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Partie 1: Essais sous allongement statique et dynamique



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This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition (ISO 1431-1:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- relative humidity has been added as a selection of test condition in the scope (<u>Clause 1</u>);
- test chamber with humidity control has been specified in <u>5.2</u>;
- specification for high humidity test has been added in <u>5.5</u> and <u>9.3</u>;
- dumbbell type test piece has been added in 7.4;
- exposure period has been specified in <u>9.5</u>;
- two evaluation methods (visual observation and image analysis) have been added in <u>Clause 12</u>;
- determination of the changes in physical or chemical properties has been added in 12.4.

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#### Introduction

Ozone is generally present in small amounts in the atmosphere. However, even very small amounts of ozone can cause cracking in susceptible rubbers under tensile strain, resulting in loss of strength. Hence, it is necessary to test the resistance of rubbers to exposure to ozone.

Because of the uncertainties of natural exposure, testing for ozone resistance of rubbers is normally done in the laboratory using specially designed ozone cabinets.

Great caution is necessary in attempting to relate standard test results to service performance since the relative ozone resistance of different rubbers can vary markedly depending on the conditions, especially ozone concentration, temperature and relative humidity. In addition, tests are carried out on thin test pieces deformed in tension and the significance of attack for articles in service can be quite different owing to the effects of size and of the type and magnitude of the deformation.

Explanatory notes on the nature of ozone cracking are given in Annex A.