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Part 3: Determination of the Delta Mooney  
value for non-pigmented, oil-extended  
emulsion-polymerized SBR

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC45, *Rubber and rubber products*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Testing and analysis*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 289-3:1999), which has been technically revised to update normative references and to provide a reference to the latest calibration information.

ISO 289 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rubber, unvulcanized — Determinations using a shearing-disc viscometer*:

- *Part 1: Determination of Mooney viscosity*
- *Part 2: Determination of pre-vulcanization characteristics*
- *Part 3: Determination of the Delta Mooney value for non-pigmented, oil-extended emulsion-polymerized SBR*
- *Part 4: Determination of the Mooney stress-relaxation rate*

## Introduction

The Delta Mooney value provides a means of predicting the behaviour or processibility of rubber during the primary stages of mixing, extruding, and calendering. It is usually associated with non-pigmented, oil-extended emulsion styrene-butadiene rubber, but it can be of use in providing information about the behaviour of other types. In the latter case, however, the conditions of test specified in this part of ISO 289 might not be suitable.





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## Part 3:

# Determination of the Delta Mooney value for non-pigmented, oil-extended emulsion-polymerized SBR

**WARNING** — Persons using this part of ISO 289 should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This part of ISO 289 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 and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 289 specifies a method for determining the Delta Mooney value of non-pigmented, oil-extended emulsion-polymerized styrene-butadiene rubber.

## 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 289-1, *Rubber, unvulcanised — Determinations using a shearing-disc viscometer — Part 1: Determination of Mooney viscosity*

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

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### Delta Mooney A values

**NOTE** A “massed test sample” is referred to as a “homogenized test sample” in ISO 1795. Similarly, an “unmassed test sample” can be described as an “unhomogenized test sample”.

#### 3.1.1

##### A1 value

difference between the Mooney viscosities of an unmassed test sample recorded at 15 min and 1 min, i.e.  $ML(1+15) - ML(1+1)$

#### 3.1.2

##### A2 value

difference between the Mooney viscosities of an unmassed test sample recorded at 7 min and 1 min, i.e.  $ML(1+7) - ML(1+1)$

#### 3.1.3

##### A3 value

difference between the Mooney viscosities of a massed test sample recorded at 15 min and 1,5 min, i.e.  $ML(1+15) - ML(1+1,5)$

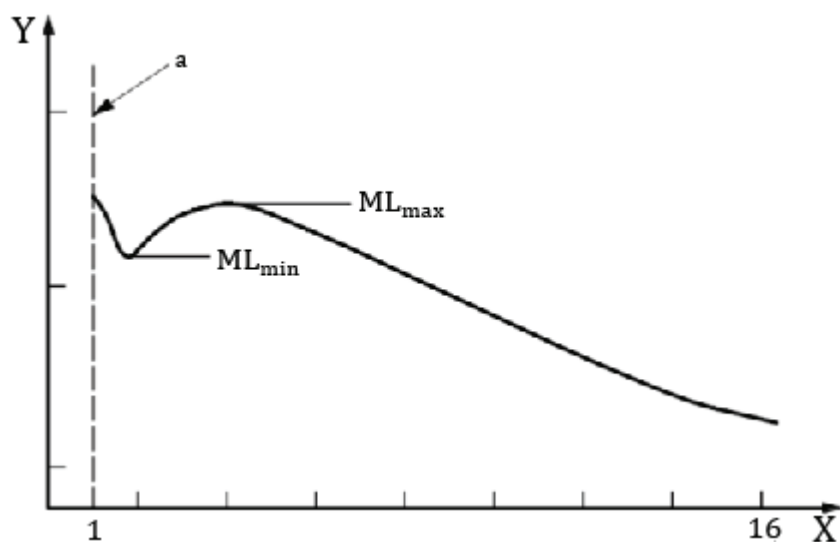
### 3.2 Delta Mooney B value

difference between the minimum Mooney viscosity soon after starting the rotor and the subsequent maximum Mooney viscosity for an unmassed test sample

Note 1 to entry: The values are complementary and any combination may be used to assist in distinguishing those rubbers that are easy to process from those that process with significantly greater difficulty.

## 4 Principles

The test consists of determining the difference between the Mooney viscosity values at two specified times (Delta Mooney A) or at two specified points on the curve of Mooney viscosity against time (Delta Mooney B), see [Figure 1](#).



#### Key

- X time, min
- Y Mooney viscosity
- a Rotor started.

Figure 1 — Mooney viscosity plot

## 5 Apparatus

The test apparatus shall be as specified in ISO 289-1.

## 6 Calibration

The test apparatus shall be calibrated according to ISO 289-1.

## 7 Preparation of test piece

Ensure that the unmassed test sample is free from entrapped air and that the surface is smooth and regular, thereby avoiding air entrapment between the test piece and the rotor or die surfaces. This may be achieved by compacting the test sample in a mould for 5 min at  $23\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$ , followed by a relaxation period of 15 min.

The massed (“homogenized”) test sample shall be prepared according to ISO 1795.

The test piece shall be prepared from the test sample according to ISO 289-1.

## 8 Test temperature

The test temperature shall be  $100\text{ °C} \pm 0,5\text{ °C}$ , this being the temperature of the closed dies with the rotor in place and the cavity empty.

## 9 Procedure

The test shall be conducted according to the procedure described in ISO 289-1, using the large rotor, a preheating time of 1 min and a running time of either 7 min or 15 min.

If the viscosity has not been recorded continuously, plot the observed Mooney viscosity values as specified in ISO 289-1.

NOTE An automatic recorder is strongly recommended.

## 10 Calculation and expression of results

The Delta Mooney A1 value shall be determined as the difference between the Mooney viscosities recorded at running times of 15 min and 1 min.

The Delta Mooney A2 value shall be determined as the difference between the Mooney viscosities recorded at running times of 7 min and 1 min.

The Delta Mooney A3 value shall be determined as the difference between the Mooney viscosities recorded at running times of 15 min and 1,5 min.

The Delta Mooney B value shall be determined as the difference between the minimum and maximum Mooney viscosities (see [Figure 1](#)).

NOTE For Delta Mooney A, lower (in most cases, more negative) values are indicative of easier-processing rubbers. For Delta Mooney B, lower values also indicate easier processing.

## 11 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) all details necessary for complete identification of the rubber tested, including whether the test sample was compacted or not;
- b) full reference to the test method used, reference to this part of ISO 289 (i.e. ISO 289-3);
- c) test detail:
  - 1) model of viscometer used and name of the manufacturer;
  - 2) details of any procedures not specified in this part of ISO 289;
  - 3) details of any procedure not included in this part of ISO 289, as well as any operation regarded as optional;
- d) test results:
  - 1) Delta Mooney A1, A2, A3 and/or B value;
- e) date(s) of the test.





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