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Introduction

This document specifies the requirements for rubber materials to be used for the manufacture of seals and diaphragms. It specifies for that purpose, tests to be carried out on standardized test pieces taken from sheets of material, since the small size of most components in general does not allow the preparation of necessary test samples for carrying out the complete range of tests.

It may be necessary to carry out supplementary tests on the component mounted in the gas appliance or in equipment, to confirm the functional suitability of the component. Such tests should be performed under the most severe service conditions envisaged in the appropriate standards for the gas appliances and/or equipment.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and associated test methods for rubber materials used in gas installations, gas equipment and gas appliances in contact with 1st, 2nd and 3rd family combustible gases as classified in EN 437:2018, additionally LPG, bio methane and bio LPG, in the same quality, are covered. It also establishes a classification based on temperature range and hardness. This document is applicable to materials from which homogeneous seals and homogeneous or reinforced diaphragms are manufactured.

Since the dimensions and shape of the components differ from those of standard test pieces taken from sheet material as used for type testing of the rubber materials according to this document, tolerances have been made in the requirements specified by Annex A for the components with respect to those specified for standard test pieces.

The range of operating temperatures covered by this document is –40 °C to +150 °C.

For applications with potential condensation, this document is not applicable for silicon rubber, e.g. above 200 hPa (200 mbar) nominal pressure or at temperatures below 0 °C with 3rd family gases.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 1183-1:2019, *Plastics - Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics - Part 1: Immersion method, liquid pycnometer method and titration method (ISO 1183-1:2019)*

ISO 37:2017, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*

ISO 48-2:2018, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness – Part 2: Hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD*

ISO 188:2011, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

ISO 815-1:2014, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of compression set — Part 1: At ambient or elevated temperatures*

ISO 815-2:2014, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of compression set — Part 2: At low temperatures*

ISO 1407:2011, *Rubber — Determination of solvent extract*

ISO 1431-1:2012, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Resistance to ozone cracking — Part 1: Static and dynamic strain testing*

ISO 1817:2015, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of the effect of liquids*

[A1] ISO 3384-1:2019, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of stress relaxation in compression — Part 1: Testing at constant temperature* [A1]

ISO 4650:2012, *Rubber — Identification — Infrared spectrometric methods*

ISO 23529:2016, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

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3 Terms and definitions

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ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
rubber material
vulcanised mixture of rubber and ingredients used to manufacture rubber material

3.2
component
finished product manufactured from rubber material

Note 1 to entry For example. O-Rings, diaphragms, …

3.3
seal
component used as an interface between parts of a gas appliance or parts of gas equipment to ensure gas tightness

3.4
diaphragm
component located in a fixture and serving as a flexible gas tight partition between two chambers

3.5
reinforcement
material arranged in or on the elastomeric material, thus reinforcing certain properties of such

Note 1 to entry: For example, the bursting strength of diaphragms.

3.6
rubber compound
mixture of raw rubber and ingredients used to manufacture rubber material

4 Product's information

The following information shall be documented:

— a unique rubber material reference;

— the nominal hardness;

— the maximum working temperature;

— the minimum working temperature;

— whether the material is resistant to ozone;

— whether the material is resistant to condensate/liquid phase of combustible gas;

— for reinforced material, a full specification of the reinforcement, including at least:

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— type of material (for example polyester, nylon, cotton or silk);

— grammage (g/m^2);

— yarn type;

— basic construction;

— yarn count in warp and weft;

— yarn twist.

Diaphragms shall be ozone resistant. Due to the potential risk of damage of any protective surface coating, such as waxes, by dynamic flexing such methods of protection against ozone attack shall not be used without additional protective additives.

5 Classification

Materials shall be classified according to temperature range and hardness as given in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

Table 1 — Temperature classes

Class	Range of operating temperature (°C)	
	from	to
A1	0	60
B1	0	80
C1	0	100
D1	0	125
E1	0	150
A2	−20	60
B2	−20	80
C2	−20	100
D2	−20	125
E2	−20	150
A3	−30	60
B3	−30	80
C3	−30	100
D3	−30	125
E3	−30	150
A4	−40	60
B4	−40	80
C4	−40	100
D4	−40	125
E4	−40	150

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