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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 20753:2008) which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- updating and amending the normative references in [Clause 2](#);
- introducing the plate with dimensions 120 mm × 80 mm × 2 mm.

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## Introduction

Information on plastics test specimens has been specified in several different locations: in test method standards (e.g. ISO 527-2), in ISO 3167 (for multipurpose test specimens) and in ISO 294-1, ISO 294-2, ISO 294-3 and ISO 294-5 (for moulding conditions). The aim of this document is to give the designations and dimensions of test specimens used for the acquisition of comparable data, and also of other frequently used specimens, in one document for ease of reference. Other International Standards that have hitherto used different designations for the same specimen type will also be revised to bring the designations into line with those in this document.

ISO 3167 is intended to be withdrawn after reference to ISO 3167 in International Standards is gradually replaced with the appropriate test specimen defined in this document.