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— *Part 1: General guidance*

— *Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

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— *Part 4: Open-flame carbon-arc lamps*

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Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources —

Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4892 specifies methods for exposing specimens to xenon-arc light in the presence of moisture to reproduce the weathering effects (temperature, humidity and/or wetting) that occur when materials are exposed in actual end-use environments to daylight or to daylight filtered through window glass.

Specimen preparation and evaluation of the results are covered in other International Standards for specific materials.

General guidance is given in ISO 4892-1.

NOTE Xenon-arc exposures of paints and varnishes are described in ISO 11341.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4582, *Plastics — Determination of changes in colour and variations in properties after exposure to daylight under glass, natural weathering or laboratory light sources*

ISO 4892-1, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 1: General guidance*

ISO 9370, *Plastics — Instrumental determination of radiant exposure in weathering tests — General guidance and basic test method*

3 Principle

3.1 A xenon arc, fitted with filters, is used to simulate the relative spectral irradiance of daylight in the ultraviolet (UV) and visible regions of the spectrum.

3.2 Specimens are exposed to various levels of light, heat, relative humidity and water (see 3.4) under controlled environmental conditions.

3.3 The exposure conditions are varied by selection of

a) the light filter(s);

b) the irradiance level;

c) the temperature during exposure to light;

d) the relative humidity in the chamber during light and dark exposures, when exposure conditions requiring control of humidity are used;

e) the way the test specimens are wetted (see 3.4);

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