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## Foreword

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This seventh edition cancels and replaces the sixth edition (ISO 844:2014), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- different extensometer gage lengths have been given for use with different specimen thicknesses;
- repeatability and reproducibility results from the interlaboratory test on Procedure B have been added for compressive strength and compressive modulus of elasticity measurements;
- [Annex A](#) has been added to provide information on the determination of the compressive modulus by means Procedure B.

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# Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of compression properties

## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods for determining the compressive strength and corresponding relative deformation, the compressive stress at 10 % relative deformation, and the compressive modulus of rigid cellular plastics.

## 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 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

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

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Calibration and verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system*

ISO 9513, *Metallic materials — Calibration of extensometer systems used in uniaxial testing*

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### nominal relative deformation (procedure A)

$\varepsilon_C$   
ratio of the reduction (in relation to its initial value) in thickness of the test specimen

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed as a percentage.

Note 2 to entry:  $\varepsilon_{Cm}$  is the nominal relative deformation corresponding to  $\sigma_m$  (see 3.3).

### 3.2

#### relative deformation (procedure B)

$\varepsilon$   
ratio of the reduction (in relation to its initial value) of extensometer gauge length

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed as a percentage.

Note 2 to entry:  $\varepsilon_m$  is the relative deformation corresponding to  $\sigma_m$  (see 3.3).