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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 4646:1989), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- [Clause 3](#), "Terms and definitions", has been added, and the subsequent clauses have been renumbered;
- in [4.1](#), another type of impact tester which is generally used in the industries has been added in [Figure 1](#) as b);
- in [4.3](#), Dichlorodifluoromethane has been replaced with methylcyclohexane due to its toxicity, and other heat-transfer mediums have also been updated.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a procedure for determining the lowest temperature at which rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics will not exhibit fractures or coating cracks when subjected to specific impact conditions.

Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics are used in many applications involving low-temperature flexing with or without impact. Data obtained by this method can be used to predict the behaviour of these coated fabrics at low temperatures only in the applications in which the conditions of deformation are similar to those specified in the method.

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 2231, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 2286-3, *Rubber- or plastics-coated fabrics — Determination of roll characteristics — Part 3: Method for determination of thickness*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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/>

4 Apparatus and materials

Typical two types of impact testers which are generally used in the industries are shown in [Figure 1](#) a) and b). Some other testers can be commercially available, however, the apparatus used shall meet the requirements specified below for certain components.

4.1 Test piece clamps and striking arm, it shall be designed to hold the test piece(s) as cantilever beam(s). Each individual test piece shall be held firmly and securely in the clamp without causing distortion to the test piece.

The striking edge shall move relative to the test piece(s) along a trajectory normal to the upper surface of the test piece(s) at a linear testing speed of 1,8 m/s to 2,1 m/s at impact and during at least the following 6 mm of travel after impact. In order to maintain this velocity consistently within the heat-