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Standard Test Method for Measurement of Cut Resistance to Chain Saw in Lower Body (Legs) Protective Clothing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method measures cut resistance of garments and devices worn to protect the lower (legs) body when operating a chain saw.

1.2 This test method may be used to test for compliance to minimum performance requirements in established safety standards.

1.2.1 By agreement between the purchaser and the supplier, or as required by established safety standards, it will be decided if this test method will be used to determine one or both of the following: (1) chainspeed 50 (CS50), and (2) success/failure (jamming/chain stop) at specified chain speed.

1.3 This test method may be used to determine levels of protection for areas of coverage as stipulated in established safety standards.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard.

NOTE 1—The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other, without combining values in any way.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 The following documents, form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards*:²

[D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles](#)

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F23 on Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F23.20 on Physical.

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² 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.

[D1056 Specification for Flexible Cellular Materials—Sponge or Expanded Rubber](#)

[D1776 Practice for Conditioning and Testing Textiles](#)

[F1494 Terminology Relating to Protective Clothing](#)

2.3 *AATCC Test Methods*:

[AATCC 96 Dimensional Changes in Laundering of Woven and Knitted Fabrics, except Wool \(1988\)](#)³

[AATCC 158 Dimensional Changes on Drycleaning in Perchloroethylene: Machine Method](#)³

2.4 *Military Standards*:

[MIL-STD-105 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes](#)⁴

[MIL-C-12369 Cloth, Ballistic, Nylon](#)⁴

2.5 *Federal Standard*:

[FS 5100-86 Type II, Cloth, Duck, Nylon, Polyurethane Coated](#)⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*:

3.1.1 *chain saw, n*—a portable power operated tool used for cutting wood which has cutters linked in a chain.

3.1.2 *chain speed, n*—the velocity of synchronized movement of linked cutters around a guide bar and sprocket.

3.1.3 *chainspeed 50 (CS50), n*—for chain saw protection, the mean velocity at which cut through occurs.

3.1.3.1 *Discussion*—This value establishes the relationship between the probability of cutting through the protective clothing (or foot protective device) and the speed of the saw chain. For lower chain speeds, the probability of cut through approaches zero, while for higher chain speeds, the probability of cut through approaches one.

3.1.4 *chain stop, n*—the resulting action when a material clogs (jams) the drive sprocket or slows the speed sufficiently to prevent advancement of the saw chain.

3.1.5 *cut resistance, n*—in chain saw testing, the ability of a material, while in contact with the linked cutters, to resist cut

³ Available from American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC), One Davis Dr., P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2215.

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

through of the cutters of a moving saw chain independent of either jamming or chain stop.

3.1.6 *cut-through, n— for chain saw cut resistance*, the action of a running chain saw after complete breakthrough of either a protective garment or protective device.

3.1.6.1 *Discussion*—When a cut through is effected, speed of the saw chain must be measured.

3.1.7 *jamming, n—for chain saw cut resistance*, the clogging action manifested by a protective garment or a device that can produce a chain stop.

3.1.8 *lower body, n—that part of the human body* which includes all portions between the waist and feet, not to include the feet.

3.1.9 *protective clothing, n—an item of clothing* that is specifically designed and constructed for the intended purpose of isolating all or part of the body from a potential hazard, or isolating the external environment from contamination by the clothing.

3.1.9.1 *Discussion*—For chain saw cut resistant protective clothing, the potential hazard is exposure to a running power saw chain.

3.1.10 *saw chain, n—a closed cloop of cutters* linked together for use in a portable power-operated tool.

3.2 For definitions of other textile terms used in this test method, refer to Terminology **D123**.

3.3 For definitions of other protective clothing, terms used in this test method, refer to Terminology **F1494**.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 Test specimens are securely mounted on a test apparatus which simulates a human leg.

4.2 A chain saw, of specific characteristic and operating at a designated speed, is brought into contact with the test specimen.

4.2.1 The cutting action of the saw chain will achieve one of the following results; (1) complete cut through with chain stop, (2) complete cut through without chain stop, (3) no cut through with a chain stop, or (4) no cut through without a chain stop.

4.3 Chain speed is measured electronically just prior to contact with test specimen. Chain speed is adjusted and reported based on these measurements.

NOTE 2—Materials may be characterized by repeated testing at different speeds, followed by a calculation of CS50. Alternatively, for quality control, results may be reported as pass or fail at one pre-selected chain speed.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 The purpose of this test method is to provide a measurable criterion of performance about the level of cut resistance provided by different types of protective garments and protected coverings worn by chain saw operators.

5.2 This test method is intended to show to what level a protective garment can offer resistance to the cutting action of a chain saw.

5.3 The protection which can be demonstrated by the garments and coverings tested in accordance with this test method is achieved by: (1) the cut resistance of the material to cutting when put in contact with saw chain; (2) pulling a part of the material or yarns in the material so that they are drawn into the chain and drive mechanism to block the chain movement; (3) the fibers of the materials used to demonstrate both high resistance to cutting and the capacity to absorb rotational energy, so that chain speed can be slowed down sufficiently to stop the movement of the saw chain; or (4) any combination of these.

5.4 This test method does not purport to evaluate comfort of lower body protective garments.

5.5 In case of a dispute arising from differences in reported test results when using this test method for acceptance testing of commercial shipments, the purchaser and the supplier should perform comparative tests to determine if there is a statistical bias between their laboratories. Competent statistical assistance is recommended for the investigation of bias. As a minimum, the two parties should take a group of test specimens from the same lot of components to be evaluated. The test specimens should then be randomly assigned in equal numbers to each laboratory for testing. If a bias is found, either its cause must be determined and corrected or the purchaser and the supplier must agree to interpret future test results in light of the known bias.

6. Apparatus⁵

6.1 Apparatus consists of three main components:

6.2 *Specimen Holder:*

6.2.1 A stationary wooden cylinder having a diameter of 150 mm [6 in.] and a minimum length of 350 mm [14 in.] (see **Fig. 1**).

6.2.1.1 The cylinder is covered with a vinyl nitrile foam having a thickness of 18 mm [0.75 in.] (see **Fig. 1**). This covering shall have a density between 55 and 80 kg/m² and its resistance to a 25 % compression shall be between 10 and 20 kPa measured in accordance with the testing procedure in Specification **D1056**.

NOTE 3—*Ensolite M*, a synthetic foam rubber made of PVC and NBR, meets the requirements stipulated in Specification **D1056**.

6.2.1.2 Two specimen attachment plates each secured by two screws to the wooden cylinder parallel to the axis of that cylinder. Each plate is 75 by 25 mm [3 by 1 in.] (see **Fig. 1**).

6.2.1.3 The stationary wooden cylinder shall be attached to a swivel mechanism that allows the mandrel to be moved to an angle of either 45° or 90° to the vertical plane of the guide bar. Specimen must be securely attached to mandrel to prevent movement of specimen.

⁵ See **Appendix X1** to review maintenance checklist.

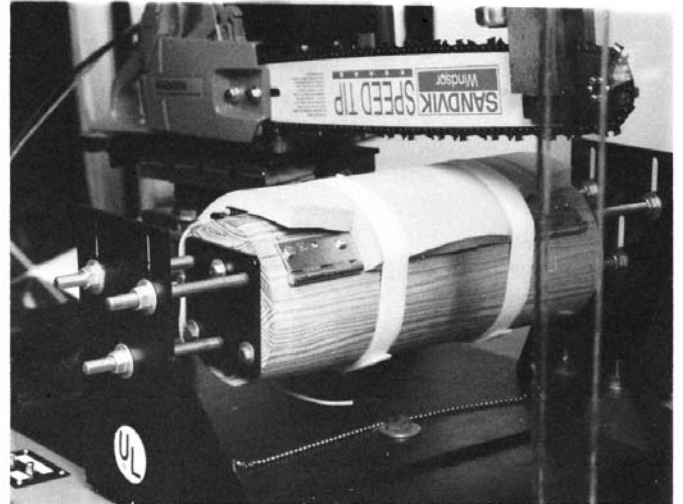
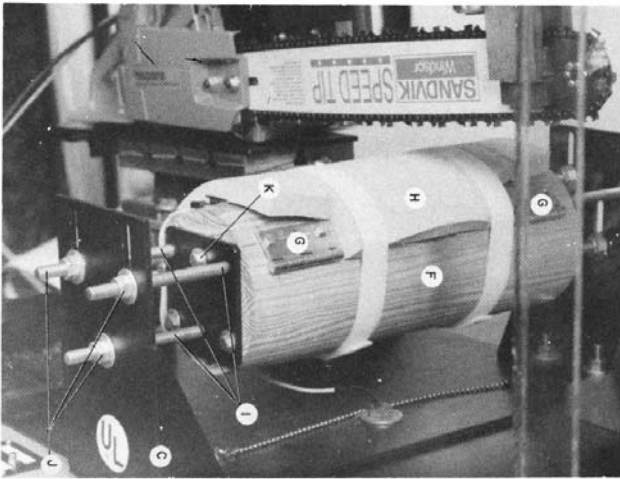


FIG. 2 Specimen Holder (Attachment and Positioning)

Item	Quantity	Description
A	1	steel plate 0.25 by 576 by 670 mm
B	2	steel plate 0.25 by 216 by 375 mm
C	2	steel plate 0.25 by 208 by 216 mm
D	1	steel tube 0.75 by ID - 1 mm OD by 172 mm
E	1	aluminum plate 0.5 by 4 by 14.5 mm
F	1	hardwood or white pine 152 by 400 mm
G	2	hinge 3 by 3 by 1/16 in.
H	1	foam pad 15 by 180 by 360 mm + glue
I	6	threaded rod 0.40 by 16 by 120 mm
J	12	bolt 0.40 by 16 mm
K	8	wood screw 8 by .75 mm TR
L	1	steel axle .75 mm diameter x 350 threaded .75 mm x 10 mm x 80 mm at each end
M	2	pillow block VPS112 valuline browling
N	5	bolt 0.75 by 10 mm
O	1	hex bolt 0.75 by 10 by 70 mm
P	1	square 30 mm x 90 mm x 3/16 x 75L
Q	1	stopping block 20 mm x 40 mm x 60L
R	1	lever support 3/16 x 80 mm x 130 mm
S	1	lever 0.25 by 60 by 120 mm
T	1	axle 0.250
U	1	compression spring
V	1	micro-switch
W	1	safety shield pivoting on D

NOTE 1—Measurements are in millimetres. Arcs of a circle are measured on the circumference of the wood cylinder.

FIG. 1 Specimen Holder (Front View Facing Chain Saw)

6.3 Chain Saw and Related Equipment:^{6,7}

6.3.1 Saw:

6.3.1.1 A gas-powered chain saw having an idle speed of 2250 ± 250 rpm, a maximum power of 3.3 ± 0.3 kW at 8500 rpm that meets the following specifications: (1) 66.7 cm^3 or 4.0 in.^3 ; (2) bore 50 mm; (3) stroke 34 mm; (4) clutch engagement speed of 3450 ± 250 rpm; (5) maximum no load speed of 12 500 rpm; (6) maximum no load chain speed of 27 m/s [5475 f/m]; and (7) $3/8$ by 7 tooth rim drive sprocket. (Figs. 3 and 4)

⁶ Husqvarna Model 266, XP with a seven tooth drive sprocket, available from Husqvarna, 907 W. Irving Park Road, Itasca, IL 60143, 312-773-2777.

⁷ This is the sole source of supply known to the committee at this time. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,¹ which you may attend.

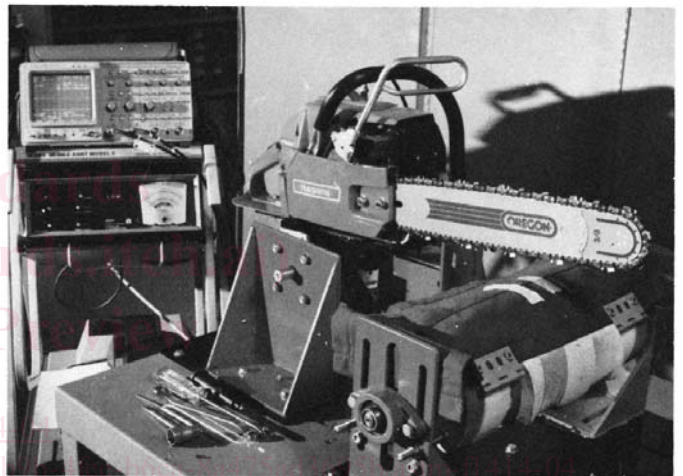


FIG. 3 Post Contact with Specimen (Front View) and Data Acquisition System

6.3.1.2 Throttle control mechanism is used to maintain constant saw chain speed.

6.3.1.3 The engine of the chain saw is a two-stroke engine that uses a gasoline/oil mixture. The gasoline shall be a premium unleaded without alcohol additive and having a minimum anti-knock rating of 90. The oil shall be a high-quality two-stroke oil especially developed for chain saws. Mix ratio is 50 + 1 (2 % two-stroke oil to 98 % gasoline).

6.3.1.4 Chain saw power head shall be checked using a dynamometer after any of the following: (1) when CS50 of a calibration sample lot exceeds a range of speed greater than $12 \text{ m/s} \pm 1.0 \text{ m/s}$ [2400 fpm \pm 200 fpm]; (2) after 120 test cuts; or (3) when chain saw has been idle for more than 30 days.

NOTE 4—When testing constraints prevent dynamometer verification, technician is responsible to check that the engine is running smoothly, starts readily, has a clean screen, if present, a good spark plug, and so forth.

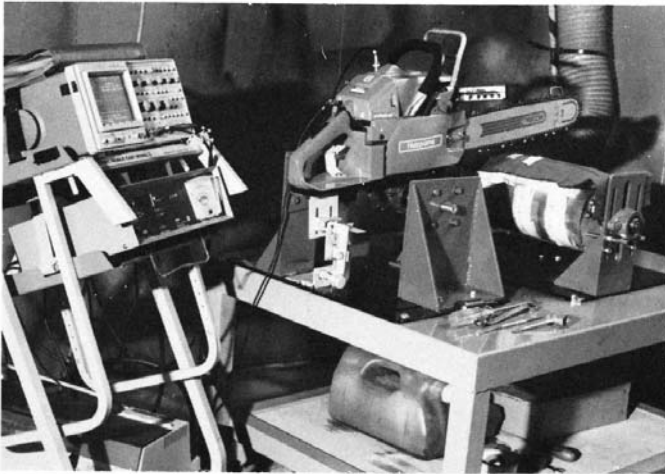


FIG. 4 Post Contact with Specimen (Rear View)

NOTE 5—All requirements of the chain saw are determined in accordance with many manufacturers' published specifications.

6.3.2 Chain:^{7,8}

6.3.2.1 A chain with a pitch of 10 mm [$\frac{3}{8}$ in.], a 0.058-in. gage, and a round ground full chisel cutter.

6.3.2.2 The chain must be sharpened using the sharpening procedure noted in **Annex A1** before testing.

6.3.3 Guide Bar:

6.3.3.1 A guide bar having a length of 500 mm [20 in.] with an eleven-tooth roller-nose sprocket designed to accommodate a 10-mm [$\frac{3}{8}$ -in.] pitch, 0.058 in. gage saw chain.

6.3.3.2 The roller nose on the guide bar will need to be cleaned at periodic intervals. To facilitate repeated cleanings, the rivets attaching the roller nose to the bar should be replaced. Modification requires that rivets be removed and holes be enlarged by drilling, so that aircraft quality bolts and locking nuts can be used.

6.3.4 Chain Guidance and Lubrication:

6.3.4.1 The saw chain shall be able to turn freely around the drive sprocket and roller nose. The system shall be adequately lubricated. Chain tension shall be adjustable so that application of a force of 15 N on the middle of the guide bar causes a chain deflection of 6 ± 0.5 mm.

6.4 Chain Saw Support Bracket:

6.4.1 The saw is attached to a metal plate that rotates freely around the axle (see **Fig. 5** and **Fig. 7**).

6.4.2 The horizontal distance between the pivot of the saw and the central axis of the specimen support is 365 ± 1 mm [14.2 ± 0.125 in.] (see **Figs. 5** and **6**).

6.4.2.1 The vertical distance between the pivot of the saw and the center of the drive sprocket cannot exceed 130 mm [5 in.].

⁸ The sole source of supply of the saw chain with a pitch of 10 mm [0.40 in.], $\frac{3}{8}$, 72LP (73LP) Oregon Type, known to the committee at this time is Blount, Inc., 4909 S.E. International Way, PO Box 22127, Portland, OR 97222. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters.

NOTE 6—To facilitate repeated cleanings, the rivets attaching the roller nose to the bar should be replaced. Modification requires that rivets be removed and holes be enlarged by drilling, so that aircraft quality bolts and locking nuts can be used.

6.4.3 The mounting mechanism of the chain saw to the bracket shall be fixed.

6.4.4 The guide bar falls perpendicular to the support axis and exerts a static force of 15 N at the point of contact.

6.4.5 The vertical dropping distance to the point of contact with foam is 50 mm [2 in.]. The longitudinal axis of the guide bar is virtually horizontal at the moment of contact (see **Figs. 3** and **4**).

6.4.6 A trigger release mechanism allows free fall without initial acceleration (see **Figs. 4** and **6**).

6.5 Interfaced Data Acquisition System:

6.5.1 The cutting time between wires placed on the top and bottom of the specimen is measured to ± 0.001 s.

6.5.1.1 These wires are connected to the circuitry.

6.5.2 The speed of the saw chain may be measured in metres per second or feet per minute (± 3 %) by means of a magnetic pickup which reads data from a pickup band that is pressed onto the clutch housing. This data is then read by a tachometer which is calibrated to read this information. Some other effective means may be used to determine chain speed with equivalent precision (see **Fig. 3**).

7. Hazards

7.1 **Warning**—The chain saw equipment used in this test method can pose a potential danger to the technician if specific safety cautions are not followed.

7.2 As a minimum safety precaution, it is suggested that the spark plug wire be disengaged until engine needs to be started.

7.3 As a further safety precaution, it is suggested that the spark plug wire be grounded by circuitry after cutting the lower wire of the data collection system. If the chain stops before this wire is cut, or if the chain slides over the specimen, a timer should limit the test and stop the engine by grounding the electric circuitry of the chain saw.

7.4 The technician performing this test method should use ear protection to avoid potential hearing injury.

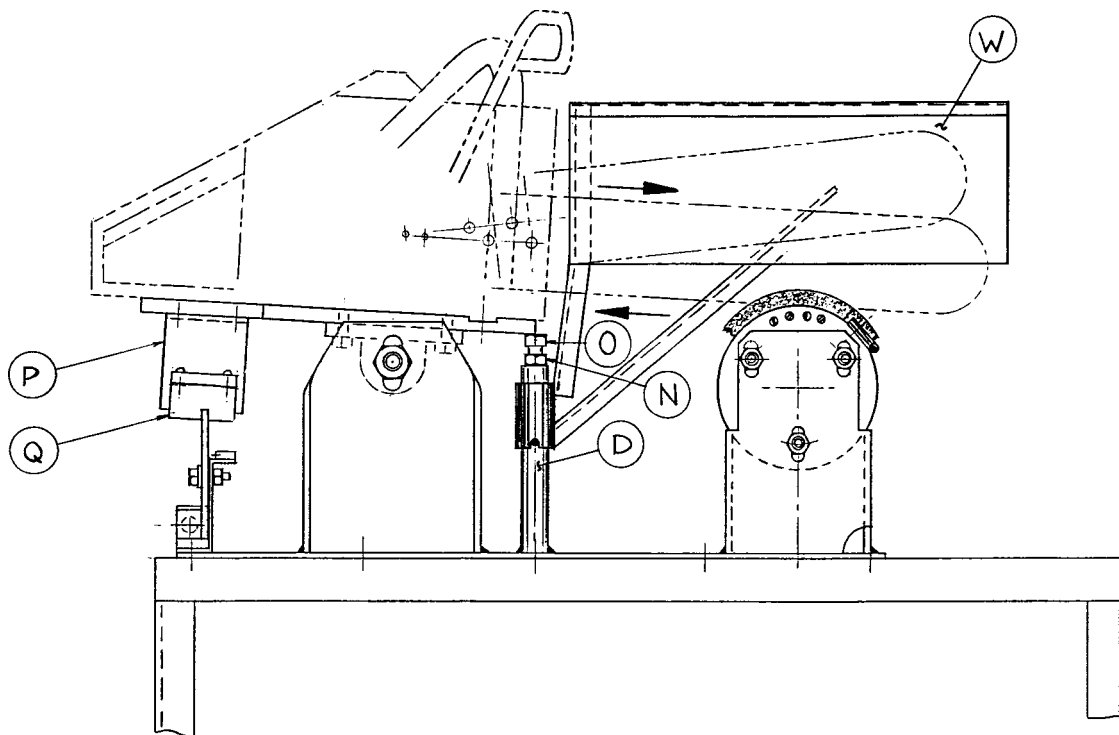
7.5 The technician performing this test method should use eye protection to avoid potential eye injury.

7.6 The chain saw motor should be vented to prevent potential danger posed by carbon monoxide gas.

8. Sampling

8.1 *Lot Sample*—As a lot sample for acceptance testing, take at random the number of shipping containers directed in an applicable material specification or other agreement between the purchaser and the supplier. Consider shipping containers to be the primary sampling units.

NOTE 7—An adequate specification or other agreement between the purchaser and the supplier requires taking into account the variability between shipping containers, between laboratory samples within a shipping container, and between test specimens within a laboratory sample to provide a sampling plan with a meaningful producer's risk, consumer's risk, acceptable quality level, and limiting quality level.



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FIG. 5 Chain Saw Support Bracket (Side View)

8.2 Specimen Preparation:

8.2.1 The specimen shall be of the same fabric assembly as that used in protective garment. Its technical description (number of layers, fabric used, etc.) shall be supplied.

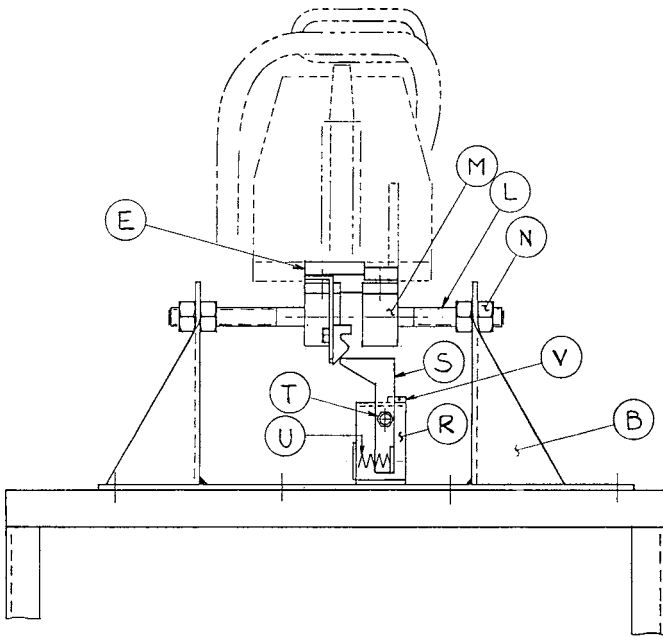
8.2.2 Six holes, 6 mm [0.25 in.] in diameter, shall be punched into the specimen at the laboratory, at the places specified. Use these holes to position and to fasten the specimen to the test apparatus. Construct a template for consistency among specimens (Fig. 8).

8.3 Number of Specimens:

8.3.1 Use each specimen only once. Each leg of a paired item can be considered a specimen.

8.3.2 Use at least six unconditioned specimens to determine CS50 of calibration pads.

8.3.3 Use at least twelve unconditioned specimens and twelve conditioned specimens if this test method is used to determine the CS50 of performance pads.



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FIG. 6 Chain Saw Support Bracket (Rear View from Motor)

8.3.4 Use five unconditioned specimens and five conditioned specimens if this test method is used to determine “success/failure” (jamming/chain stop). All specimens must pass.

9. Calibration^{9,7}

9.1 Make calibration pads of cloth in accordance with MIL-C-12369 and having the following configuration:

⁹ The sole sources of supply of the calibration materials known to the committee at this time are: Canadian supplier for calibration pads—Filature de l’Isle Verte (1984) LTEE, C.P. 1510, Isle Verte, Quebec GoL-110, 418-898-2050. U.S. supplier for calibration fabric—J.P. Stevens & Co., Inc, Stevens Tower, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, NY 10036, 212-930-2000.

9.1.1 Outer cover fabric used for the top and bottom layer of pad will measure 225 by 700 mm [9 by 28 in.] in accordance with FS 5100-86.

9.1.2 Inner pads will measure 200 by 700 mm [8 by 28 in.] and be made of four layers of fabric in accordance with MIL-C-12369.

9.1.3 Join top and bottom layers with Size 69, continuous multifilament nylon thread, using a 301 lockstitch, SSa-1 seam, with 6 to 8 stitches per inch (spi) so that a pocket can be made. Then insert into this pocket the inner pads made of MIL-C-12369 fabric.

9.1.4 Stitch the inner pad material to the outer cover 25 mm [1 in.] from the edge on all four sides using the same stitch and stitch density in accordance with 9.1.3.

9.2 Determine the accuracy of the test apparatus, before and after each test lot, by verifying that the CS50 calibration specimen is 12 m/s [2400 f/m] at 90°.

9.2.1 If CS50 deviates more than ±1.0 m/s [200 f/m] the saw chain must be resharpened to meet the specifications in accordance with 6.3.2.

9.2.1.1 Any deviation in CS50 of ±1.0 m/s [200 f/m] requires that the problem be rectified and the test lot be redone with the proper number of specimens.

10. Conditioning

10.1 The manufacturer’s care and maintenance guidelines, as required in Section 9, are used to determine the pretreatment method.

10.2 Protective Garments or Protective Devices Intended for Machine Wash Only:

10.2.1 The test specimen shall be subjected to five complete laundering cycles in accordance with AATCC Test Method 96-1988 Washing IIC and Drying A.

10.2.2 The test specimens shall then be brought from the dry side to approximate moisture equilibrium in accordance with Practice D1776.

NOTE 8—Equilibrium is considered to have been reached when the increase in mass of the specimen in successive weighings, made at intervals of not less than 2 h, does not exceed 0.1 % of the mass of the specimen.

10.3 Protective Garments or Protective Devices Intended for Dry Cleaning Only:

10.3.1 The test specimen shall be subjected to three dry cleaning cycles in accordance with AATCC Test Method 158-1985.

10.3.2 The test specimens shall then be brought from the dry side to approximate moisture equilibrium in accordance with Practice D1776 (see Note 8).

10.4 Protective Garments or Protective Devices Intended for Both Machine Wash and Dry Cleaning:

10.4.1 The test specimen shall be subjected to five complete laundering cycles in accordance with AATCC Test Method 96-1988 Washing IIC and Drying A, with the following modifications: without the use of soap or detergent, washing temperature 20°C [68°F], rinse temperature 20°C [68°F], and dry temperature 40°C [105°F] for 30 min. or until dry.