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**Rubber, vulcanized or  
thermoplastic — Determination of  
tensile stress-strain properties**

*Caoutchouc vulcanisé ou thermoplastique — Détermination des  
caractéristiques de contrainte-déformation en traction*



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This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition (ISO 37:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the cutter angle range in [Figure 3](#) has been changed to 30° - 35°;
- dimension B of the dumb-bell test piece has been corrected in [Figure 3](#);
- accuracy requirement for force measurement has been changed to Class 1;
- dimensions of  $\varnothing d_1$  and  $\varnothing d_2$  in [Figure 5](#) and [Table 3](#) have been corrected;
- the test results of interlaboratory test programmes (ITP) have been added.

# Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the tensile stress-strain properties of vulcanized and thermoplastic rubbers.

The properties which can be determined are tensile strength, elongation at break, stress at a given elongation, elongation at a given stress, stress at yield and elongation at yield. The measurement of stress and strain at yield applies only to some thermoplastic rubbers and certain other compounds.

## 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 5893, *Rubber and plastics test equipment — Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse) — Specification*

ISO 23529:2016, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

### 3.1 tensile stress

*S*

stress applied so as to extend the test piece

Note 1 to entry: It is calculated as the applied force per unit area of the original cross-section of the test length.

### 3.2 elongation

*E*

tensile strain, expressed as a percentage of the test length, produced in the test piece by a *tensile stress* (3.1)