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## Introduction

The use of recycled materials in production of plastics products is widely accepted nowadays throughout the industry. Those recycled materials are mostly prepared from post-industrial or post-consumer sources, which always contain more or less contamination by foreign bodies. Most of this contamination is removed during the recycling process, either by washing and/or by melt filtration. However, this removal is never perfect, leaving some small amounts of foreign bodies in the material pellets.

For many applications that use recycled materials this little residue of contaminants is not posing any problem. But for other, more demanding or more sensitive products (e.g. having thin wall sections) the use of a recycled material is not an option, unless the number and size of those solid contaminants could accurately be determined and controlled.

While some recyclers do have the means to determine and report a limited number of properties of their material, like density, MFI etc., none of them is able to measure or specify anything regarding the amount and size of foreign bodies left in the material that they supply.

This document describes a test method that enables the determination of the number, the size and the substance (material) of solid contaminants in a sample of recycled material, using a small extruder and a microscope. This test method, known as **SCF** (for **Solid Contaminants Filtration**), was developed by a major user of recycled polyethylene and has since been in use almost daily for more than 10 years.

Although the experience gained so far with this test method is mainly with polyethylene materials, it is believed that this method can be adapted and used for testing other thermoplastic materials.

# 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determination by melt filtration of solid contaminants content in a sample of recycled thermoplastic material, evaluating their number and, optionally, their size and substance (material).

#### 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.

CEN/TS 16010, Plastics — Recycled plastics — Sampling procedures for testing plastics waste and recyclates

CEN/TS 16011, Plastics — Recycled plastics — Sample preparation

ISO 9044:2016, *Industrial woven wire cloth* — *Technical requirements and tests* 

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