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Methods of test**

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Foreword

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1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard specifies methods for testing flexible and semi-rigid cellular plastics made from polyethylene. Cellular plastics containing copolymers of ethylene or blends of polymers with polyethylene may also be tested by the procedures of this International Standard provided these materials have characteristics similar to polyethylene as described in ISO 1872-1, or copolymers of ethylene as described in ISO 4613-1.

1.2 Mandatory tests suitable for characterization of cellular polyethylene, regardless of end use, are described in Clause 7. Optional tests for the determination of properties that are relevant to certain uses are described in Clause 8.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 845:2006, *Cellular plastics and rubbers — Determination of apparent density*

ISO 1663, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of water vapour transmission properties*

ISO 1798, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of tensile strength and elongation at break*

ISO 1856, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of compression set*

ISO 1872-1, *Plastics — Polyethylene (PE) moulding and extrusion materials — Part 1: Designation system and basis for specifications*

ISO 1923, *Cellular plastics and rubbers — Determination of linear dimensions*

ISO 2796, *Cellular plastics, rigid — Test for dimensional stability*

ISO 2896, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of water absorption*

ISO 3386-1, *Polymeric materials, cellular flexible — Determination of stress-strain characteristics in compression — Part 1: Low-density materials*

ISO 3582, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Laboratory assessment of horizontal burning characteristics of small specimens subjected to a small flame*

ISO 4613-1, *Plastics — Ethylene/vinyl acetate (E/VAC) moulding and extrusion materials — Part 1: Designation and specification*

ISO 4651, *Cellular rubbers and plastics — Determination of dynamic cushioning performance*

ISO 7850:1986, *Cellular plastics, rigid — Determination of compressive creep*

ISO 8301, *Thermal insulation — Determination of steady-state thermal resistance and related properties — Heat flow meter apparatus*

ISO 8302, *Thermal insulation — Determination of steady-state thermal resistance and related properties — Guarded hot plate apparatus*

ISO 8497, *Thermal insulation — Determination of steady-state thermal transmission properties of thermal insulation for circular pipes*