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Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 45, *Rubber and rubber products*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Testing and analysis*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 1431-3:2000), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— a calculation error has been corrected in the formula in B.1.4;

— the value of gas constant has been corrected in the formulae in C.2.4 and C.3.4.

— Annex A has been changed from normative to informative, and a citation has been added to Clause 8.

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Introduction

A number of techniques exist for the analysis of gaseous ozone/air mixtures used for ozone crack testing of rubbers. These include wet-chemical procedures, electrochemical cells, UV absorption and chemiluminescence with ethylene.

In principle, the wet-chemical, electrochemical and UV absorption methods are all absolute, but in practice they do not in general yield the same results.

Wet-chemical methods, which usually consist of the absorption of ozone in a potassium iodide solution and titration of the iodine released with sodium thiosulfate, were traditionally used in the rubber industry and were specified in national standards. They are not suitable for continuous operation or control and hence are less desirable in practice than instrumental methods. The results obtained have been shown to be sensitive to small variations in test procedures and the concentration and purity of reagents, and there has been much controversy over the stoichiometry of the reaction.

Electrochemical methods are widely used in the rubber industry and found to be convenient in continuously monitoring and controlling ozone. Chemiluminescence methods have also been used.

More recently, UV absorption analysers, which have the same monitoring and controlling ability, have been increasingly used. Most important, this technique has been adopted by all major environmental agencies as the standard and is regarded by them to be absolute.

Consequently, this standard UV absorption method is adopted as the reference technique against which all others are intended to be calibrated. Like any measurement instrument, the accuracy of any particular UV instrument is dependent on the calibration and maintenance of its components, and hence even UV analysers should be checked against acknowledged standard instruments. Studies are being undertaken in several countries to propose a primary-standard apparatus.

Although this document is concerned with ozone analysis, it also draws attention to the influence of atmospheric pressure on the rate of cracking of rubber at constant ozone concentrations as normally expressed in terms of parts by volume. As established by interlaboratory tests conducted in North America[3], the variation in ozone resistance that can result between laboratories operating at significantly different atmospheric pressures can be corrected by specifying ozone concentration in terms of the partial pressure of ozone (see Annex C).

Attention is drawn to the highly toxic nature of ozone. Efforts should be made to minimize the exposure of workers at all times. In the absence of more stringent or contrary national safety regulations, it is recommended that 10 parts of ozone per hundred million parts of air of the surrounding atmosphere by volume be regarded as an absolute maximum concentration, while the maximum average concentration should be appreciably lower.

Unless a totally enclosed system is being used, an exhaust vent to remove ozone-laden air is recommended.

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1 Scope

This document describes three types of method for the determination of ozone concentration in laboratory test chambers.

Method A — UV absorption: this is the reference method, and is used as the means of calibration for the alternative methods B and C.

Method B — Instrumental techniques:

B1: electrochemical

B2: chemiluminescence

Method C — Wet-chemical techniques:

Procedure I

Procedure II

Procedure III

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 1431-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Resistance to ozone cracking — Part 1: Static and dynamic strain testing*

ISO 13964, *Air quality — Determination of ozone in ambient air — Ultraviolet photometric method*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

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