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# Metallic materials — Determination of plane-strain fracture toughness

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the ISO method for determining the plane-strain fracture toughness of homogeneous metallic materials using a specimen that is notched and precracked by fatigue, and subjected to slowly increasing crack displacement force.

## 2 Normative references

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

ISO 7500-1:2004, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system*

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## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### plane-strain stress intensity factor

$K_I$

magnitude of the elastic stress field at the tip of a crack subjected to opening mode displacement (mode I)

NOTE It is a function of applied force and test specimen size, geometry, and crack length, and has the dimensions of force times length<sup>-3/2</sup>.

### 3.2

#### plane-strain fracture toughness

$K_{Ic}$

measure, by the operational procedure of this method, of a material's resistance to crack extension when the state of stress near the crack tip is predominantly plane strain and plastic deformation is limited

NOTE It is the critical value of  $K_I$  at which significant crack extension occurs on increasing load with high constraint to plastic deformation.

### 3.3

#### crack-plane orientation

method for relating the plane and direction of crack extension to the characteristic directions of the product

NOTE A hyphenated code is used wherein the letter(s) preceding the hyphen represent(s) the direction normal to the crack plane, and the letter(s) following the hyphen represent(s) the anticipated direction of crack extension (see Figure 1). For wrought metals, the letter X always denotes the direction of principal deformation (maximum grain flow in the product), the letter Y the direction of least deformation, and the letter Z the direction normal to the X-Y plane. If specimen directions

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do not coincide with the product's characteristic directions, then two letters are used to denote the normal to the crack plane and/or the expected direction of crack extension [see Figure 1 b)]. If there is no grain flow direction (as in a casting), reference axes may be arbitrarily assigned but must be clearly identified.

## 3.4

## notch opening displacement

 $V$ 

displacement measured at or near the notch mouth

## 4 Symbols and designations

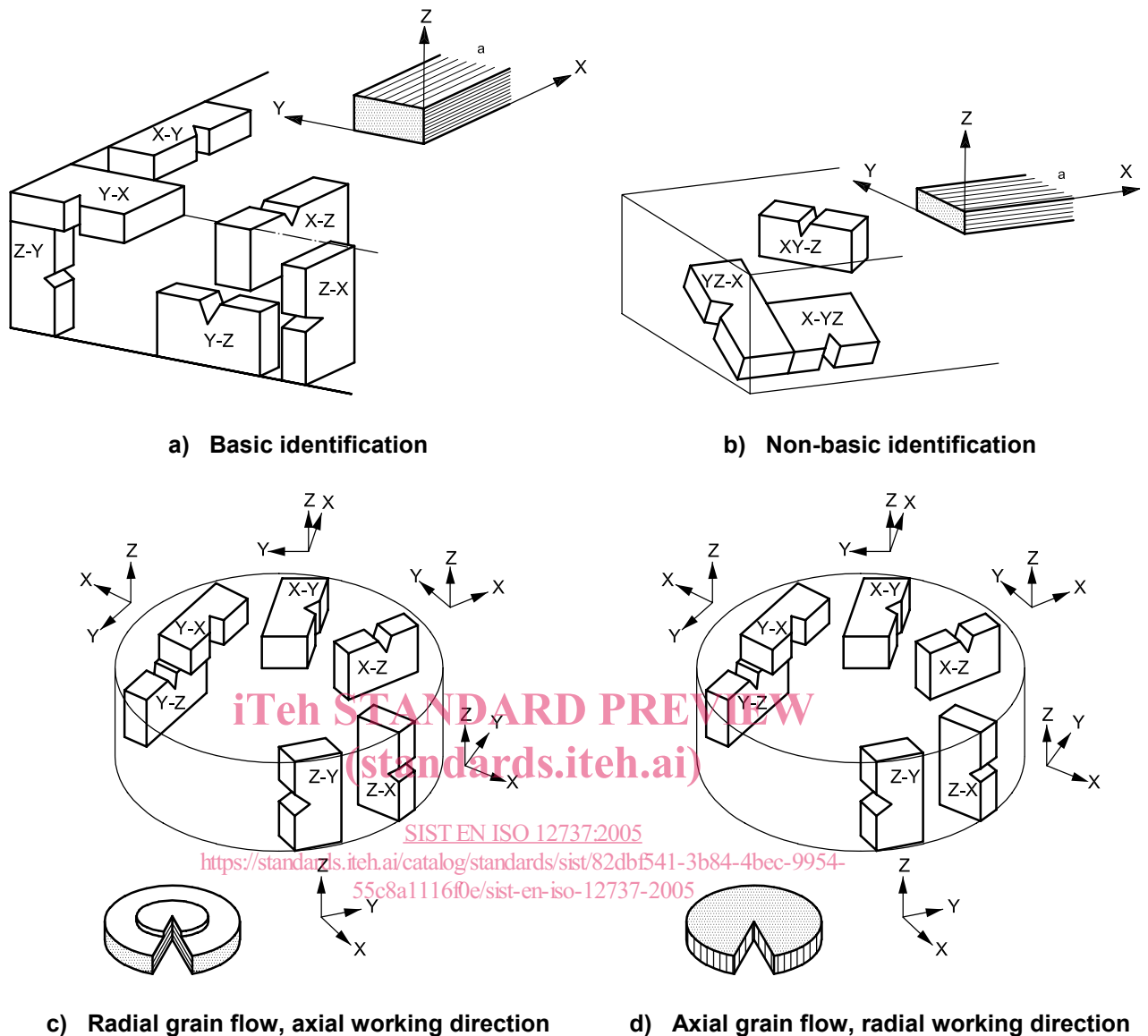
For the purposes of this International Standard, the following symbols apply (see also Figures 1, 2 and 4).

Symbol	Unit	Designation
$a$	mm	Crack length
$B$	mm	Specimen thickness
$E$	MPa	Young's modulus
$F$	kN	Applied force
$F_Q$	kN	Particular value of $F$ (see Figure 4)
$F_5$	kN	Particular value of $F$ (see Figure 4)
$K_f$	MPa·m <sup>1/2</sup> a	Maximum stress intensity factor during the final stage of fatigue cracking
$K_Q$	MPa·m <sup>1/2</sup>	Provisional value of $K_{Ic}$
$K_I$	MPa·m <sup>1/2</sup>	Opening mode stress intensity factor (mode I)
$K_{Ic}$	MPa·m <sup>1/2</sup>	Critical value of $K_I$ (plane-strain fracture toughness)
$R$	—	Ratio of minimum to maximum fatigue cracking force during any single cycle of fatigue operation
$R_{p0,2}$	MPa	0,2 % offset yield strength
$S$	mm	Span between outer loading points
$V$	mm	Notch opening displacement
$W$	mm	Width for bend specimen or effective width for compact specimen
$\Delta K_I$	MPa·m <sup>1/2</sup>	Difference between maximum and minimum values of $K_I$ during any single cycle of fatigue operation

<sup>a</sup> 0,031 6 MPa·m<sup>1/2</sup> = 1 N·mm<sup>-3/2</sup> = 0,031 6 MN·m<sup>-3/2</sup>.

## 5 Principle

This method covers the determination of the plane-strain fracture toughness ( $K_{Ic}$ ) of metallic materials by increasing-force tests of fatigue-precracked test specimens. Details of the test specimens and experimental procedures are given in Annexes B and C. Force versus notch opening displacement is recorded autographically, or converted to digital form for accumulation in a computer information storage facility and subsequent processing. The force corresponding to 2 % apparent crack extension is established by a specified deviation from the linear portion of the test record. If certain validity requirements are satisfied, the value of  $K_{Ic}$  is calculated from this force.



a Grain flow.

**Figure 1 — Crack-plane identification**

The property  $K_{Ic}$  characterizes the resistance of a material to fracture in the presence of a sharp crack under severe tensile constraint, such that

- the state of stress near the crack front approaches plane strain, and
- the crack-tip plastic zone is small compared to the crack size, specimen thickness, and ligament ahead of the crack.

$K_{Ic}$  is believed to represent a lower limiting value of fracture toughness in the environment and at the temperature of test.

Cyclic or sustained loads can cause crack extension at  $K_I$  values less than  $K_{Ic}$ . Crack extension under cyclic or sustained loads can be influenced by temperature and environment. Therefore, when  $K_{Ic}$  is applied to the design of service components, differences between laboratory test and field conditions should be considered.