
**Determination of the ultimate aerobic
biodegradability of plastic materials
under controlled composting
conditions — Method by analysis of
evolved carbon dioxide —**

**Part 1:
General method**

*Évaluation de la biodégradabilité aérobie ultime des matériaux
plastiques dans des conditions contrôlées de compostage — Méthode
par analyse du dioxyde de carbone libéré —*

Partie 1: Méthode générale





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Foreword

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