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## **Introduction**

This document describes the realization of standardized thermoanalytical test methods which can be used for the determination of specific heat capacity data needed for data sheets or databases as well as for research purposes. It can also be applied to quality assurance or to routine checks of raw materials and finished products, if desired. The procedures mentioned in this document apply as long as special product standards or standards describing special atmospheres for conditioning of samples do not require alternate regulations.

For scientific investigations or resolution of special analytical problems, all technical capabilities of the instruments beyond the regulations of this document may be used.





# Plastics — Temperature modulated DSC —

## Part 2:

## Measurement of specific heat capacity

### 1 Scope

This document establishes a method for measurement of specific heat capacity,  $c_p$ , using temperature modulated differential scanning calorimetry.

### 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 472](#), *Plastics — Vocabulary*

[ISO 11357-1](#), *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 1: General principles*

[ISO 19935-1](#), *Plastics — Temperature modulated DSC — Part 1: General principles*

[ISO 80000-5](#), *Quantities and units — Part 5: Thermodynamics*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in [ISO 472](#), [ISO 11357-1](#), [ISO 19935-1](#) and [ISO 80000-5](#) apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

### 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

#### 4.1 Temperature modulation, $T(t)$

According to [ISO 19935-1](#).

#### 4.2 Scanning rate

According to [ISO 19935-1](#).

#### 4.3 Heat flow rate, $\Phi(t)$

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- b) Depending on the relation of the underlying scanning rate  $\beta_0$  to the amplitude of sample temperature profile  $T_A\omega$  (where  $\omega$  the angular frequency) four cases of scanning rates are distinguished.
- 1) Quasi-isothermal mode,  $\beta_0 = 0$ . If  $\beta_0 = 0$ , heat capacity can be measured as function of time, e.g. during chemical reactions like curing or during crystallization. All other calorimetric methods measure heat capacity as function of temperature only.
  - 2) For other modes, such as  $T_A\omega > \beta_0$ ,  $T_A\omega < \beta_0$ , and  $T_A\omega = \beta_0$ , refer to [ISO 19935-1](#).
- c) Any mode of temperature modulation specified in [ISO 19935-1](#) can be used.

## 7 Calibration

### 7.1 General

According to [ISO 19935-1](#).

### 7.2 Calibration of modulation amplitude

According to [ISO 19935-1](#).

### 7.3 Calibration of phase

According to [ISO 19935-1](#).

## 8 Procedure

### 8.1 General

The procedures of temperature modulated DSC (setting up the apparatus, loading the specimen into the crucibles, insertion of crucibles into the instrument, performing measurements, and removal of crucibles) shall be in accordance with [ISO 11357-1](#).

The experimental conditions specified for temperature modulated DSC (for example, amplitude of the modulated heat flow rate, amplitude of modulated temperature, and the frequency of the modulation superimposed on the underlying rate) to be used depend on the magnitude of the specific heat capacity to be determined.



8.2 Calculation of the specific heat capacity

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