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Part 4:
Determination of tear force of tongue-
shaped test specimens (Double tear test)

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Throughout the text of this standard, read "...this European Standard..." to mean "...this International Standard...".

ISO 13937 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Textiles — Tear properties of fabrics*:

- Part 1: Determination of tear force using ballistic pendulum method (Elmendorf)
- Part 2: Determination of tear force of trouser-shaped test specimens (Single tear method)
- Part 3: Determination of tear force of wing-shaped test specimens (Single tear method)
- Part 4: Determination of tear force of tongue-shaped test specimens (Double tear test)

Annexes A, B and C of this part of ISO 13937 are for information only.

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The text of EN ISO 13937-4:2000 has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 248 "Textiles and textile products", the secretariat of which is held by BSI, in collaboration with Technical Committee ISO/TC 38 "Textiles".

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2000, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2000.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

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Introduction

EN ISO 13937 has been prepared as a part of several test methods for the determination of certain mechanical properties of textiles using mainly tensile-testing machines, e.g. tensile properties, seam tensile properties, tear properties, seam slippage. Test requirements for these standards agree where appropriate. The results obtained by one of the methods should not be compared with those obtained by other methods. Annex D lists test methods standardized in this context.

EN ISO 13937 specifies methods for the determination of tear force of fabrics. Part 1 describes a ballistic pendulum method, parts 2 to 4 describe methods using tensile-testing machines.

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1 Scope

This Part of EN ISO 13937 describes a double-tear method known as the tongue test, using a test specimen with cuts shaped to form a tongue. The tear force measured is the force required to propagate the previously started double tears when the force is applied parallel to the cuts and the fabric tears in the direction of the applied force.

The test is mainly applicable to woven textile fabrics. It may be applicable to fabrics produced by other techniques, e.g. to some nonwovens (with the same under-mentioned restrictions as for the woven fabrics).

In general the method is not applicable to knitted fabrics and woven elastic fabrics.

The method only allows the use of constant-rate-of-extension (CRE) testing machines.

NOTE 1: For other tear test methods using tensile-testing machines part 2 of EN ISO 13937 describes a method known as trouser test and part 3 a wing test method. Part 1 of EN ISO 13937 describes the ballistic pendulum (Elmendorf) method.

NOTE 2: For the trapezoidal test methods see ISO 9073-4 for nonwovens or ISO 4674 for coated fabrics.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 139 Textiles - Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing

ISO 7500-1 Metallic materials - Verification of static uniaxial testing machines - Part 1: Tensile testing machines

ISO 10012-1 Quality assurance requirements for measuring equipment - Part 1: Metrological confirmation system for measuring equipment

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of EN ISO 13937 the following terms and definitions apply:

3.1 constant-rate-of-extension (CRE) testing machine: Tensile- testing machine where one clamp is stationary whilst the other is moving with a constant speed throughout the test and where the entire testing system is virtually free from deflection.

3.2 gauge length: Distance between the two effective clamping points of a testing device.

NOTE: The effective clamping points (or lines) of jaws can be checked by clamping a test specimen under defined pretension with carbon copy paper to produce a gripping pattern on the test specimen and/or jaw faces.

3.3 tear force: Force required to propagate a tear initiated under the specified conditions.

NOTE: The tear force is qualified as "across warp" or "across weft" according to whether the tear is made across the warp (warp threads are torn) or weft (weft threads are torn) respectively.

3.4 peak: Point on a force/extension curve where the gradient, relative to the force values recorded, changes from positive to negative.

NOTE: For tear recordings, a peak to be used for calculation is defined by rising and falling of force of at least 10 % of the last decreasing or increasing force value respectively.

3.5 length of tear: Measured distance propagated by a tearing force from the initiation of the force until its termination.

3.6 tongue-shaped test specimen: Strip of fabric in which parallel cuts of defined distance and length are made to form a tongue for clamping (see figures 1, 2 and 3).

4 Principle

Two parallel slits, connected by a slit at right angles to form a tongue are cut in a rectangular test specimen. The tongue is inserted in one jaw of a recording tensile-testing machine and the remaining part of the test specimen is clamped symmetrically in the other jaw to ensure both cuts each form straight parallel lines (see figure 3). A pulling force is applied in the direction of the cuts to simulate two parallel tears. The force to continue both tears over a specified length of tear is recorded. The tear force is calculated from the force peaks of the autographic trace, or on-line by electronics means.

5 Sampling

Select samples either in accordance with the procedure laid down in the material specification for the fabric, or as agreed between the interested parties.

In the absence of an appropriate material specification an example of sampling of a suitable sampling procedure is given in annex A.

An example of a pattern for cutting test specimens from the laboratory sample is given in annex B. Avoid test areas with folded or creased places, selvages and areas not representative of the fabric.

6 Apparatus

6.1 General

The system for metrological confirmation of the tensile testing machine shall be in accordance with ISO 10012-1.

6.2 CRE machine, having the following characteristics:

- a) Capable of operating at a constant-rate-of-extension of (100 ± 10) mm/min;
- b) capable of gauge length to be set to $100 \text{ mm} \pm 1 \text{ mm}$;
- c) provided with means for recording the force applied to the test specimen during the tear test;
- d) under conditions of use, the accuracy of the apparatus shall be class 1 of ISO 7500-1. The error of the indicated or recorded maximum force at any point in the range in which the machine is used shall not exceed $\pm 1 \%$, and the error of the indicated or recorded jaw separation shall not exceed $\pm 1 \text{ mm}$;
- e) if recording of force and extension is obtained by means of data acquisition boards and software, the frequency of data collection shall be at least 8 per second.

If a class 2 tensile testing machine has to be used, this shall be stated in the test report.

6.3 Clamping device, comprising the two jaws of the machine, the central points of which are in the line of pull, the front edges at right angles to the line of pull and the clamping faces in the same plane.

The jaws shall be capable of holding the test specimen without allowing it to slip and designed so that they do not cut or otherwise weaken the test specimen.

The width of the jaws shall preferably be 200 mm, but shall not be less than the width of the test specimen.

6.4 Equipment for cutting out test specimens, preferably a hollow punch or template to give test specimens of the dimensions shown in figure 1.

7 Atmosphere for conditioning and testing

The atmospheres for preconditioning, conditioning and testing shall be as specified in ISO 139.

8 Preparation of test specimens

8.1 General

From each laboratory sample two sets of test specimens shall be cut, one set in the warp direction and the other in the weft direction.

NOTE: For other than woven fabrics, use the relevant designation for direction e.g. length and transverse.

Each set shall consist of at least five test specimens, or more if agreed. In accordance with clause 5 and annex B, no two test specimens shall contain the same longitudinal or transverse threads, and no specimen shall be cut within 150 mm of the edge of the fabric.

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8.2 Dimensions

Cut out test specimens in accordance with the shape and dimensions shown in figure 2 and mark the line abcd on both sides of each specimen. Mark the end of tear (25 ± 1) mm from the uncut end in the middle of the strip to indicate the position of the tear at the completion of the test.