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- a) requirements regarding disintegration removed in the whole document;
- b) units added where necessary;
- c) bibliography updated.

## Introduction

New types of plastic are being developed in which biodegradability is a specifically sought-for characteristic. These plastics and derived products can be added to or used as feedstock for biological recycling and recovery in aerobic composting plants or anaerobic biogasification plants. To make sure these plastics are fit for biological recycling, their biodegradability must be demonstrated, preferably by standard test methods.

Standard test methods which determine the degree of biodegradation under aerobic, high-solids conditions have been developed (e.g. ISO 14855-1 and ISO 14855-2). However, it is well known from the literature that the degree of biodegradation can differ significantly depending on the environmental conditions such as the presence or the absence of oxygen (aerobic or anaerobic). To have a complete understanding of the biodegradation characteristics of a plastic under these different environmental conditions, various methods are required.

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the ultimate anaerobic biodegradation of plastic materials under high-solids conditions. This is representative of systems for the anaerobic biogasification of the organic fraction of municipal solid waste. Another method for determining the degree of anaerobic biodegradation is ISO 11734. However, this method is designed for soluble test materials in aqueous test conditions and at low concentrations (typically detergents) which is not typical of plastics.



# Plastics — Determination of the ultimate anaerobic biodegradation under high-solids anaerobic-digestion conditions — Method by analysis of released biogas

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the evaluation of the ultimate anaerobic biodegradability of plastics based on organic compounds under high-solids anaerobic-digestion conditions by measurement of evolved biogas at the end of the test. This method is designed to simulate typical anaerobic digestion conditions for the organic fraction of mixed municipal solid waste. The test material is exposed in a laboratory test to a methanogenic inoculum derived from anaerobic digesters operating only on pretreated household waste. The anaerobic decomposition takes place under high-solids (more than 20 % total solids) and static non-mixed conditions. The test method is designed to yield the percentage of carbon in the test material and its rate of conversion to evolved carbon dioxide and methane (biogas).

The conditions described in this International Standard might not always correspond to the optimum conditions for the maximum degree of biodegradation to occur.

## 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 8245, *Water quality — Guidelines for the determination of total organic carbon (TOC) and dissolved organic carbon (DOC)*

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