# ARC2020

Measuring the viscosity and die swell of rubber and thermoplastic elastomers at high shear rates



The ARC2020 is a capillary rheometer designed to test and collect information about viscosity and die swell of mixed rubber and thermoplastic elastomers at high shear rates. This information can be used to predict rubber behavior in processes with high shear rates such as injection molding.



## ARC2020 Capillary Rheometer

#### **Testing Features**

- Measures the viscosity and die swell of rubber and thermoplastic elastomers at high shear rates from 1 to 29,000 sec-1
- High maximum piston force of 15 kN
- Laser micrometer for die swell measurement
- 12.7 mm (0.5 inch) barrel for easy rubber sample loading

#### Performance

- Predicts processability of mixed rubber used in calendaring, milling, extrusion, and molding
- Good test sensitivity to mixing errors or compound changes
- Suitable for quality control or research and development

#### Options

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- Die Diameters:
  - ∘ 0.75 mm 2 to 29,000 sec-1
  - 1.00 mm 1 to 14,000 sec-1
  - 1.50 mm 0.2 to 4000 sec-1
  - ∘ 2.00 mm 0.1 to 1400 sec-1
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#### Specifications

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2	Testing Standard:	ASTM D5099	Measured Data:	Pressure, force from load cell, ram rate, time, extrude diameter
	Temperature Range:	Ambient to 350°C (662°F)	Calculated Data:	Shear stress, shear rate, , % die swell, Bagley correction, Rabinowicz correction
	Barrel Length:	229mm (9 in)		
	Ram Rate:	0.03 to 650 mm/minute (0.001 to 23.6 in/minute)	Electrical:	100/110/120/130 VAC $\pm 10\%$ , 60 Hz $\pm 3$ , 10-amp single phase
	Crosshead Force:	0 to 15 kN (0 to 3370 lbf) $\pm$ 0.5% F/S		200/220/240/260 VAC $\pm$ 10%, 50 Hz $\pm$ 3, 5-amp single phase
	Pressure:	0 to 140,000 kPa (0 to 20,000 psi)	Dimensions:	Width 49 cm (19 in), height 150 cm (59 in), depth 56 cm (22 in)
	Calibration:	Automatic	Weight:	Net 136 kg (300 lb), gross 160 kg (350 lb)



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