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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17744:2004), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— procedure for measuring amourphous samples with a lower height of the sample once melted has been added;

— a specification for the balance to determine specific volume or density has been added;

— a specification for temperature calibration and position of measurement has been added;

— a specification for further measurement of density in the melt has been added;

— the presentation of results has been revised.

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Introduction

The characterization of changes in specific volume of plastics, as a function of temperature and pressure, is necessary for the purpose of simulation studies and for optimizing polymer processing.

These thermophysical data can be used as they are or modelled in the form of suitable mathematical laws (see References [7] to [12]).

In injection moulding, during the packing phase, most of the flow results from solidification. During solidification, if the plastic is semi-crystalline, the shrinkage is primarily due to crystallization. For materials with high shrinkage and fast cooling rates, material can lose wall contact especially at low holding pressures. *pvT* data are used to model the volumetric shrinkage, which is translated into dimensional changes in the moulding. Also, critical stress areas are detectable with a loss of wall contact.

All the techniques described hereafter are equivalent in their ability to characterize the melt state *pvT* behaviour, the isobaric cooling measurement is the only one which allows characterization of both the supercooling behaviour and the pressure dependency of the transition.

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1 Scope

This document describes procedures for determining the specific volume of plastics as a function of temperature and pressure in both the molten and solid states.

This document specifies the use of a piston-equipped apparatus in which the test sample, held in a measurement cell, is pressurized by means of the piston. Measurements under conditions of constant pressure or constant temperature can be made.

NOTE For the acquisition of data needed for processing design, the isobaric cooling method is found to be more useful, see ISO 17282. The result of this measurement cannot be used directly for injection-moulding simulation.

This document is used to obtain:

— *pvT* diagrams that represent the relationship which exists between pressure, specific volume and temperature for a given material;

— volumetric compressibility and volumetric thermal-expansion coefficients;

— information on first-order and glass transitions as a function of temperature and pressure.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

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

3.1
specific volume
v
volume per unit mass of a material at a given temperature, *T*, and pressure, *p*

Note 1 to entry: Specific volume is expressed in cm^3/g.

3.2
density
ρ
mass per unit volume of a material at a given temperature, *T*, and pressure, *p*

Note 1 to entry: Density is expressed in g/cm^3.

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