



Standard Test Method for Apparent Viscosity of Plastisols and Organosols at Low Shear Rates¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the measurement of plastisol and organosol viscosity at low shear rates.

1.2 Apparent viscosity at high shear rates is covered in Test Method [D1823](#).

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

NOTE 1—This test method resembles ISO 3219-1977 in title only. The content is significantly different.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D1755](#) Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Resins

[D1823](#) Test Method for Apparent Viscosity of Plastisols and Organosols at High Shear Rates by Extrusion Viscometer

[E1](#) Specification for ASTM Liquid-in-Glass Thermometers

[E691](#) Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method

2.2 ISO Standard:

[ISO 3219-1977](#): Polymers in the Liquid, Emulsified, or Dispersed State—Determination of Viscosity With a Rotational Viscometer Working at a Defined Shear Rate³

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The sample is conditioned to the proper temperature and its viscosity is determined.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 The suitability of a dispersion resin for any given application process is dependent upon its viscosity characteristics.

4.2 The viscosity defines the flow behavior of a plastisol or organosol under low shear. This viscosity relates to the conditions encountered in pouring, casting, molding, and dipping processes.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Viscometer, Concentric Cylinder Rotational*—The essential instrumentation required providing the minimum rotational viscometer analytical capabilities include:

5.1.1 A *drive motor* to apply a unidirectional displacement to the specimen at a rate from 0.5 to 60 r/min constant to ± 0.5 %.

5.1.2 A *force sensor* to measurement the torque developed by the specimen by the rotational element.

5.1.3 A *coupling shaft*, or other means, to transmit the rotational displacement from the motor to the spindle.

NOTE 2—It is helpful to have a mark on the shaft to indicate appropriate test fluid level.

5.1.4 A *rotational element, spindle or tool* of the right circular cylindrical shape as shown in [Fig. 1](#), to fix the specimen between the drive shaft and a stationary position.

NOTE 3—The rotational element dimensions L and D , are selected so that the measured viscosity is between 10 and 90 % of the range of that element.

5.1.5 A *data collection device*, to provide a means of acquiring, storing, and displaying measured or calculated signals, or both. The minimum output signals required for rotational viscometry are torque, rotational speed, temperature and time.

NOTE 4—Manual observation and recording of data are acceptable.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard