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## Foreword

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# Plastics — Film and sheeting — Determination of tear resistance — Part 2: Elmendorf method

## 0 Introduction

ISO 6383 consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Trouser tear method.

Part 2: Elmendorf method.

## 1 Scope and field of application

**1.1** This part of ISO 6383 specifies a method of determining the force required to propagate a tear through a specified distance and from a specified slit, cut in a test specimen of thin flexible plastic sheeting or film, under specified conditions of loading.

The upper limit of thickness that can be tested depends on the tearing force of the material in relation to the capacity of the testing machine.

Materials that can be tested according to this method include flexible poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) and polyolefin films, but variable elongation and oblique tearing effects on the more extensible films may cause poor reproducibility of test results. This method may not be suitable for testing more rigid materials such as rigid PVC, nylon and polyester films.

**1.2** The tear resistance test specified by this method is applied to specimens cut from semi-finished and finished products. The test is suitable for the control of production and manufactured products as well as for acceptance or rejection testing under specifications for semi-finished and finished products, provided that it has been demonstrated that the data for a particular material are acceptably reproducible.

**1.3** There is no direct linear relationship between tearing force and specimen thickness. Data from this method are expressed as tearing force in newtons, with specimen thickness also reported. Only data obtained at the same thickness should be compared because sets of data from specimens of dissimilar thickness are generally not comparable.

## 2 References

ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing.*

ISO 4591, *Plastics — Film and sheeting — Determination of average thickness of a sample and average thickness and yield of a roll by gravimetric techniques (gravimetric thickness).*

ISO 4593, *Plastics — Film and sheeting — Determination of thickness by mechanical scanning.*

## 3 Definition

For the purpose of this part of ISO 6383, the following definition applies.

**tear resistance:** The force, in newtons, required to tear a test specimen by the specified method.

## 4 Principle

A test specimen having a specified precut slit is subjected to a tearing force generated by the energy stored in a pendulum of specified dimensions. The energy expended in tearing the specimen is used to calculate the tear resistance of the specimen.

## 5 Apparatus

The test machine shall be of the Elmendorf type (an example of a suitable test machine is shown diagrammatically in figure 1), comprising the following.

**5.1 Stationary jaw,** accurately aligned with a movable jaw carried on a pendulum, preferably formed by a sector of a circle, free to swing on ball bearings or other substantially frictionless bearings. Each jaw shall have a clamping surface of not less than 25 mm in the horizontal direction [dimension *b* (see