

# Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact strength

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# National foreword

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## Cross-references

International Standard	Corresponding British Standard
ISO 291:1977	BS 2782 <i>Methods of testing plastics</i> Part 0:1992 <i>Introduction</i> (Appendix A is identical)
ISO 293:1986	Method 901A:1988 <i>Compression moulding test specimens of thermoplastic material</i> (Identical)
ISO 295:1991	Method 902A:1992 <i>Compression moulding of test specimens of thermosetting materials</i> (Identical)
ISO 1268:1974	Method 920A to 920C:1977 <i>Preparation of glass fibre reinforced, resin bonded, low-pressure laminated plates or panels for test purposes</i> (Identical)
ISO 2557-1:1989	Method 940A:1990 <i>Preparation of test specimens of amorphous thermoplastics in the form of bars with a specified reversion</i> (Identical)
ISO 2557-2:1986	Method 940B:1989 <i>Preparation of test specimens of amorphous thermoplastics with a specified reversion by injection moulding rectangular plates</i> (Identical)
ISO 2602:1980	BS 2846 <i>Guide to statistical interpretation of data</i> Part 2:1981 <i>Estimation of the mean: confidence interval</i> (Identical)
ISO 3167:1993	BS 2782 <i>Methods of testing plastics</i> Method 931A:1993 <i>Preparation and use of multipurpose test specimens</i> (Identical)

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