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Partie 2: Méthode au duromètre de poche étalonné en DIDC



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Foreword

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ISO 7619 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic* — *Determination of indentation hardness*:

- Part 1: Durometer method (Shore hardness)
- Part 2: IRHD pocket meter method

Introduction

The hardness of rubber, as measured by an IRHD pocket meter or a Shore durometer, is determined from the complex response of the rubber to an applied indentation. An IRHD pocket meter is a portable hand-held durometer calibrated to measure on the IRHD scale. The measurement will depend upon:

- a) the elastic modulus of the rubber;
- b) the viscoelastic properties of the rubber;
- c) the thickness of the test piece;
- d) the geometry of the indentor;
- e) the pressure exerted;
- f) the rate of increase of pressure;
- g) the interval after which the hardness is recorded.

Because of these factors, it is inadvisable to relate results obtained using an IRHD pocket meter directly to Shore durometer hardness values, although correlations have been established for some individual rubbers and compounds.

NOTE Further information on the relationship between the durometer values and IRHD values is given in the literature^{[3][4][5]}.