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**Plastics — Determination of dynamic  
mechanical properties —**

Part 10:  
**Complex shear viscosity using a  
parallel-plate oscillatory rheometer**

*Plastiques — Détermination des propriétés mécaniques dynamiques —*

*Partie 10: Viscosité complexe en cisaillement à l'aide d'un rhéomètre  
à oscillations à plateaux parallèles*





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## Foreword

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ISO 6721 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties*:

- *Part 1: General principles*
- *Part 2: Torsion-pendulum method*
- *Part 3: Flexural vibration — Resonance-curve method*
- *Part 4: Tensile vibration — Non-resonance method*
- *Part 5: Flexural vibration — Non-resonance method*
- *Part 6: Shear vibration — Non-resonance method*
- *Part 7: Torsional vibration — Non-resonance method*
- *Part 8: Longitudinal and shear vibration — Wave-propagation method*
- *Part 9: Tensile vibration — Sonic-pulse propagation method*
- *Part 10: Complex shear viscosity using a parallel-plate oscillatory rheometer*
- *Part 11: Glass transition temperature*
- *Part 12: Compressive vibration — Non-resonance method*

[Annex A](#) and [Annex B](#) of this part of ISO 6721 is for information only.

# Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties —

## Part 10: Complex shear viscosity using a parallel-plate oscillatory rheometer

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 6721 specifies the general principles of a method for determining the dynamic rheological properties of polymer melts at angular frequencies typically in the range of  $0,01 \text{ rad}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  to  $100 \text{ rad}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  by means of an oscillatory rheometer with a parallel-plate geometry. Angular frequencies outside this range can also be used (see Note 1). The method is used to determine values of the following dynamic rheological properties: complex shear viscosity  $\eta^*$ , dynamic shear viscosity  $\eta'$ , the out-of-phase component of the complex shear viscosity  $\eta''$ , complex shear modulus  $G^*$ , shear loss modulus  $G''$ , and shear storage modulus  $G'$ . It is suitable for measuring complex shear viscosity values typically up to  $\sim 10 \text{ MPa}\cdot\text{s}$  (see Note 2).

NOTE 1 The angular-frequency measurement range is limited by the specification of the measuring instrument and also by the response of the specimen. When testing using angular frequencies lower than  $0,1 \text{ rad}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ , the test time can increase significantly as the time taken to obtain a single measurement is proportional to the reciprocal of the angular frequency. Consequently, when testing at low angular frequencies, degradation or polymerization of the specimen is more likely to occur and have an effect on the results. At high angular frequencies, the specimen can distort or fracture at the edge, consequently invalidating the test results.

NOTE 2 The range of complex shear viscosity values that can be measured is dependent on the specimen dimensions and also the specification of the measuring instrument. For a specimen of given dimensions, the upper limit of the range is limited by the machine's torque capacity, angular-displacement resolution, and compliance. However, correction can be made for compliance effects.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary*

ISO 5725-1, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 1: General principles and definitions*

ISO 6721-1, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 1: General principles*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6721-1, ISO 5725-1, ISO 472, and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **controlled-strain mode**

testing by applying a sinusoidal angular displacement of constant amplitude