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Introduction

For reproducible test results, specimens with a defined state are required. In contrast to injection moulding, the aim of compression moulding is to produce test specimens and sheets for machining or stamping of test specimens that are homogeneous and isotropic.

In the process of compression moulding, mixing of material takes place on a negligible scale. Granules and powders fuse only at their surfaces and preforms (milled sheets) are only partially softened.

Isotropic and homogeneous specimens can, therefore, only be obtained when the moulding material is itself homogeneous and isotropic. This has to be considered when processing multiphase materials, such as ABS, which retain their internal structure.