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Foreword

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Introduction

A number of different exposure techniques can be used to provide information on the effects of environmental stresses such as light, heat and water on rubbers. Each of these has its own particular application and relevance. Explanation of, and guidance on, methods for exposure to natural and artificial weathering is given in the introduction to ISO 877:1994 and in ISO 4892-1. Particular guidance on exposure to determine resistance to ozone is given in ISO 1431-1. The methods for exposure to weathering standardized for plastic materials are essentially suitable for rubbers and hence this standard refers to the relevant ISO standards for plastics for the apparatus and procedures.

It is desirable that the procedures for the determination of changes in properties should be the same whatever exposure is used and that the results should be expressed in a uniform manner. Such procedures are specified in this standard.

Exposure to weathering alters the properties of the material, particularly in the surface layer. The test method used to determine changes in properties should be selected after consideration of the properties of the material which are important in its proposed application and taking into account the fact that degradation may be concentrated at the surface layer. The methods chosen should be capable of measuring change in properties with sufficient precision within the ranges which are important in practice, so as to provide significant criteria of change.