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Materials obtained from end of life tyres (ELT) - Sampling method for granulates and powders stored in big-bags

Matériaux obtenus à partir de pneus usagés non réutilisables (PUNR) - Méthode d'échantillonnage de granulats et de poudrettes stockés dans des big-bags

Materialien aus Altreifen (ELTs) - Probeentnahme für in Big Bags gelagerte Granulate und Mehle

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European foreword

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Introduction

Particle size distribution and related parameters are key measurements for product characterization of size-reduced materials, such as granulates and powders derived from End-of-life Tyres (ELTs). To obtain an accurate particle size distribution, a representative sample of the material to be tested will be taken according to the principle that every particle of the sample that represents the lot will have an equal probability of being included in the sample.

Sampling criteria to assess characteristics of granulates and powders at different stages of a production process by size reduction of End-of-life tyres are given in prEN 14243-2:2017, Clause 5.

When the lot to be characterized is a big-bag, particular attention has to be given in order to obtain a representative sample(s) because of the tendency of the stored material to segregate over time with the smaller particles settling in the lower part of the big-bag.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for obtaining a sample of rubber granulates or powders derived from End-of-life tyres which have been stored in big-bags.

Several sample increments at different levels within the big-bag are obtained, which represent the average particle size distribution within the big-bag. From these sample increments, a representative sample is derived.

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.

prEN 14243-1:2017, *Materials obtained from end of life tyres — Part 1: General definitions related to the methods for determining their dimension(s) and impurities*

prEN 14243-2:2017, *Materials obtained from end of life tyres — Part 2: Granulates and powders — Methods for determining their dimension(s) and impurities, including free steel and free textile content*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in prEN 14243-1:2017 and the following 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

sampling tool

tool used to collect (remove) a defined quantity of material from the big-bag

Note 1 to entry: An example of a sampling tool should be a lance with a point tip usually made of stainless steel containing one or more sampling chambers that may be opened and closed for point sampling of a predetermined sampling depth.

4 Principle

The sample is created by mixing several increments removed with a sampling tool at least at three levels and at least at one location on each level, as specified in Clause 6.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Sampling tool

Tool used to remove the same quantity of material, greater than or equal to 150 g, from different heights within a big-bag. It shall be shaped to allow the operator to reach different heights by simply pressing on the tool and introducing it into the big-bag. Its opening shall be wider than three times the size of the largest element expected. The tool should be preferably used by piercing through the fabric. Upon removal, the bag may be sealed with tape. The tool shall be closed to prevent contamination.

5.2 Balance

The scales shall be accurate to $\pm 0,1$ g.

5.3 Container

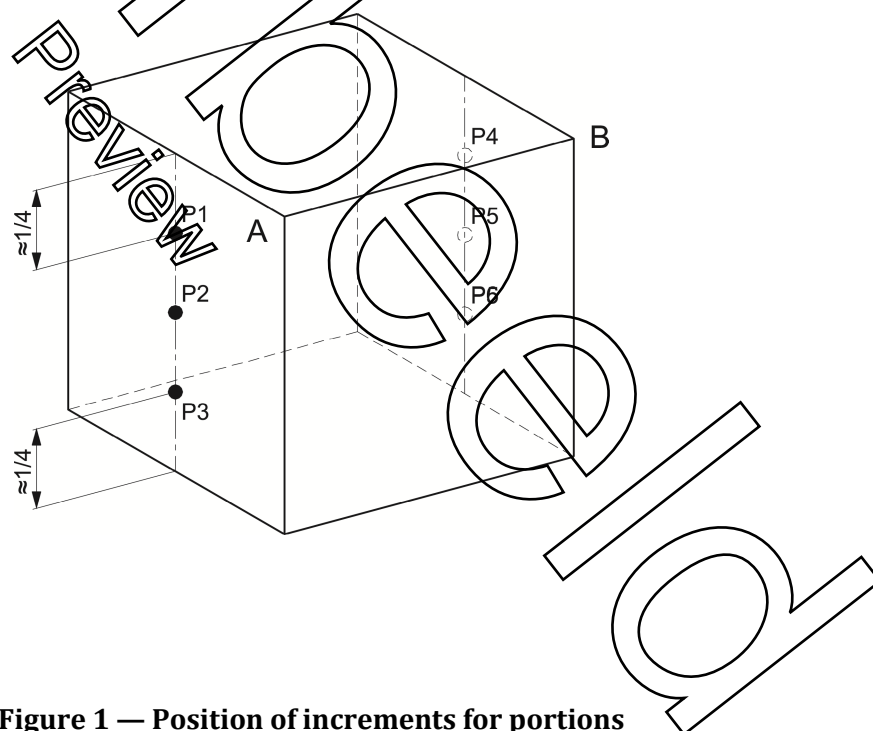
The containers are used to recover the increments. The container shall be large enough to hold all three increments to make the combined sample and to allow for mixing the combined sample to make it homogeneous.

6 Procedure

a) Take the increments from different heights:

the mass of the combined sample shall be greater than or equal to 450 g. At least three increments shall be taken at different heights, as specified in Clause 4. Two options are available:

- 1) Scheme 1: according to the indications of Figure 1) samples can be taken at the following points:
 - P1 and/or P4: at the top (approximately 1/4 from the surface);
 - P2 and/or P5: in the middle;
 - P3 and/or P6: at the bottom of the big-bag (approximately 1/4 from the bottom).



Key
 A front
 B back

Figure 1 — Position of increments for portions

2) Scheme 2: if an appropriate tool is available (see Annex A), it is also possible to take samples from the centre axis of big-bag (see Figure 2) then three increments shall be taken at different heights (see Figure 2).

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