measuring probe has been added.

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WARNING — The use of this document can involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. It does not purport to address all of the safety or environmental problems associated with its use.

1 Scope

This document specifies the general conditions for the thermomechanical analysis of thermoplastics and thermosetting materials, filled or unfilled, in the form of sheet or moulded parts.

Thermomechanical analysis consists of the determination of deformations of a test specimen under constant load as a function of temperature and/or time.

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 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 11359-2, *Plastics — Thermomechanical analysis (TMA) — Part 2: Determination of coefficient of linear thermal expansion and glass transition temperature*

ISO 11359-3, *Plastics — Thermomechanical analysis (TMA) — Part 3: Determination of penetration temperature*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principle

The deformation of a material under constant or variable stress is measured as a function of time at a constant temperature or as a function of temperature.

5 Apparatus

The components of a basic thermomechanical analyser consist of the following.