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- the term laser flash has been replaced by the more general term light flash.

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Part 4: Light flash method

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the thermal diffusivity of a thin solid disc of plastics in the thickness direction by the light flash method. This method is based upon the measurement of the temperature rise at the rear face of the thin-disc specimen produced by a short energy pulse on the front face.

The method is applicable to homogeneous solid plastics as well as composites having an isotropic or orthotropic structure. In general, it covers materials having a thermal diffusivity, α , in the range $1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1} < \alpha < 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$. Measurements can be carried out in gaseous and vacuum environments over a temperature range from $-100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to $+400 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

NOTE For inhomogeneous specimens, the measured values can be specimen thickness dependent.

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.

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

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

ISO 527-1, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 22007-1, *Plastics — Determination of thermal conductivity and thermal diffusivity — Part 1: General principles*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 22007-1 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 pulse width

t_p
duration for which the light pulse intensity is larger than half of its maximum value

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in seconds (s).

3.2**time origin** t_0

start of the light pulse

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in seconds (s).

3.3**maximum temperature rise** $\Delta T_{\max}$

difference between the maximum temperature reached by the rear face of the specimen after the light pulse has passed and its steady temperature before the pulse

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in kelvins (K).

3.4**half-rise time** $t_{1/2}$ time from the *time origin* (3.2) until the rear-face temperature increases by one-half of $\Delta T_{\max}$

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in seconds (s).

3.5**thermogram**

temperature versus time curve for the rear face of the specimen

3.6**thickness** d

dimension of the test specimen in the direction of heat transfer measurement

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in metres (m).

4 Principle

One side of a flat-sheet test specimen is subjected to an energy pulse which has a very short duration compared with the half-rise time (see 6.1) and a uniform spatial energy distribution. The transient temperature rise on the opposite face (rear face) is recorded as a function of time (see Figure 1). The thermal diffusivity is obtained by comparing the experimental thermogram with a theoretical model (see Clause 9 and Annex B).

5 Apparatus**5.1 General**

The apparatus shall be designed to obtain the thermal diffusivity as described in Clause 4 and shall consist of the following main components as shown in Figure 2. These are the furnace or climatic chamber with a specimen holder and temperature measurement device (e.g. thermocouple), the flash source (e.g. laser), the pulse detector, the transient detector (IR detector) and the control, data acquisition and analysis unit.

5.2 Furnace or climatic chamber

The furnace or climatic chamber shall meet the following requirements.

- a) The temperature range shall be appropriate to the range of materials to be studied. Depending on the range of temperature, the specimen is maintained at a constant temperature by a cryostat or by a furnace.