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Standard Test Method for Shear Testing of Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Rivets and Cold-Heading Wire and Rods¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the double shear testing of aluminum and aluminum alloy rivets with round, solid shanks and cold-heading wire and rod.²

NOTE 1—Exceptions to this test method may be necessary in individual specifications or methods for tests for a particular material.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The latest issues of the following documents form a part of this standard to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*³

[B316/B316M Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Rivet and Cold-Heading Wire and Rods](#)

[B769 Test Method for Shear Testing of Aluminum Alloys](#)

[B831 Test Method for Shear Testing of Thin Aluminum Alloy Products](#)

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² This product is covered by Specification [B316/B316M](#).

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[E4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines](#)
[E6 Terminology Relating to Methods of Mechanical Testing](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 The definitions of terms relating to shear testing in Terminology E6 are applicable to the terms used in this test method.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 This test method consists of subjecting a length of wire or rod or a rivet in full cross section, or a machined length of rod or rivet, to double-shear loading, with a suitable test device in a tension testing machine, and determining the shear stress required to fracture the specimen (that is, the shear strength).

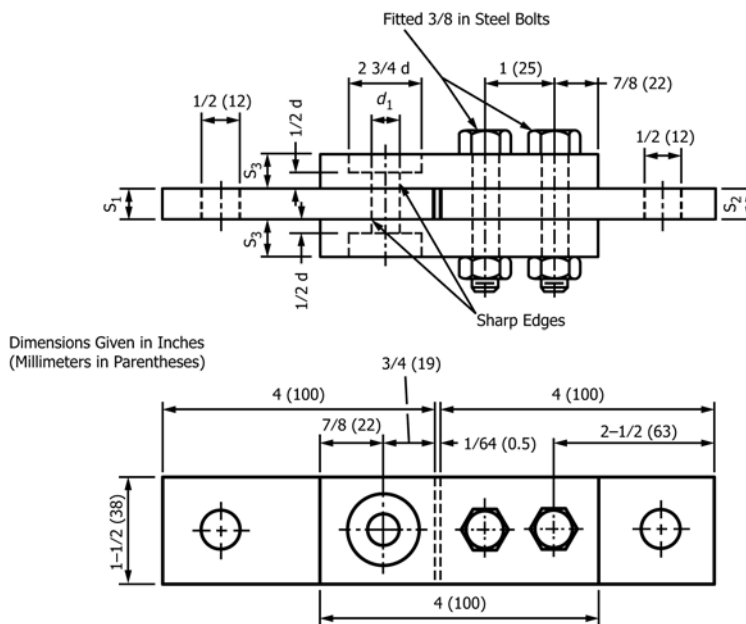
5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method is intended solely for the shear testing of rivets and cold-heading wire and rod, and is not generally recommended for the determination of the shear strength of other products. For rivets, this test method is limited to rivets having a shank length equal to or greater than $2d$.

NOTE 2—The results of shear tests of specimens machined from products other than wire, rod, and rivets may be greatly dependent upon the orientation of the specimen within the original test material, and the direction in which the force is applied relative to the grain flow in the specimen.⁴ It is recommended that shear strengths of other products be determined by Test Method B769 for products greater than 0.250 in. (6.4 mm) and Test Method B831 for products less than 0.250 in. (6.4 mm). Shear strengths developed by this test method have been shown to vary from those developed by other methods.⁴ If this test method is used for shear testing of other products, variables such as those described in Test Method B769 should be identified and controlled.

5.2 The results of shear tests are dependent upon the relative and absolute lengths of specimen which are sheared out, and those which are supported.⁴ The results of this test method should not be directly compared with those determined in other

⁴ Kaufman, J. G., and Davies, R. E., "Effects of Test Method and Specimen Orientation on Shear Strengths of Aluminum Alloys," *Proceedings*, ASTM International, Vol 64, 1964.



clearance ($d_1 - d_2$), maximum = $0.02d + 0.005$ in. (0.12 mm)

where:

- d = nominal diameter of specimen (rivet, wire, or machined specimen),
- d_1 = actual diameter of hole (see Note below),
- d_2 = actual diameter of specimen,
- $S_1 = d$,
- $S_2 = S_1 + 0.001$ in. (0.025 mm),

Note—The tolerance applicable to the diameter of the specimen being shear tested must be recognized in drilling the hole in the device. It is recommended that the drilled hole size be equal to $1.02d$ plus 0.005 in. (0.12 mm) less the minus tolerance applicable to the specimen.

- $S_3 = 1/4$ in. (6 mm) for $d = 1/16$ in. (1.5 mm) to $5/32$ in. (4 mm), and
- $= 1/2$ in. (12 mm) for $d = 3/16$ in. (5 mm) to $3/8$ in. (10 mm).

FIG. 1 Shear Test Device

types of tests in which the methods of loading and supporting the specimen are different.

5.3 The presence of a lubricant on the surfaces of the specimen and device may result in shear strengths up to 3 % lower than those determined in the absence of lubrication.

NOTE 3—In order to be able to test rivets having shanks as short as $2d$, the supported lengths of the specimen are $1/2 d$ (Fig. 1), although it is recognized that higher values of shear strength would be obtained if the supporting lengths were longer.

5.4 Investigations have determined that the shear strength decreases slightly as the clearance between the specimen diameter and the diameter of the test hole in the device increases, and that the effect of the clearance decreases with increasing specimen diameter. This test method (refer to Fig. 1) permits clearances for production testing which should affect shear strengths by no more than 2 %. For referee testing, the maximum clearance shall be 0.001 in. (0.03 mm).⁵

⁵ Fenn, R. W., Jr. and Clapper, R. B. "Evaluation of Test Variables in the Determination of Shear Strength," *Proceedings*, ASTM International, Vol 56, 1956.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Testing Machines*—The testing machine shall conform to the requirements as defined in Practices E4. The forces used to determine the shear strength shall be within the range of the testing machine as defined as Practices E4.

6.2 *Shear Test Device*—A shear device of the type shown in Fig. 1 shall be used. It shall be made of hardened steel having a hardness of not less than 52 HRC and the shearing edges of the holes shall have a radius of no more than 0.0005 in. (0.013 mm). To minimize the possible effect of distortion of the device under force, fitted machined steel bolts shall be used to hold the components together. The mating surfaces between the tongue and clevises shall be polished and shall have a finish of 16 μin. Ra or better.

7. Test Specimens

7.1 Specimens shall consist of round, solid rivets or short lengths of wire, either in full cross section or machined to a smaller diameter. The minimum length of the specimen shall