



Standard Terminology Relating to Rubber¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This terminology covers definitions of technical terms used in the rubber industry. Terms that are generally understood or adequately defined in other readily available sources are not included.

1.2 Definitions for terms that have been established by other bodies recognized as expert in the field will, after ballot approval, be inserted in this terminology without change, and the source of the definition will be identified. Exceptions to this rule will be where the meaning of the term as used in the rubber industry is different from the common meaning of the term.

1.3 Users of this standard who require mathematical expressions for the time and temperature dependent physical properties of some terms found in this standard should refer to D 5992 Standard Guide for Dynamic Testing of Rubber and Rubber-Like Materials Using Vibratory Methods and other standards listed under referenced documents.

1.4 Although this terminology standard avoids the inclusion of jargon and archaic terms as much as possible, some terms have been retained for historical reasons.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 260 Specification for Boiled Linseed Oil²
- D 412 Test Method for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Rubbers and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension³
- D 925 Test Method for Rubber Property—Staining of Surfaces (Contact, Migration, and Diffusion)³
- D 1076 Specification for Rubber—Concentrated, Ammonia Preserved, Creamed, and Centrifuged Natural Latex³
- D 1148 Test Method for Rubber Deterioration—Heat and Ultraviolet Light Discoloration of Light-Colored Surfaces³
- D 1415 Test Method for Rubber Property—International Hardness³
- D 1646 Test Method for Rubber—Viscosity, Stress Relaxation, and Pre-Vulcanization Characteristics (Mooney Viscometer)³

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.03.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 09.01.

D 3053 Terminology Relating to Carbon Black³

D 5992 Standard Guide for Testing of Vulcanized Rubber and Rubber-Like Materials Using Vibratory Methods³

E 6 Terminology Relating to Method of Mechanical Testing⁴

E 20 Practice for Particle Size Analysis of particulate Substances in the Range of 0.2 to 75 μm by Optimal Microscopy⁵

E 28 Test Methods for Softening Point of Resins by Ring and Ball Apparatus²

E 111 Test Method for Young's Modulus, Tangent Modulus, and Chord Modulus⁴

E 126 Test Method for Inspection and Verification of Hydrometers⁶

2.2 ISO Standards:

1382-82 Rubber-Vocabulary Second Edition (Addendum 16-18-1998).⁷

3. Terminology

abrasion, *n*—the surface loss of a material due to frictional forces.

abrasion resistance index, *n*—a measure of the abrasion resistance of a rubber relative to that of a standard rubber under the same specified conditions, expressed as a percentage.

accelerated life test, *n*—a test method designed to approximate in a short time, the deteriorating effect of normal long-term service conditions.

accelerator (rubber), *n*—a compounding material used in small amounts with a vulcanizing agent to increase the speed of vulcanization.

DISCUSSION—Properties of a vulcanizate are changed by the type or amount of accelerator used.

accelerator, delayed action, *n*—an accelerator that, in conjunction with other curing agent(s), produces, at vulcanizing temperatures, a period of no significant cross-linking, followed by a period of rapid cross-link formation.

activator, *n*—compounding material used in small proportions to increase the effectiveness of an accelerator.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

⁵ Discontinued—see *1993 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.03.

⁶ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.03.

⁷ Available from the *International Organization for Standardization*, Case Postale 56, Geneve 20, Switzerland, CH-1211.

adhesion failure, *n*—the loss of structural integrity due to the separation of two bonded surfaces at the bond interface.

adhesion value, *n*—force required to cause adhesion failure.

DISCUSSION—Any separation occurring at any other point, for example, inside either component under test, is a failure of the component material, and such separation should not be considered as indicating adhesion strength.

adhesive failure, *n*—a separation of two bonded surfaces that occurs within the bonding material.

DISCUSSION—Adhesive failure occurs when the adhesive strength of a bonding material is greater than its cohesive strength.

aftercure, *n*—a continuation of the process of vulcanization after the energy source has been removed.

age resistance, *n*—the ability of a material to resist deterioration caused by ageing.

agglomerate, compounding material, *n*—a cluster of particles of one or more compounding materials loosely held together.

agglomerate, latex, *n*—a cluster of rubber particles in a colloidal aqueous suspension of such particles.

agglomerates, *n*—clusters of particles of compounding materials contained in a continuous rubber phase.

agglomeration (latex), *n*—reversible or irreversible joining together of latex particles.

ageing (act of), *n*—exposure of materials to a deteriorating environment for a specified time interval.

ageing (rubber), *n*—the irreversible change of material properties during exposure to a deteriorating environment, for a specified time interval.

ageing, accelerated, *n*—exposure of rubber to a test environment with the intent of producing, in a shorter time period, effects similar to normal ageing.

ageing, air bomb, *n*—the process of exposing materials to the action of air at an elevated temperature and pressure.

ageing, air oven, *n*—The process of exposing materials to the action of air at an elevated temperature at atmospheric pressure.

ageing, natural, *n*—ageing under normal service conditions.

ageing, oxygen bomb, *n*—the process of exposing materials to the action of oxygen at an elevated temperature and pressure.

ageing, shelf, *n*—ageing during storage.

alloy, *n*—a unique composition of two or more polymers that has one or more of the polymers treated or processed in a special way to confer enhanced performance characteristics on the resulting material.

anticoagulant (natural rubber latex), *n*—a substance added to field latex to retard bacterial action which would otherwise cause rapid coagulation of the latex.

DISCUSSION—The word “stabilizer” is often used in place of “anticoagulant” in latex terminology.

antidegradant, *n*—compounding material used to retard deterioration caused by oxidation, ozone, light, and combinations of these.

DISCUSSION—“Antidegradant” is a generic term for such additives as antioxidants, antiozonants, and waxes.

antiflex cracking agent, *n*—a compounding material used to retard cracking caused by cyclic deformations.

antioxidant, *n*—compounding material used to retard deterioration caused by oxidation.

antiozonant, *n*—compounding material used to retard deterioration caused by ozone.

antistatic agent, *n*—a material which reduces the tendency for accumulation of electric charge on the surface of an article.

apparent density, *n*—See **density, bulk**, the preferred term.

aromatic oil, *n*—a hydrocarbon process oil containing at least 35 %, by mass, of aromatic hydrocarbons.

ash, *n*—the residue from incineration of a material under specified conditions.

autoclave (rubber), *n*—a pressure vessel used for vulcanizing rubber products by means of steam under pressure.

backriming, *n*—a molding defect in which the rubber adjacent to the spew line shrinks below the surface of the molded product, with the spew line often being ragged and torn.

bag cure, *n*—a method of vulcanization in which an inflated flexible bag is used to impart positive internal pressure on the article being vulcanized.

balata, *n*—a hard thermoplastic consisting of approximately equal proportions of trans-polyisoprene and resin, obtained from trees of the *Sapotaceae* family.

bale coating, *n*—a coating applied to surfaces of rubber bales that inhibits adhesion to other surfaces.

ball mill, *n*—a closed rotating cylinder containing hard balls (or other shaped members) that serves to grind coarse materials to a finer particle size.

bank (mill, calender, or spreader), *n*—a reservoir of material at the opening between rolls (mill or calender), or at the spreader bar.

batch, *n*—the product of one mixing operation.

bench marks, *n*—two marks of known separation applied to a specimen to measure the strain of the specimen during extension.

blank, *n*—a portion of a rubber compound of suitable volume to fill the cavity of a mold.

bleeding, *n*—the exuding of a liquid compounding material from the surface of a vulcanized or unvulcanized rubber.

blister(s), *n*—surface or internal imperfection(s), produced by entrapped gases or other volatiles, during the manufacture of rubber articles.

bloom (rubber), *n*—a liquid or solid material that has migrated to the surface of a rubber and generally changes the surface appearance.

blow, *n*—the volume expansion that occurs during the production of cellular or sponge rubber.

blowing agent, *n*—a compounding material used to produce gas by chemical or physical action, or both, in the manufacture of hollow or cellular articles.

booster, *n*—synonym for **secondary accelerator**, which is the preferred term.

bound monomer, *n*—monomer that is combined or reacted with itself or other types of monomers in a polymerization reaction to form a polymer.

DISCUSSION—This term is used in synthetic rubber production, and the bound monomer is normally expressed as a percentage of total polymer.

buffing rubber, *n*—particulate rubber produced as a byproduct of the buffing operation in the carcass preparation stage of a tire retreading; characterized by a wide range of particle sizes that are predominately elongated or acicular in shape. See **particulate rubber**.

DISCUSSION—The appearance of the unique shape of the particles of this material is only apparent in finished goods or products that contain particles having a dimension greater in size than 600 μm (30 mesh).

bumping, molding process, *n*—the application, release, and reapplication of pressure prior to the start of vulcanization to vent entrapped gases, thereby facilitating complete filling of the mold.

calender, *n*—a machine with two or more parallel, counter-rotating rolls with a controllable, roll-to-roll spacing, rotating at selected surface speeds and controlled temperatures, used for sheeting, laminating, skim coating (topping) and friction coating, to a controlled thickness and/or surface condition.

carbon black, *n*—a material consisting essentially of elemental carbon in the form of near-spherical colloidal particles and coalesced particle aggregates of colloidal size, obtained by partial combustion or thermal decomposition of hydrocarbons. **D 3053**

carbon black, thermal, *n*—a type of carbon black produced under controlled conditions by the thermal decomposition of hydrocarbons in the absence of air or flames.

DISCUSSION—These grades are designated with an “N” first character and a second character of “8 or 9” in Table 1 of Classification D 1765.

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carbon black, thermal, acetylenic, *n*— a thermal black produced from acetylene gas **D 3053**

carbon gel (carbon-rubber-gel), *n*— the portion of rubber that is not leached by a solvent under specified conditions, from an intimate mixture of carbon black and unvulcanized rubber.

carcass, *n*—the fabric, cord, or metal reinforced section, or all three, of a rubber product as distinguished from the rubber tube, cover, or tread.

cell, *n*—a single small cavity surrounded partially or completely by walls.

cell, closed, *n*—a cell totally enclosed by its walls, hence not interconnecting with other cells.

cell, open, *n*—a cell not totally enclosed by its walls and hence interconnecting with other cells.

cellular material, *n*—a generic term for materials containing many cells (either open, closed, or both) dispersed throughout the mass.

cellular material, collapse, *n*—undesirable densification of a cellular material resulting from the breakdown of its cellular structure.

cellular material, cored, *n*—cellular material containing a multiplicity of holes (usually, but not necessarily, cylindrical in shape), molded or cut into the material in some pattern normally perpendicular to the largest surface, and extending

part or all the way through the piece.

cellular material, flexible, *n*—a cellular organic polymeric material that will not rupture when a specimen 200 by 25 by 25 mm (8 by 1 by 1 in) is bent around a 25-mm (1-in) diameter mandrel at a uniform rate of one lap in 5 s at a temperature between 18 and 29°C.

cellular striation, *n*—a condition characterized by a layer within a cellular material that differs greatly from the characteristic cell structure.

cement, rubber, *n*—an adhesive that is either a liquid dispersion or solution of raw or compounded rubber, or both.

chalking (rubber), *n*—the formation of a powdery residue on the surface of a rubber, commonly resulting from surface degradation.

chatter marks, *n*—defect on calendered sheeting consisting of transverse narrow bands of alternately thicker and thinner material.

coagent, *n*—a compounding ingredient used in small amounts to increase the crosslinking efficiency of certain non-sulfur vulcanizing systems or to modify the properties given by such systems.

DISCUSSION—The term is usually identified with additives used to modify vulcanization by organic peroxides.

coagulant dipping (latex), *n*—a dipping process in which the product form is first immersed in a coagulant solution, withdrawn, dried, and then immersed in the latex.

coagulation (rubber latex), *n*—irreversible agglomeration of particles originally dispersed in a rubber latex.

coagulum (latex), *n*—an undersirable, irreversible, agglomeration of rubber particles retained on a 180 μm mesh screen. **D 1076**

coated fabric, *n*—a flexible product composed of a textile fabric and an adherent polymeric material applied to one or both surfaces.

cohesive failure (bonded assembly), *n*— a rupture occurring entirely within any single uniform layer of the assembly.

cold checks, *n*—defect on calendered sheeting consisting of surface roughness.

cold flow (unvulcanized rubber), *n*— slow deformation, under gravitational force, at or below room temperature.

comonomer, *n*—one of the two or more monomer species that polymerize to form a copolymer.

compound, *n*—an intimate admixture of a polymer(s) with all the materials necessary for the finished article.

compound, standard, *n*—a control or reference compound prepared according to a prescribed formula and mixing procedure.

compounding ingredient, *n*—See **compounding material**, the preferred term.

compounding material, *n*—a substance used as part of a rubber mix.

compression molding, *n*—molding process in which the material is placed directly in the mold cavity and compressed to shape by closure of the mold.

compression set, *n*—the residual deformation of a material after removal of the compressive stress.

conditioning (environmental), *n*—the storage of a rubber,

under specified conditions (time, temperature, humidity) prior to testing.

conditioning (mechanical), *n*—the prescribed program of deformation of a specimen prior to testing.

conventional sulfur vulcanizing system, *n*—as applied to natural and isoprene rubbers and butadiene-based synthetic rubbers, a vulcanizing system using a relatively high proportion of sulfur in which the combined sulfur exists predominantly in the polysulfidic cross links chain modifications.

DISCUSSION—The amount of free sulfur and the ratio of free sulfur to accelerator will vary from rubber to rubber.

copolymer, *n*—a polymer formed from two different monomers.

cracker, *n*—heavy-duty mill having two deeply corrugated or pyramid-cut rolls for breaking down a rubber or a mix, or for cutting rubber or a mix into pieces.

cracks, *n*—fissure(s) originating in the surface of a rubber vulcanizate or product as a result of natural weathering.

cracks, flex, *n*—fissures originating in the surface of a rubber vulcanizate, resulting from cyclic deformation (usually bending).

crack(s), ozone, *n*—fissure(s) originating in the surface of a rubber vulcanizate, caused by exposure to an ozone-containing environment; these fissures are perpendicular to the direction of strain, and usually occur in rubbers having main chain unsaturation.

crazing, *n*—formation of a random pattern of shallow cracks on a rubber surface usually due to ageing by light.

DISCUSSION—Unlike ozone cracking, crazing does not depend on the presence of a tensile strain in the rubber.

creep, *n*—the time-dependent part of a strain resulting from stress.

crosslink, *n*—chemical bond bridging one polymer chain to another.

crosslinking (the act of), *n*—formation of chemical bonds between polymer chains to give a network structure.

crowsfeet, *n*—small flowmarks of V-shape on calendered sheeting.

crystallization, polymer, *n*—arrangement of previously disordered polymer segments of repeating patterns into geometric symmetry.

cure, *n*— See **vulcanization**, the preferred term.

cure meter, *n*—a testing device that measures the progress of vulcanization at a vulcanizing temperature.

DISCUSSION—The measured property, normally proportional to the complex dynamic modulus, is recorded at closely spaced time intervals to produce a quasi-continuous measured property versus time curve.

curing agent, *n*—synonym for **vulcanizing agent**, the preferred term.

density, *n*—the mass per unit volume of a material. E 126, E 20

density, bulk, *n*—the mass per unit volume of a material, including any voids present.

desiccant, *n*—compounding material used to irreversibly absorb moisture present (in a rubber mix) particularly for the

purpose of minimizing risk of porosity during vulcanization.
die swell, *n*—difference between the dimensions of the cross section of an extrudate and the corresponding dimensions of the die orifice by which the extrudate is formed.

DISCUSSION—It is usually quantified as the percentage increases in the cross-sectional area.

diene polymer, *n*—a polymer formed from one or more monomer species, at least one of which is a diolefin.

dipping (latex), *n*—a process in which a layer of rubber is deposited on a mold or form as a result of immersion in a bath of compounded latex.

dispersing agent (latex), *n*—a surface-active substance used to facilitate the suspension of solid compounding materials in a liquid medium and to stabilize the dispersion thereby produced.

dispersion (the act of), *n*—application of shearing forces to distribute one or more compounding materials uniformly throughout the mass of a continuum of material.

dough (rubber), *n*—a paste-like mass of smooth texture, consisting of a rubber mix and solvent; it is used for spreading.

dumbbell specimen (rubber), *n*—a flat specimen having a narrow straight central portion of essentially uniform cross section with enlarged ends. D 412, D 260

durometer, *n*—an instrument for measuring the indentation hardness of rubber.

dusting, *n*—the application of a powder to a rubber surface, generally to prevent adhesion to another surface.

dynamic vulcanization, *n*—the process of intimate melt mixing a thermoplastic polymer and a suitable reactive rubbery polymer to generate a thermoplastic elastomer with a chemically cross-linked rubbery phase resulting in properties close to those of a thermoset rubber when compared to the same cross-linked composition.

ebonite, *n*—a hard material made by sulfur vulcanization of rubber, in which the hardness is substantially obtained by the action of the sulfur.

efficient vulcanizing (EV) systems, *n*— as applied to natural rubber and isoprene- and butadiene-based synthetic rubbers, a vulcanizing system making efficient use of sulfur and producing at optimum cure a network containing a preponderance of thermally stable monosulfidic crosslinks.

DISCUSSION—EV systems are comprised of a sulfur donor or a combination of low concentration of free sulfur (for example, <0.5 parts per hundred parts of rubber), or both, at a comparatively high concentration of accelerator(s).

elastic limit, *n*—the greatest stress that a material is capable of sustaining, without any permanent strain remaining, upon complete release of the stress. E 6, E 28

elastomer, *n*—a term often used for rubber and polymers that have properties similar to those of rubber.

elongation, *n*—extension produced by a tensile stress.

elongation, percent, *n*—the extension of a uniform section of a specimen expressed as percent of the original length.

DISCUSSION—Elongation, % =

$$\frac{(\text{final length} - \text{original length})}{\text{original length}} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

elongation, ultimate, *n*—the elongation at the time of rupture.

emulsifying agent (latex), *n*—a surface-active substance used to facilitate the dispersion of an immiscible liquid compounding material in another liquid and to stabilize the emulsion thereby produced.

extender, *n*—an organic material used to augment the polymer in a compound.

extensometer, *n*—a device for determining elongation of a specimen as it is strained.

extrudate, *n*—the material that issues from an extruder.

extruder, *n*—machine designed to force a rubber or rubber mix through an orifice, which is often shaped to the geometry of the desired product.

extrusion, *n*—the continuous shaping of a material during plastic passage through a die.

extrusion mark (score line), *n*—a mark formed on an extrudate during the extrusion process either by accident or intent.

fatigue breakdown, *n*—the deterioration of an elastomeric product during repeated deformation.

fatigue, dynamic, *n*—the deterioration of a material by repeated deformation. See fatigue breakdown.

fatigue life, *n*—the number of deformations required to produce a specified state of fatigue breakdown in a test specimen or product that is deformed under a prescribed set of conditions.

field latex, *n*—See **latex, field**

filler, *n*—a solid compounding material, usually in finely divided form, which may be added in relatively large proportions to a polymer for technical or economic reasons.

filler, inert, *n*—a filler having no reinforcing effect.

flash, *n*—the excess material protruding from the surface of a molded article at the mold junctions.

*flat cure, *n**—a synonym for **plateau vulcanization**

flex life, *n*—the number of cycles required to produce a specified state of failure in a specimen that is flexed in a prescribed method.

flexometer, *n*—a machine that subjects a test specimen to repeated deformation by compression, tension, shear, bending, torsion or any combination thereof.

flocculation, *n*—formation (sometimes reversible) of loosely coherent, partially agglomerated rubber, distributed in the liquid phase of a latex.

flow marks, *n*—marks or line on a molded product, caused by imperfect fusion of flowing fronts.

foam stabilizer (latex), *n*—a substance used in the preparation of latex foam, before gelation, drying, and vulcanization to help maintain the foam cell structure.

foaming agent (latex), *n*—a substance used to facilitate the formation of suspended gas in latex during the production of latex foam.

former (latex), *n*—a shaped object on which a rubber article is produced by dipping into a latex, from which the article is subsequently removed.

formula, *n*—a list of the materials and their amounts used in the preparation of a compound.

friction coat, calender, *n*—a layer of rubber compound applied to a fabric by shearing action so that it impregnates the fabric.

friction coating, *n*—applying a rubber coat (friction coat) on a textile by shearing action so that the coat impregnates the textile.

friction ratio, *n*—ratio of surface speeds of two adjacent rolls (mill, calender, or refiner).

frosting, *n*—formation of a matte, whitish appearance on a rubber surface exposed to air, resulting from the action of ozone; often confused with bloom.

furnace carbon black, *n*—type of carbon black produced by the decomposition reaction of hydrocarbons when injected into a high velocity stream of combustion gases under controlled conditions.

gage length, *n*—the known distance between bench marks.

gasket (mechanical), *n*—a deformable material clamped between essentially stationary faces to prevent the passage of matter through an opening or joint.

gate (injection or transfer mold), *n*—the orifice through which a shaped cavity in a mold is filled with material.

gel, dry rubber, *n*—the portion of unvulcanized rubber insoluble in a chosen solvent.

gel, latex, *n*—a semi-solid system consisting of a network of aggregates in which liquid is held.

gel time, *n*—the period of time from the initial mixing of the reactants of a plastic or rubber composition to the time when gelation occurs as defined by a specified test.

gelling (latex), *n*—the formation of a uniform coagulum from which the aqueous phase has not been separated.

grain, *n*—anisotropy introduced into rubber during processing operations.

granulated rubber, *n*—particulate rubber composed of mainly non-spherical particles that span a broad range of maximum “particle dimension” from below 425 μm (40 mesh) to 12 mm (0.47 in.); the key feature of this type of particulate rubber is the fraction of the material in the greater than 1 mm (0.08 in.) up to 12 mm (0.47 in.) maximum “particle dimension” range. See **particulate rubber**.

DISCUSSION—For any particulate rubber, any measurable fraction, for example, 0.1 % of particles in the greater than 2 mm (0.08 in.) to 12 mm (0.47 in.) range confers on that material the title “granulated rubber,” despite a substantial fraction of particles in a much smaller particle dimension range.

ground rubber, *n*—particulate rubber composed of mainly non-spherical particles that span a range of maximum “particle dimension” from well below 425 μm (40 mesh) to 2 mm (0.08 in.) as a maximum “particle dimension.” See **particulate rubber**.

DISCUSSION—For any particulate rubber, any measurable fraction, for example 0.1 % of particles in the greater than 425 μm (40 mesh) to 2 mm (0.08 in.) range with no particles in the greater than 2 mm (0.08 in.) to 12 mm (0.47 in.) range confers on that material the title “ground rubber,” despite a substantial fraction of particles in a much smaller particle dimension range.

ground vulcanized rubber, *n*—vulcanized rubber in particulate form; used as an extender or filler.

guayule rubber, *n*—naturally occurring *cis* polyisoprene obtained from the shrub, *Parthenium Argentatum*.

gum compound, *n*—a rubber compound containing only those ingredients necessary for vulcanization and small amounts of other ingredients for processing, coloring, and for improving the resistance to ageing.

gutta-percha, *n*—hard thermoplastic substance, mainly *trans* polyisoprene obtained from trees of the *Sapotaceae* family.
hard rubber, *n*—deprecated term, see **ebonite**.

hardness, *n*—a physical property of a rubber vulcanizate, characterized by resistance to indentation.

heat buildup, *n*—the accumulation of thermal energy generated within a material as a result of hysteresis, evidenced by an increase in temperature.

heat-sensitive dipping (latex), *n*—dipping process in which a heated form is immersed in latex containing a substance that causes the latex to gel at an elevated temperature.

heat sensitizer, *n*—gelling agent effective only at elevated temperature.

holland cloth, *n*—a completely filled woven fabric (usually starch-filled linen) with a smooth glass-like finish on both sides, used as a separating medium for raw rubber and rubber compounds.

homogenization (raw rubber), *n*—repeated passage of raw rubber through a mill or other mixing device, under specified conditions, to ensure uniformity.

homopolymer, *n*—a polymer formed from a single monomer species.

hose, *n*—a flexible conduit consisting of a tube, reinforcement, and usually an outer cover.

hose assembly, *n*—a length of hose with a coupling attached to one or each end.

hysteresis loss, *n*—the loss of mechanical energy due to hysteresis.

hysteresis, *n*—the conversion of mechanical energy to heat in rubber undergoing strain.

DISCUSSION—Hysteresis is accompanied by a phase shift in which the strain lags behind the stress, producing damping forces essentially independent of frequency. See D 5992–96.

impact resistance, *n*—resistance to fracture under shock force.

inhibitor, *n*—material used to suppress a chemical reaction.

isotactic, *n*—a polymeric molecular structure containing a sequence of regularly spaced asymmetric atoms arranged in like configuration in the polymer chain.

knuckles, *n*—small tough rubber pieces scattered throughout a bale of raw rubber that do not disperse easily or accept carbon black and other compounding materials during mixing.

latex, creamed, *n*—a latex, the rubber concentration of which has been increased by creaming and removal of the separated serum.

latex, creaming, *n*—a reversible process consisting of gravitational accumulation of rubber particles surrounded by serum, near the top or bottom of the latex.

DISCUSSION—This is generally accomplished by adding a creaming agent.

latex, creaming agent, *n*—a material added to latex to promote creaming. See **latex, creaming**.

latex, field, *n*—natural rubber latex with or without a preservative and prior to concentration or any other processing.

DISCUSSION—The preservative is added to maintain the original state of the latex as it comes from the tree.

latex, mechanical stability, *n*—the ability of latex to resist coagulation under the influence of mechanical agitation

latex rubber, *n*—colloidal aqueous dispersion of rubber.

leaching (latex), *n*—a process in which latex articles are washed in water to remove water-soluble substances.

DISCUSSION—Leaching is used to improve clarity, prevent blooming of hydrophilic materials, and reduce water absorption in the finished rubber articles.

liquid curing medium (LCM), *n*—a molten phase, generally a molten mixture of sodium nitrate, that is used as a heating medium for the continuous vulcanization of a rubber mix, usually following extrusion.

lot, *n*—a mass or collection of articles of similar composition and characteristics.

lubricant (mold), *n*—See **release agent (mold)**, the preferred term.

macromolecular material, *n*—See **polymer** the preferred term

marching modulus curve, *n*—a type of vulcanization during which the increasing modulus does not reach a maximum value.

masterbatch, *n*—a homogeneous mixture of rubber and one or more materials in known proportions for use as a raw material in the preparation of the final compounds.

DISCUSSION—Masterbatches are used to facilitate processing or enhance the properties of the final product, or both.

mastication, *n*—a breakdown or softening of raw rubber, or a mix by the combined action of mechanical work (shear) and atmospheric oxygen, sometimes accelerated by the use of a peptizer and frequently at elevated temperatures.

maturation (latex), *n*—controlled storage of compounded latex before processing, which allows stabilization and escape of air bubbles, optimizes dispersion of ingredients, and allows partial pre-vulcanization of rubber particles.

microhardness, *n*—hardness measured with an instrument having a smaller indenter and applying a lower force than the standard instrument, permitting measurements on smaller specimens or thinner sheets that are not amenable to measurement by normal instruments.

DISCUSSION—Microhardness refers to the instrument and procedure used and not a property of the rubber.

mill, *n*—a machine used for rubber mastication, mixing, or sheeting, having two counter-rotating rolls with adjustable longitudinal axis separation that usually rotate at different speeds.

mineral rubber, *n*—a compounding material (not a rubber)

prepared from petroleum asphalt and used as a tackifier, softener, or extender.

mix, *n*—an adequate mixture of rubber in any form with other material(s).

mixer, *n*—a machine that incorporates and disperses compounding ingredients into rubber to form a mix or a compound, through the action of mechanical work (shear).

mixer, internal, *n*—a machine with a closed cavity in which a specially shaped rotor(s) masticates the rubber or incorporates and disperses compounding materials, or both, into the rubber.

modulus, tensile, *n*—See **tensile stress at given elongation**, the preferred term.

modulus, Young's, *n*—the ratio of normal stress to corresponding strain for tensile or compressive stresses below the proportional limit of the material. **E 111, E 28**

DISCUSSION—*proportional limit*, the greatest stress that a material is capable of sustaining without any deviation from proportionality of stress to strain (Hooke's law). **E 6, E 28**

mold lubricant, *n*—synonym for **release agent (mold)**.

molding, compression, *n*—the process of forming a material to a desired shape by flow induced by a force applied after a material is placed in the mold cavity.

molding, injection, *n*—the process of forming a material by forcing it from an external heated chamber through a sprue (runner, gate) into the cavity of a closed mold by means of a pressure gradient that is independent of the mold clamping force.

molding shrinkage, *n*—the difference in dimensions between a molded product and the mold cavity in which it was molded, both the mold and product being at normal room temperature when measured.

molding, transfer, *n*—the process of forming a material by forcing it from an auxiliary heated chamber through a sprue hole (runner, gate) into the cavity of a closed mold by means of a pressure gradient that is dependent on the mold clamping force.

monomer, *n*—a low molecular weight substance consisting of molecules capable of reacting with like or unlike molecules to form a polymer.

DISCUSSION—Definition approved by IUPAC

mold marks, *n*—surface imperfection transferred to a molded product from corresponding marks on a mold.

Mullins Effect, *n*—the softening of a vulcanized rubber (reduction in the stress at a given strain) as a result of previous deformation.

naphthenic oil, *n*—an hydrocarbon process oil containing more than 30 %, by mass, of naphthenic hydrocarbons.

necking, *n*—the localized reduction in cross section that may occur in a material under tensile stress.

nerve, *n*—the elastic resistance of unvulcanized rubber or rubber mixes to permanent deformation.

network, *n*—a three dimensional reticulate structure formed by interchain or intrachain bonding of polymer molecules in combination with chain entanglements.

nip, *n*—the radial clearance between rolls of a mill or calendar on a line of centers.

non-fill, *n*—defect resulting from the failure of the rubber to fill out all the mold pattern detail.

non-sulfur vulcanizing system, *n*—a vulcanizing system not requiring free or donated sulfur.

O-ring, *n*—See **seal, O-ring**.

oligomer, *n*—a polymer consisting of only a few monomer units such as a dimer, trimer, tetramer, etc., or their mixtures.

optimum cure, *n*—the state of vulcanization at which a desired property value or combination of property values is obtained.

organosol, *n*—a suspension of a finely divided polymer in a plasticizer together with a volatile organic liquid.

overcure, *n*—a state of vulcanization cure beyond the state of optimum cure.

DISCUSSION—Overcure is generally caused by too long a time or too high a temperature of vulcanization or post-vulcanization, or both, or a surplus of vulcanizing agents, or both.

packing (mechanical), *n*—a deformable material used to prevent or control the passage of matter between surfaces that move in relation to each other.

paraffinic oil, *n*—an hydrocarbon process oil, most or all of which is composed of alkanes

particulate rubber, *n*—rubber, vulcanized or unvulcanized, that has been transformed into a collection of particles, with or without a coating of a partitoning agent to prevent agglomeration during production, transportation, or storage (see **buffing, rubber, granulated rubber, ground rubber, and powdered rubber**).

parting line, *n*—another name for spew line.

peptizer (dry rubber), *n*—a compounding material used in small proportions to accelerate, by chemical action, the softening of rubber under the influence of mechanical action, or heat, or both.

permeability, *n*—the permeation rate divided by the pressure gradient of the gas or vapor. For a homogeneous material that obeys Fick's law, the permeability is equal to the product of the diffusion coefficient and the solubility coefficient of the gas or vapor.

DISCUSSION—Pressure gradient is the pressure differential divided by the distance between opposite faces of a solid body.

DISCUSSION—Homogeneous material is a typical polymer that may contain fillers or curatives, or both, uniformly distributed throughout the mass.

permeance, *n*—the permeation rate divided by the pressure differential of a gas or vapor between opposite faces of a solid body.

DISCUSSION—Pressure differential is the difference in gas or vapor pressure across opposite faces of a solid body.

permeation rate, *n*—the flow rate of a gas or vapor, under specified conditions, through a prescribed area of a solid body, divided by that area.

pick, *n*—an individual filling yarn of a fabric.

pigment, *n*—an insoluble compounding material used to impart color.

DISCUSSION—The use of "pigment" as a substitute for "compounding material" is discouraged.

plasticity, *n*—a characteristic of unvulcanized rubber indicated by the degree of retention of deformation after removal of the deforming force.

Plasticity Retention Index (PRI), *n*— for natural rubber, the ratio of a “plasticity number” measured after air oven ageing, under specified conditions, to a “plasticity number” measured before ageing.

DISCUSSION—This is widely interpreted as a measure of oxidation resistance of raw natural rubber.

plasticizer, *n*—a compounding material used to enhance the deformability of a polymeric compound.

plastisol, *n*—a suspension of a finely divided polymer in a plasticizer.

plastometer, *n*—an instrument for measuring the plasticity of a material.

plateau, vulcanization, *n*—vulcanization during which the value of a desired property proceeds to a maximum or minimum and then remains essentially constant for a substantial period after the initial change.

polymer, *n*—a substance consisting of molecules characterized by the repetition (neglecting ends, branch junctions, and other minor irregularities) of one or more types of monomeric units.

polymer network, *n*—a three-dimensional reticulate structure formed by chemical or physical linking of polymer chains.

poromer, *n*— See **poromeric material**, the preferred term.

poromeric material, *n*—a flexible synthetic leather-like material that is permeable to air and water vapor and usually resistant to water penetration and abrasion.

porosity, *n*—the presence of numerous small cavities.

post cure, *n*—heat or radiation treatment, or both, to which a cured or partially cured thermosetting plastic or rubber composition is subjected, to enhance the level of one or more properties.

pot life, *n*—the period of time during which a reacting thermosetting plastic or rubber composition remains suitable for its intended use, after mixing with a reaction-initiating agent.

powdered rubber, *n*—particulate rubber composed of mainly non-spherical particles that have a maximum particle dimension equal to or below 425 μm (40 mesh). See **particulate rubber**.

prebake resistance, *n*—deprecated term, see **preure heat tolerance**.

precoagulum, *n*—coagulum resulting from the partial inadvertent coagulation of a latex.

preure heat tolerance (adhesives), *n*— the amount of exposure (at a certain time and temperature) prior to bonding that a cure-activated adhesive system can tolerate without significant impairment of its adhesion potential.

preservative (latex), *n*—substance added to uncompounded latex before or after concentration to inhibit putrefaction and accompanying coagulation.

prevulcanization inhibitor (PVI), *n*— a compounding material that increases the time to incipient vulcanization of a rubber mix.

DISCUSSION—Unlike a retarder a PVI does not significantly affect the vulcanization rate.

primary accelerator, *n*—the principal highest concentration accelerator used in a vulcanizing system.

processability, *n*—the relative ease with which raw or compounded rubber can be handled in rubber machinery.

processing aid, *n*—a compounding material that improves processability of a polymeric compound by reducing nerve, providing better dispersion of dry material, increasing the extension rate, reducing power consumption during mixing, producing smoother surfaces on calendered and extruded products and improving knitting to name a few examples.

process oil, *n*—an hydrocarbon oil derived from petroleum or other sources and used as an extender or process aid.

proofing, *n*—process of coating a fabric with raw or compounded rubber to impede penetration by a liquid, usually water.

proofing (the act of), *n*—process of coating a fabric with rubber.

recipe, *n*—a formula, mixing procedure, and any other instructions needed for the preparation of a product.

reclaim, *n*— See **reclaimed rubber**, the preferred term.

reclaimed rubber, *n*—vulcanized rubber that has been thermally, mechanically, and/or chemically plasticized for use as a rubber diluent, extender, or processing aid.

recovery, *n*—the degree to which a rubber product returns to its normal dimensions after being distorted.

refiner, *n*—a two-roll mill with a high friction ratio, used for such operations as processing of reclaimed rubber or slightly scorched mixes and the crushing of impurities.

reinforcement, *n*—the act of increasing the mechanical performance capability of a rubber by the incorporation of materials that do not participate significantly in the vulcanization process.

reinforcing agent, *n*—a material, not basically involved in the vulcanization process, used in rubber to increase the resistance of the vulcanizate to mechanical forces.

release agent (mold), *n*—a substance applied to the inside surface of a mold or added to a material to be molded, to facilitate removal of the product from the mold.

resilience, *n*—the ratio of energy output to energy input in a rapid (or instantaneous) full recovery of a deformed specimen.

resilience, impact, *n*—the ratio of output to input mechanical energy in a rapid deformation and recovery cycle of a rubber specimen.

resin, *n*—an organic material of indefinite and relatively high molecular mass that may be used as a softener, processing aid, vulcanizing agent, or reinforcing agent.

resistivity, volume, *n*—the ratio of the electric potential gradient to the current density when the gradient is parallel to the current in the material.

retarder, *n*—a material used to reduce the tendency of a rubber compound to vulcanize prematurely.

retracted spew, *n*—deprecated term, see **backrinding**.

reversion (vulcanization), *n*—deterioration of vulcanizate

properties that may occur when vulcanization time is extended beyond the optimum.

rubber, *n*—a material that is capable of recovering from large deformations quickly and forcibly, and can be, or already is, modified to a state in which it is essentially insoluble (but can swell) in boiling solvent, such as benzene, methyl ethyl ketone, or ethanol-toluene azeotrope.

DISCUSSION—A rubber in its modified state, free of diluents, retracts within 1 min to less than 1.5 times its original length after being stretched at room temperature (18 to 29°C) to twice its length and held for 1 min before release.

rubber, bound, *n*—the portion of the rubber in a mix that is so closely associated with the filler as to be unextractable by the usual rubber solvents.

rubber, cellular, closed cell, *n*—a cellular material in which practically all the individual cells are nonconnecting.

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rubber, crude, *n*—See **rubber raw**, the preferred term.

rubber, expanded, *n*—cellular rubber having closed cells made from a solid rubber compound.

rubber, gel, *n*—the portion of rubber insoluble in a chosen solvent. (See also **rubber, sol**.)

rubber hardness degree, international, *n*—a measure of hardness, the magnitude of which is derived from the depth of penetration of a specified indenter into a specimen as described in D 1415.

DISCUSSION—The scale is so chosen that 0° would represent a material showing no measurable resistance to indentation, and 100° would represent a material showing no measurable indentation.

rubber latex, centrifuged, *n*—latex, the rubber concentration of which has been increased by the removal of serum by centrifugal force.

rubber latex, evaporated, *n*—latex, the rubber concentration of which has been increased by evaporation of some of the water.

rubber latex, preserved, *n*—rubber latex treated to inhibit putrefaction and accompanying coagulation.

rubber latex, prevulcanized, *n*—a rubber latex in which the particles have been sufficiently vulcanized to produce films and useful articles by drying only.

rubber latex, stabilized, *n*—rubber latex treated to inhibit premature coagulation.

rubber, natural, *n*—a *cis*-1,4-polyisoprene that is obtained from a botanical source, usually *Hevea brasiliensis*.

rubber, oil-extended, *n*—a grade of raw rubber containing a relatively high proportion of processing oil.

rubber products, *n*—items of commerce in which the major portion of the filler-bearing material is a rubber.

rubber, raw, *n*—natural or synthetic rubber, usually in bales or packages that is the starting material for the manufacture of rubber articles.

rubber, skim, *n*—rubber obtained by coagulating the rubber in the serum that separates out during the concentration of natural rubber latex.

rubber, sol, *n*—the portion of rubber soluble in a chosen solvent. (See also **rubber, gel**.)

rubber, sponge, *n*—cellular rubber consisting predominantly

of open cells and made from a dry rubber compound.

rubber, synthetic, *n*—rubber produced by polymerizing one or more monomers with or without post-polymerization chemical modification.

rubber, virgin(s), *n*—obsolete term. See **wet spots**.

rubberize, *n*—to impregnate or coat, or both, a substrate with rubber.

runner (injection or transfer mold), *n*—the secondary feed channel for transferring material under pressure from the inner end of the sprue to the cavity gate.

salt bath, *n*—a heat transfer apparatus, utilizing molten salts as the heating medium, generally used for vulcanization. See **liquid curing medium (LCM)**.

sample, *n*—the portion or unit(s) selected to represent the lot.

scorch, *n*—premature vulcanization of a rubber compound.

scorch, Mooney, *n*—the time to incipient cure of a compound when tested in the Mooney shearing disk viscometer under specific conditions (see Test Method D 1646).

seal (mechanical), *n*—any material or device that prevents or controls the passage of matter across the separable members of a mechanical assembly.

DISCUSSION—“Seal (mechanical)” is considered to be a generic term for such words as “gasket (mechanical),” “packing (mechanical),” and “seal O-ring” as described herein.

seal, O-ring, *n*—a product of precise dimensions molded in one piece to the configuration of a torus with circular cross section, suitable for use in a machined groove for static or dynamic service.

secondary accelerator, *n*—accelerator used in smaller concentrations compared to the primary accelerator, to achieve a faster rate of vulcanization.

semi-efficient vulcanizing (semi-EV) system, *n*—as applied to natural rubber and isoprene- and butadiene-based synthetic rubbers, a vulcanizing system having sulfur and accelerator concentrations between those of a conventional sulfur vulcanizing system and an EV system.

serum, (latex), *n*—the dispersion medium of a rubber latex or the solution remaining, after either coagulation or centrifugation.

set, *n*—strain remaining after complete release of the force producing the deformation.

set after break, *n*—the set of a test piece after stretching it to rupture.

sheeting, *n*—the process of converting a rubber, rubber mix, rubber dough, or latex into a sheet.

shelf life, *n*—See **storage life, shelf**.

shock load, *n*—the sudden application of an external force.

skim coat, calender, *n*—a layer of rubber compound applied to a fabric by pressure normal to the surface.

skim coating (the act of), *n*—the process of applying a thin layer of rubber or rubber mix to a sheet material by means of a calender, without shear forces, between the rubber and the sheet.

skim rubber, *n*—rubber obtained from the dilute latex that is separated during the concentration of natural rubber latex.

skin, *n*—a relatively dense layer at the surface of a cellular polymeric material.

skin, applied, *n*—a thin surface layer of elastomeric material applied to a cellular product.

sludge, *n*—an undesirable residue in rubber latex.

DISCUSSION—Caogulum is not classified as sludge.

softener, *n*—a compounding material used to produce a mix of reduced viscosity, which facilitates incorporation of rubber additives.

specimen, *n*—a piece of material appropriately shaped and prepared so that it is ready to use for a test.

spew line, *n*—line on the surface of a molded product at the junction of the mold parts.

sprue, *n*—material remaining in the sprue hole after molding.

sprue hole, *n*—the passageway through which a rubber is forced into a mold.

stabilizer, dry rubber, *n*—a substance present in or added to raw rubber to maintain properties at or near their initial values during its production, processing, and storage.

stabilizer, (latex), *n*—a substance occurring naturally in or added to latex that prevents agglomeration or coagulation of the rubber particles during processing and/or compounding.

stabilizer (rubber), *n*—a substance present in or added to raw rubber to maintain the properties at or near their initial values during drying, processing, and storage.

stain, contact, *n*—discoloration of a product by another material or product in the area of direct contact.

DISCUSSION—A test for direct surface discoloration of rubber covered by Test Method D 1148. **D 925**

stain, diffusion, *n*—discoloration of a light colored veneer or coating, caused by the diffusion of staining materials from the rubber through the veneer or coating.

DISCUSSION—The veneer or coating is in direct intimate contact with the underlying rubber. **D 925**

stain, migration, *n*—discoloration, caused by volatile constituents of a rubber, that occurs on any portion of the surface of any object in the proximity of or adjacent to but not in direct contact with the rubber causing the stain. **D 925**

stiffener, *n*—a compounding material used to increase the viscosity of an unvulcanized rubber mix.

stiffness, bending, *n*—the force required to produce a bent configuration under specified conditions.

stock, *n*— See **compound**, the preferred term.

storage hardening, *n*—the increase in the viscosity of raw or unvulcanized rubber during storage.

DISCUSSION—This differs from low-temperature crystallization by not being thermally reversible.

storage life, shelf, *n*—the period of time after production during which a material or product, that is stored under specified conditions, retains its intended performance capabilities.

strain, *n*—the unit change, due to force, in the size or shape of a body referred to its original size or shape. **E 6, E 28**

strainer, *n*—a machine designed to force a rubber or rubber mix through a sieve or sieves to remove extraneous material.

stress, *n*—the intensity, at a point in a body, of the internal

forces (or components of force) that act on a given plane through the point.

DISCUSSION—Stress is expressed in force per unit area. As used in tension, compression, or shear, stress is calculated on the basis of the original dimensions of the appropriate cross section of the test piece.

stress relaxation, *n*—the decrease in stress after a given time at constant strain.

sulfur, combined, *n*—the sulfur remaining in a vulcanizate after extraction by a prescribed method.

DISCUSSION—This sulfur is bound to organic constituents (organically combined sulfur, for example, rubber, vulcanized oil) or to inorganic constituents (inorganically combined sulfur, for example, barium sulfate), or to both.

sulfur donor vulcanizing system, *n*—a vulcanizing system in which there is no elemental sulfur present and all of the sulfur available for the crosslinking is provided by the partial decomposition of sulfur-containing materials.

sulfur, extractable, *n*—all the sulfur removed by a solvent from a rubber mix or vulcanizate.

sulfur, free, *n*—ideally, the uncombined sulfur in a rubber mix or vulcanizate.

DISCUSSION—Practically, the analyses for free sulfur determine elemental sulfur, coordinately bound sulfur, and organically bound reactive sulfur, such as that in disulfides and polysulfides.

sulfur, total, *n*—all the sulfur present in a material irrespective of its chemical form or origin.

swelling, *n*—the increase in volume of a specimen immersed in a liquid or exposed to a vapor.

tack, rubber, *n*—the property that causes contacting surfaces of unvulcanized rubber to adhere to each other.

tackifier, *n*—a compounding material that enhances the ability of vulcanized rubber to adhere to itself or another material.

tear (rubber), *n*—mechanical rupture initiated and propagated at a site of high stress concentration caused by a cut, defect, or localized deformation.

tear strength, *n*—the maximum force required to tear a specified specimen, the force acting substantially parallel to the major axis of the test specimen.

tensile set, *n*—the extension remaining after a specimen has been stretched and allowed to retract in a specified manner expressed as a percentage of the original length.

tensile strength, *n*—the maximum tensile stress applied during stretching a specimen to rupture.

tensile stress, *n*—a stress applied to stretch a test piece (specimen).

tensile stress at given elongation, *n*—the stress required to stretch the uniform cross section of a test specimen to a given elongation.

tension fatigue, *n*—fracture, through crack growth, of a component or test specimen subjected to a repeated tensile deformation.

tension set, *n*—see **tensile set**, the preferred term.

terpolymer, *n*—a polymer formed from three monomer species.

thermal degradation, *n*—irreversible and undesirable change

in the properties of a material due to exposure to heat.

thermoplastic, *n*—a polymer that repeatedly can be softened by heating and hardened by cooling through a temperature range characteristic of the polymer, and in the softened state can be shaped into articles.

thermoplastic, *adj*—a property of a polymer that permits it to be repeatedly softened by heating and hardened by cooling through a characteristic temperature range, and in the softened state can be shaped into articles.

thermoplastic elastomer (TPE), *n*— a diverse family of rubber-like materials, that, unlike conventional vulcanized rubbers, can be processed and recycled like thermoplastic materials.

thermoplastic vulcanizate, *n*—a thermoplastic elastomer with a chemically cross-linked rubbery phase, produced by dynamic vulcanization.

thickener (latex), *n*—a substance used to raise or control the viscosity of latex without making major changes in the total solids content.

threshold strain (ozone testing), *n*— the highest tensile strain at which a rubber specimen can be exposed continually to an ozone-containing environment without development of ozone cracks.

DISCUSSION—The value of the threshold strain depends on the composition of the rubber, the ozone concentration, temperature, the nature of the strain (static or dynamic), and ultraviolet light exposure.

topping (the act of), *n*—See **skim coating**, the preferred term.

transition, first order, *n*—a reversible change in phase of a material; in the case of polymers, usually crystallization or melting.

transition, glass, *n*—the reversible physical change in a material from a viscous or rubbery state to a brittle, glassy state.

DISCUSSION—The midpoint of the temperature range over which this transition takes place is commonly termed the “glass transition temperature.”

transition, second order, *n*—see **transition temperature, glass**

twist (amount of), *n*—the number of turns per unit length of yarn or textile strand (or of a product such as cable or hose) around its axis.

twist, yarn, *n*—the number of turns, about its axis, per unit of length, observed in a yarn or other textile strand.

ultra accelerator, *n*—a highly active accelerator for fast vulcanization and often used for low-temperature vulcanization.

undercure, *n*—a state of vulcanization between the onset of vulcanization and the state of optimum cure.

urethane foam, (flexible), *n*—an open cell, elastomeric material made by the addition reaction of a polyol with a polyisocyanate.

UV absorber, *n*—a compounding material that, through its ability to absorb ultraviolet radiation and render it harmless, retards the deterioration caused by sunlight and other UV light sources.

viscoelasticity, *n*—a combination of viscous and elastic properties in a material with the relative contribution of each

being dependent on time, temperature, stress, and strain rate.

viscosity, *n*—the resistance of a material to flow under stress.

viscosity, Mooney, *n*—a measure of the viscosity of a rubber or rubber compound determined in a Mooney shearing disk viscometer (see Test Methods D 1646).

void, cellular material, *n*—a cavity unintentionally formed in a cellular material and substantially larger than the characteristic individual cells.

volatile fatty acid (VFA) number (of latex), *n*—the number of grams of potassium hydroxide equivalent to the volatile fatty acids in a latex sample containing 100 g of total solids.

vulcanizate, *n*—the product of vulcanization, a crosslinked rubber.

vulcanization, *n*—an irreversible process during which a rubber compound, through a change in its chemical structure (for example, crosslinking), becomes less plastic and more resistant to swelling by organic liquids while elastic properties are conferred, improved, or extended over a greater range of temperature.

vulcanized vegetable oil, *n*—a compounding material made by heating unsaturated vegetable oil with cross-linking agents; it is used as a processing aid or extender.

vulcanizing agent, *n*—compounding material that produces crosslinking in rubber.

vulcanizing system, *n*—the combination of vulcanizing agent and, as required, accelerators, activators, and retarders used to produce the desired vulcanization characteristics or vulcanize characteristics.

warm-up (rubber processing), *n*—the reduction in viscosity of a rubber or rubber mix, by mechanical work and heat to render it suitable for further processing.

water absorption, *n*—the amount of water absorbed by a material under specified test conditions.

waterproofness (coated fabric), *n*— the property of impenetrability by liquid water.

water repellency (coated fabric), *n*— the property of being resistant to wetting by liquid water.

water resistance (coated fabric), *n*— the property of retarding both penetration and wetting by liquid water.

weathering, *n*—the surface deterioration of a rubber article during outdoor exposure.

DISCUSSION—Examples are checking, cracking, or crazing.

wet spots, *n*—local patches of high moisture content in raw rubber.

DISCUSSION—Wet spots tend to resist breakdown on mastication and not take up carbon black on mixing as readily as the dry matrix (rubber).

wetting agent (latex), *n*—a substance used to reduce the surface tension of latex and thereby facilitate spreading or impregnation of a surface by the latex.

wicking, *n*—transmission of a gas or liquid, due to a pressure differential or capillary action, along fibers incorporated in a rubber product.

yield point, *n*—that point on the stress-strain curve, short of ultimate failure, where the rate of stress with respect to strain goes through a zero value and may become negative.

yield strain, n —the level of strain at the yield point.

yield stress, n —the level of stress at the yield point.

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