



Standard Test Method for Flexural Properties of Thin-Section Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Concrete (Using Simple Beam With Third-Point Loading)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers determination of the flexural ultimate strength in bending and the yield strength of glass-fiber reinforced concrete sections by the use of a simple beam of 1.0 in. (25.4 mm) or less in depth using third-point loading.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- C 1228 Practice for Flexural and Washout Tests on Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete²
- D 76 Specification for Tensile Testing Machines for Textiles³
- E 4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines⁴

3. Significance and Use

3.1 Flexural properties determined by this test method are useful for quality control of glass-fiber reinforced concrete products, ascertaining compliance with the governing specifications, research and development, and generating data for use in product design.

4. Apparatus

4.1 *Testing Machine*—A properly calibrated testing machine that can be operated at constant rates of crosshead motion and in which the error in the force measuring system shall not exceed ± 1.0 % of the maximum force expected to be measured shall be used. The testing machine shall be equipped with a deflection measuring and recording device. The stiffness of the

testing machine shall be such that the total elastic deformation of the system does not exceed 1.0 % of the total deflection of the test specimen during the test, or appropriate corrections shall be made. The force-indicating mechanism shall be essentially free of inertial lag at the crosshead rate used. The accuracy of the testing machine shall be verified in accordance with Practices E 4 and Specification D 76.

4.2 *Loading Noses and Supports*—The loading noses and supports shall have cylindrical surfaces. In order to avoid excessive indentation or failure due to stress concentration directly under the loading noses or supports, the radius of the noses and supports shall be at least 0.25 in. (6.35 mm). See Fig. 1 for loading configuration. The arc of the loading noses and supports, in contact with the specimen, shall be sufficiently large to prevent contact of the specimen with the sides of the noses.

4.3 *Loading Head and Support Apparatus*—Loading noses, supports, and their respective holding devices shall be designed to allow rotation to occur about axes that lie in horizontal planes of the loading apparatus as shown in Fig. 1. This configuration of loading head and support apparatus will ensure that forces applied to the specimen will be initially perpendicular to the surfaces of the specimen and applied without eccentricity.

4.4 *Specimen Depth and Width Measuring Device*—A caliper or micrometer or other suitable device that is able to measure sample depth accurate to 0.005 in. (0.13 mm) and width accurate to 0.01 in. (0.25 mm).

5. Sampling

5.1 Test boards shall be manufactured in accordance with governing specifications.

6. Test Specimen

6.1 Six test specimens shall be prepared in accordance with Practice C 1228.

6.2 The test specimen shall have a ratio of the specimen major span length to the specimen depth between 16 to 1 and 30 to 1. The total specimen length shall be a minimum of 1 in. (25 mm) longer than the specimen's major span. Nominal specimen width shall be 2 in. (50 mm).

7. Conditioning

7.1 The sample or specimens shall be transported to the

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.05.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 07.01.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.