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**Raw hydrogenated nitrile rubber  
(HNBR) — Determination of residual  
unsaturation by iodine value**

*Caoutchouc nitrile hydrogéné (HNBR) brut — Détermination de  
l'insaturation résiduelle par l'indice d'iode*



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## Foreword

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ISO 17564 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 17564:2001), which has been revised primarily to make the ranges of test portion sizes in Table 1 clearer, to correct the equation in Clause 7 and to include new precision data (now in Annex B).

# Raw hydrogenated nitrile rubber (HNBR) — Determination of residual unsaturation by iodine value

**WARNING** — Persons using this International Standard should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This standard 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.

**CAUTION** — Certain procedures specified in this International Standard may 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

This International Standard specifies a method using Wijs' solution to determine the iodine value (i.e. the residual unsaturation) of raw hydrogenated nitrile rubber (HNBR).

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1795, *Rubber, raw natural and raw synthetic — Sampling and further preparative procedures*

## 3 Principle

A sample of HNBR is dissolved in chloroform. A known excess of Wijs' solution is added to the solution and a fixed time is allowed for addition of iodine to the residual unsaturation in the HNBR. Unreacted Wijs' solution is then neutralized with potassium iodide solution, the iodine thus liberated titrated with standard sodium thiosulfate and the iodine value (residual unsaturation) calculated.

## 4 Reagents

During the analysis, unless otherwise stated, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade.

**4.1 Water:** During the analysis, use only distilled or demineralized water or water of equivalent purity.

**4.2 Chloroform.**

**WARNING** — Chloroform is a harmful solvent if swallowed or inhaled and irritating to skin. Special safety precautions should therefore be taken, including the use of a fume hood.

**4.3 Wijs' solution** (see Annex A).

**4.4 100 g/l aqueous potassium iodide solution.**

4.5 10 g/l starch solution.

4.6 0,1 mol/l standard volumetric sodium thiosulfate solution.

## 5 Apparatus

5.1 Mechanical shaker.

5.2 Constant-temperature bath, capable of being maintained at  $(25 \pm 1)$  °C.

5.3 Analytical balance, accurate to 0,1 mg.

5.4 Glass-stoppered conical flask, capacity 300 cm<sup>3</sup>.

5.5 Pipettes, capacity 10 cm<sup>3</sup> and 25 cm<sup>3</sup>.

5.6 Burette, capacity 50 cm<sup>3</sup>, graduated at 0,1 cm<sup>3</sup> intervals.

## 6 Procedure

6.1 From a sample obtained in accordance with ISO 1795, weigh out, to the nearest 0,1 mg, a test portion of size corresponding to the suspected degree of unsaturation (iodine value) as indicated in Table 1 and place it in a 300 cm<sup>3</sup> glass-stoppered conical flask.

Table 1 — Recommended test portion sizes

Suspected degree of unsaturation (iodine value)	Sample mass g
More than 30	0,35 to 0,40
More than 15 and up to 30	0,40 to 0,50
More than 8 and up to 15	0,50 to 0,70
up to 8	0,90 to 1

6.2 Add 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of chloroform (4.2) to the flask, stopper it and place on a mechanical shaker until the test portion has completely dissolved. Then place the flask in a constant-temperature bath at  $(25 \pm 1)$  °C for 30 min.

6.3 Remove the flask from the bath and accurately pipette 25 cm<sup>3</sup> of Wijs' solution (4.3) into the flask. Immediately stopper the flask and swirl gently to mix. Place the flask in the constant-temperature bath for 120 min  $\pm$  5 min to complete the iodine addition reaction.

6.4 Once the iodine addition reaction is complete, remove the flask from the bath and quickly add, by pipette, 10 cm<sup>3</sup> of potassium iodide solution (4.4). Immediately stopper the flask and shake vigorously.

6.5 Loosen the stopper slightly and, using a wash bottle, wash the stopper and mouth of the flask with the minimum amount of water (see 4.1), ensuring the washings run directly into the flask. Replace the stopper, swirl gently and allow the flask to stand for 5 min.

6.6 Within 20 min, titrate with sodium thiosulfate solution (4.6) while swirling the flask gently. When the upper (aqueous) layer becomes slightly yellow, add about 1 cm<sup>3</sup> of starch solution (4.5). Stopper the flask and shake vigorously. Continue the titration, shaking the flask vigorously at intervals, until the purple colour of the iodine/starch complex vanishes. It is important that the titration with sodium thiosulfate be completed within 30 min after the addition of the potassium iodide solution.

**NOTE** It is important to shake the flask vigorously after addition of the starch solution in order to ensure complete removal of the iodine from the chloroform into the water layer where it becomes available for the reaction with the starch.

**6.7** Let the flask stand for 30 min. If the colour reappears, add additional titrant with vigorous shaking until no additional colour appears on standing for 30 min.

**6.8** Conduct a blank titration, performing steps 6.2 to 6.7.

## 7 Calculation

Calculate the iodine value from the following equation:

$$A = \frac{(V_0 - V_1) \times c \times 12,69}{m}$$

where

$A$  is the iodine value (g iodine/100 g of sample);

$V_1$  is the volume of sodium thiosulfate solution used to titrate the test portion (cm<sup>3</sup>);

$V_0$  is the volume of sodium thiosulfate solution used for the blank titration (cm<sup>3</sup>);

$m$  is the mass of the test portion (g);

$c$  is the concentration of the sodium thiosulfate solution (mol/l);

12,69 is the atomic mass of iodine  $\times 100/1\ 000$ .

## 8 Precision

See Annex B.

## 9 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) all details necessary for complete identification of the sample analysed;
- b) a reference to this International Standard;
- c) any deviation from this International Standard;
- d) the iodine value, expressed to the nearest 0,1 iodine value units;
- e) the date of the analysis.

**Annex A**  
(normative)

**Preparation of Wijs' solution**

**A.1** Weigh out, to the nearest 0,1 g, between 4,8 g and 5,2 g of iodine trichloride and place it in a 1 l brown bottle with a PTFE-lined screw cap.

**A.2** Weigh out, to the nearest 0,1 g, 5,5 g of iodine and place it in a 1 l glass-stoppered conical flask containing 640 cm<sup>3</sup> of glacial acetic acid. Stopper the flask and swirl carefully to dissolve the iodine.

**A.3** Carefully pour the iodine/acetic acid solution into the brown bottle containing the iodine trichloride. Stopper the bottle and swirl carefully to mix.

**A.4** Affix a label to the bottle indicating the preparation date. Store the bottle in a dark place. The solution shall not be used more than 30 days after preparation.



## Annex B (informative)

### Precision

**B.1** The precision was determined by means of an interlaboratory test programme. Three different materials (grades of HNBR) with different degrees of unsaturation were used in the programme. These were analysed in four laboratories on two different days one week apart. Duplicate analyses were run on each day.

**B.2** The precision calculations to express repeatability and reproducibility were performed in accordance with ISO/TR 9272:2005. Consult this for precision concepts and nomenclature.

**B.3** A type 1 interlaboratory precision was determined. Both the repeatability and the reproducibility determined are short-term, since a period of one week separates test results. For all data,  $p = 4$ ,  $q = 3$  and  $n = 4$ .

The precision analysis followed the general procedure set forth in ISO/TR 9272:2005. The repeatability values contain two undifferentiated sources of variation, replicated within days and between days. The final values of the precision parameters are given in Table B.1. These precision values should not be used for acceptance/rejection of materials without documentation that they are for those materials and that the test protocols include this test method.

**B.4 Repeatability:** The repeatability  $r$  of the iodine value of HNBR has been established as the appropriate value of any parameter tabulated in Table B.1. Two single test results obtained in the same laboratory, under normal test method procedures, that differ by more than this tabulated  $r$  should be considered suspect and should dictate that some appropriate investigative action be taken.

**B.5 Reproducibility:** The reproducibility  $R$  of the iodine value of HNBR has been established as the appropriate value of any parameter tabulated in Table B.1. Two single test results obtained in separate laboratories, under normal test method procedures, that differ by more than this tabulated  $R$  should be considered suspect and should dictate that some appropriate investigative action be taken.

**Table B.1 — Precision data**

HNBR sample	Iodine value (mean) g/100 g	Within laboratory			Between laboratories		
		$s_r$	$r$	( $r$ )	$s_R$	$R$	( $R$ )
1	5,05	0,184	0,520	10,30	0,259	0,732	14,50
2	10,38	0,148	0,420	4,05	0,596	1,686	16,24
3	26,86	0,240	0,679	2,53	0,498	1,409	5,25

$s_r$  is the within-laboratory standard deviation;  
 $r$  is the repeatability (in measurement units);  
( $r$ ) is the repeatability (as percentage of average for material);  
 $s_R$  is the between-laboratory standard deviation;  
 $R$  is the reproducibility (in measurement units);  
( $R$ ) is the reproducibility (as percentage of average for material).

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