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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4662:1986), which has been technically revised. The main change is the incorporation of a second method using a tripsometer. This method gives generally similar results, but uses a smaller test piece. Reference is also made to ISO 23529, which has replaced ISO 471, ISO 3383 and ISO 4661-1.

Introduction

When rubber is deformed, an energy input is involved; part of which is returned when the rubber returns to its original shape. That part of the energy which is not returned as mechanical energy is dissipated as heat in the rubber.

The ratio of the energy returned to the energy applied is termed the resilience. When the deformation is an indentation due to a single impact, this ratio is termed the rebound resilience.

The value of the rebound resilience for a given material is not a fixed quantity, but varies with temperature, strain distribution (determined by the type of indentor and test piece and by their dimensions), strain rate (determined by the velocity of the indentor,), strain energy (determined by the mass and velocity of the indentor) and strain history. Strain history is particularly important in the case of filler-loaded polymers, where the stress-softening effect necessitates a mechanical conditioning.

This variation of resilience with conditions is an inherent property of polymers, which can therefore only be fully evaluated if tests are carried out over a wide range of conditions. The factors described may have a different quantitative influence on resilience. While temperature may critically affect resilience near transition regions of the material tested, factors connected with time and amplitude of indentation have only moderate effects, and fairly wide tolerances may be admissible for them.

Ideally, rebound resilience should be measured on a test piece the back surface of which is bonded to a rigid support in order to avoid friction losses due to slippage during the impact. Since the use of bonded test pieces is impractical in many applications, unbonded test pieces are used. Frictional losses are avoided by secure clamping of the test piece.

To approach these ideal conditions in a practical apparatus, it is necessary to put limitations upon the hardness (see ISO 48) of the rubber that may be tested: on the hard side to avoid unusual requirements of rigidity in the apparatus; on the soft side to avoid difficulties in clamping.

If a defined set of mechanical conditions and an appropriate apparatus are selected, a standard value of rebound resilience at any temperature can be obtained with a satisfactory degree of reproducibility.