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**Rubber, raw — Determination of  
volatile-matter content —**

Part 2:  
**Thermogravimetric methods using an  
automatic analyser with an infrared  
drying unit**

*Caoutchouc brut — Détermination des matières volatiles —*

*Partie 2: Méthodes thermogravimétriques utilisant un analyseur  
automatique avec une unité de séchage infrarouge*





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## Foreword

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The main change compared to the previous edition is the addition of precision data for isoprene rubber in [Table B.2](#), following an additional ITP conducted by Japan in 2017.

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## Part 2:

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**WARNING** — Persons using this document should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This document does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices.

**CAUTION** — Some procedures specified in this document could involve the use or generation of substances, or the generation of waste, that could constitute a local environmental hazard. Reference should be made to appropriate documentation on safe handling and disposal after use.

## 1 Scope

**1.1** This document specifies two thermogravimetric methods for the determination of moisture and other volatile-matter content in raw rubbers by using an automatic analyser with an infrared drying unit.

**1.2** These methods are applicable to the determination of volatile-matter content in synthetic rubbers (SBR, NBR, BR, IR, CR, IIR, halogenated IIR and EPDM) listed in ISO 1629 and to various forms of raw rubber, such as bale, block, chip, pellet, crumb, powder and sheet. These methods might also be applicable to other raw rubbers only when the change in mass is proven to be due solely to loss of original volatile matter and not to rubber degradation.

**1.3** The methods are not applicable to raw rubbers which need homogenizing as specified in ISO 1795.

**1.4** The hot-mill method and the oven method specified in ISO 248-1 and the methods specified in this document might not give identical results. In cases of dispute, therefore, the oven method, procedure A, specified in ISO 248-1:2011, is the referee method.

**NOTE** These methods can be useful for routine determinations, e.g. quality control, when the measurement conditions for the automatic analyser are fixed for a particular raw rubber or grade of raw rubber.

## 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 248-1, *Rubber, raw — Determination of volatile-matter content — Part 1: Hot-mill method and oven method*

ISO 1795, *Rubber, raw natural and raw synthetic — Sampling and further preparative procedures*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.