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Standard Test Method for Static Evaluation of Anatomic Glenoid Locking Mechanism in Shear¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a method for determining the static shear disassembly force of modular anatomic glenoid components used in anatomic total shoulder arthroplasty prostheses.

1.2 Although the methodology described does not replicate all physiological force conditions, it is a means of *in vitro* comparison of modular anatomic glenoid component designs and the strength of the retention mechanism between the articular insert and glenoid backing under the stated test conditions.

1.3 This test method covers modular glenoid components comprised of a separate articular insert and backing. The insert and backing can be fabricated from any combination of the following materials: metal alloys, polymeric materials, composite materials.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 *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.*

1.6 *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.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

E4 Practices for Force Calibration and Verification of Testing Machines

F1378 Specification for Shoulder Prostheses

3. Terminology

3.1 *Anatomic Total Shoulder Replacement (TSR) Definitions*:

3.1.1 *anatomic total shoulder arthroplasty system, n*—shoulder implant system that has a concave glenoid component and a convex humeral component design.

3.1.2 *anatomic glenoid component, n*—the concave prosthetic portion that replaces, in part or in total, the glenoid fossa of the scapula and articulates with the natural humeral head or a prosthetic replacement.

3.1.3 *glenoid backing, n*—the metallic or composite material prosthetic portion of a multi-piece anatomic glenoid component that attaches to the scapula.

3.1.4 *glenoid liner, n*—the polymeric prosthetic portion of a multiple-piece anatomic glenoid component that articulates with the humeral head.

3.2 *Additional Definitions*:

3.2.1 *collar, n*—flange at the junction of the humeral neck and stem.

3.2.2 *keel, (or pegs), n*—single or multiple projections that provide resistance to translation or rotation of the glenoid component, or both, by mating with cavities created in the glenoid fossa.

3.2.3 *neck, n*—segment connecting the head and the stem.

3.2.4 *glenoid plane, n*—in symmetrical anatomic glenoids, the glenoid plane is defined by joining the two articular edges;

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in planar and asymmetric anatomic glenoids, it is defined by the back (medial) surface.

3.2.4.1 *Discussion*—Although the glenoid fossa is not truly a planar structure, the terms *plane of the glenoid* and *glenoid plane* have both been used in the scientific literature to describe the anatomic orientation of the glenoid.

3.2.5 *humeral head, n*—the bearing member that articulates with the glenoid.

3.2.6 *humeral component, n*—the prosthetic portion that replaces, in part or in total, the proximal humerus or humeral head and articulates with the natural glenoid fossa or a prosthetic replacement.

3.2.7 *humeral stem, n*—segment intended for insertion within the humeral medullary canal.

3.3 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.3.1 “*d*”, *n*—offset distance from the edge of the glenoid backing locking mechanism to the centerline of the point of force application on the articular insert as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method can be used to describe the effects of materials, manufacturing, and design variables on the performance of metal or composite-backed anatomic glenoid prostheses’ locking mechanisms to resist static shear loading.

4.2 The glenoid component is used in shoulder replacements and should conform to the criteria specified in Specification F1378.

4.3 The loading of metal or composite-backed anatomic glenoid prostheses *in vivo* will, in general, differ from the loading defined in this test method. The results obtained here cannot be used to directly predict *in vivo* performance. However, this test method is designed to allow for comparisons

between different metal or composite-backed anatomic glenoid locking mechanism designs, when tested under the same testing conditions.

4.4 This test method may not be appropriate for all types of implant applications. The user is cautioned to consider the appropriateness of the method in view of the materials being tested and their potential application.

4.5 In order for the test data on metal or composite-backed anatomic glenoid components to be comparable, reproducible, and capable of being correlated among laboratories, it is essential that uniform procedures be established.

5. Apparatus

5.1 The test fixture shall be constructed so that the line of load application is parallel to the intended axis of the implant (that is, inferior to superior or anterior to posterior).

6. Equipment

6.1 The tests will be performed on either mechanical or hydraulic load frames with adequate load capacity and that meet the criteria of Practices E4.

7. Sampling

7.1 A minimum of five samples with the load oriented in the inferior-to-superior direction shall be tested per device.

7.2 A minimum of five samples with the load oriented in the anterior-to-posterior direction shall be tested per device.

8. Sample and Test Specimen

8.1 All articular insert test components shall be representative of final manufactured implant quality products.

8.2 Glenoid backing test components may either be in the form of the final implant or may be a simplified model with the

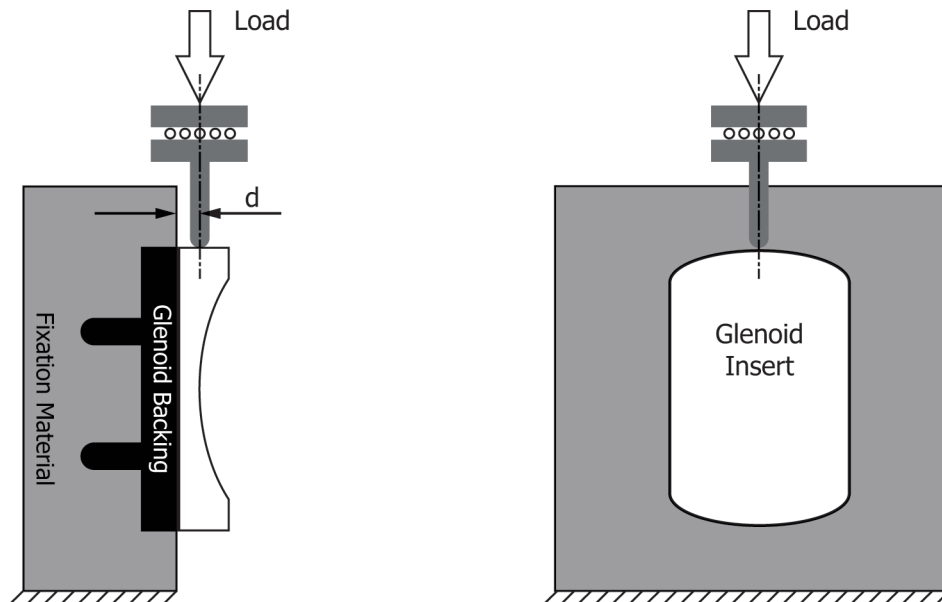


FIG. 1 Schematic of Static Glenoid Locking Strength Inferior-to-Superior Direction

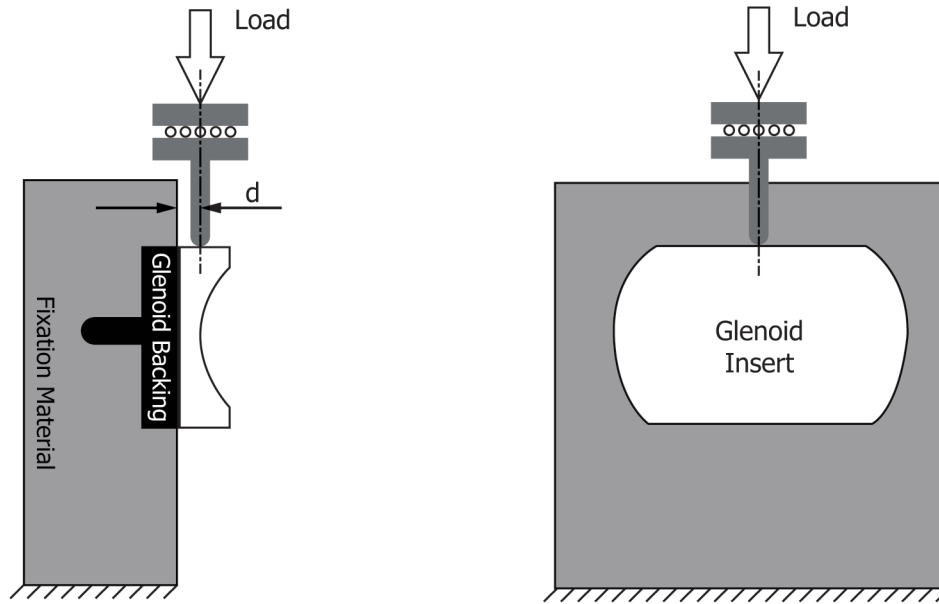


FIG. 2 Schematic of Static Glenoid Locking Strength Anterior-to-Posterior Direction

exact locking mechanism to be used on the final implant. The materials and surface shall be representative of implant quality products. All manufacturing processes (including heat treatment) should be followed.

8.3 All components should be sterilized according to the manufacturer's recommendations, if that process could affect the results.

8.4 A new articular insert should be used for each test.

9. Procedure

9.1 Following proper assembly of an insert into a backing, the assembly is attached to the test machine such that the load is applied in an inferior-to-superior direction (see Fig. 1).

9.2 This test is to be performed in air at room temperature. It is permissible to perform this test in a simulated physiological environment if the conditions (that is, temperature, humidity, and fluid) of the test environment are recorded.

9.3 Apply a vertical load to the assembly offset at a specified distance from the locking mechanism.

9.4 Load should be applied to the articular insert with a blunt edge loading applicator.

9.5 A constant displacement rate (for example, 25.4 mm/min) should be used and recorded.

9.6 Testing of samples shall be terminated when one of the following occurs:

9.6.1 The articular insert disengages from the glenoid backing,

9.6.2 The disengagement force has reached a maximum and continues to decrease, or

9.6.3 Gross deformation of the insert occurs without dislocation of the insert.

9.7 Record the load versus displacement and the failure mode. The glenoid backing should be visually inspected for damage after each test run.

9.8 Repeat the procedure with a new insert and with the load applied in an anterior-to-posterior direction (see Fig. 2).

10. Report

10.1 The test report shall include the following:

10.1.1 All details (that is, size, thickness, and materials) relevant to the particular implants tested. If the glenoid component is not symmetric then details of the non-symmetry and its relation to the test configuration should be specified,

10.1.2 The distance, "d", between the top of the locking mechanism and the centerline of the point of load application (see Figs. 1 and 2),

10.1.3 The displacement rate,

10.1.4 The maximum load to failure,

10.1.5 The failure mode,

10.1.6 The indenter loading applicator configuration,

10.1.7 The number of glenoid backing test components used, and

10.1.8 Load displacement curves for each test.

11. Precision and Bias

11.1 It is not possible to have a precision statement because there is not a standard implant available to all users of this test method to develop such a statement. Additionally, it is not possible to specify the precision of the procedure in this test method because of the wide variance in design of the components to be tested.

11.2 No statement can be made as to the bias of this test method since no acceptable reference values are available.

12. Keywords

12.1 arthroplasty; disassembly; glenoid; modular; orthopaedic medical devices; shoulder arthroplasty