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## Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of blocking resistance

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Détermination de la résistance au blocage*



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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 5978:1990), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the definition of "blocking" ([3.1](#)) has been revised;
- strips of filter paper have been added to the list of apparatus ([Clause 4](#));
- tolerances have been added to the dimensions of test pieces ([Clause 6](#));
- conditioning of test pieces has been clarified ([Clause 7](#));
- a temperature of  $(70 \pm 2)$  °C and a duration of 3 h have been added as standard test conditions (others are also allowed).

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## Introduction

Blocking tests at elevated temperatures are designed to estimate the relative resistance of rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics to blocking. For this purpose, the coated fabric is subjected to a specified load over a defined area at a specific temperature.