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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 11403-2:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the titles of [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#) have been modified and Key tables have been added;
- the procedure for getting enthalpy/temperature curve ([6.2](#)) has been updated;
- the procedure for getting linear-expansion/temperature curve ([6.3](#)) has been updated;
- footnotes regarding transition temperatures have been added in [Tables 2](#) and [3](#);
- an explanation that [Clauses 4](#) and [5](#) do not apply in to enthalpy/temperature curve and melt shear viscosity, [6.2](#) and [6.4](#) respectively, has been added.

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## Introduction

This document has been prepared because users of plastics find sometimes that available data cannot be used readily to compare the properties of similar materials, especially when the data have been supplied by different sources. Even when the same standard tests have been used, they often allow the adoption of a wide range of alternative test conditions, and the data obtained are not necessarily comparable. The purpose of this document is to identify specific methods and conditions of test to be used for the acquisition and presentation of data in order that valid comparisons between materials can be made.

The ISO 10350 series is concerned with single-point data. Such data represent the most basic method for characterizing materials and are useful for the initial stages of material selection. This document identifies test conditions and procedures for the measurement and presentation of a more substantial quantity of data. Each property here is characterized by multipoint data which demonstrate how that property depends upon important variables such as time, temperature and environmental effects. Additional properties are also considered in this document. These data, therefore, enable more discriminating decisions to be made regarding a material's suitability for a particular application. Some data are also considered adequate for undertaking predictions of performance in service and of optimum processing conditions for moulding a component, although it should be recognized that, for purposes of design, additional data will often be needed. One reason for this is that some properties are strongly dependent upon the physical structure of the material. The test procedures referred to in this document employ, where possible, the multipurpose tensile bar, and the polymer structure in this test specimen may be significantly different from that in specific regions of a moulded component. Under these circumstances, therefore, the data will not be suitable for accurate design calculations for product performance. The material supplier should be consulted for specific information on the applicability of data.

The ISO 10350 series and the ISO 11403 series, together, define the means for acquiring and presenting a core set of comparable data for use in material selection. Use of these International Standards results in a rationalization of effort and a reduction of cost associated with provision of these data. Furthermore, reference to these standards will simplify the development of data models for the computerized storage and exchange of data concerning material properties.

Where appropriate, values for test variables have been specified by this document. For some tests however, owing to the wide range of conditions over which different plastics perform, the standard gives guidance in the selection of certain test conditions so that they cover the operating range for that polymer. Because, in general, the properties and performance specifications for different polymers differ widely, there is no obligation to generate data under all the test conditions specified in this document.

Data on a wide range of properties are needed to enable plastics to be selected and used in the large variety of applications to which they are suited. ISO standards describe experimental procedures which are suitable for the acquisition of relevant information on many of these properties. For other properties, however, ISO standards either do not exist or exhibit shortcomings that complicate their use at present for the generation of comparable data (see [Annex A](#)). The ISO 11403 series has therefore been divided into parts so that each part can be developed independently. In this way, additional properties can be included as new or revised standards become available.