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**Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum  
impact test —**

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**Preparation and characterization of  
Charpy V-notch test pieces for indirect  
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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 148-3:1998) which has been technically revised.

ISO 148 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test*:

- *Part 1: Test method*
- *Part 2: Verification of testing machines*
- *Part 3: Preparation and characterization of Charpy V-notch test pieces for indirect verification of pendulum impact machines*

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## Introduction

The suitability of a pendulum impact testing machine for acceptance testing of metallic materials has usually been based on a calibration of its scale and verification of compliance with specified dimensions, such as the shape and spacing of the anvils supporting the specimen. The scale calibration is commonly verified by measuring the mass of the pendulum and its elevation at various scale readings. This procedure for evaluation of machines had the distinct advantage of requiring only measurements of quantities that could be traced to national standards. The objective nature of these traceable measurements minimized the necessity for arbitration regarding the suitability of the machines for material acceptance tests.

However, sometimes two machines that had been evaluated by the direct-verification procedures described above, and which met all dimensional requirements, were found to give significantly different impact values when testing test pieces of the same material. This difference was commercially important when values obtained using one machine met the material specification, while the values obtained using the other machine did not. To avoid such disagreements, some purchasers of materials added the requirement that all pendulum impact testing machines used for acceptance testing of material sold to them must be indirectly verified by testing reference test pieces supplied by them. A machine was considered acceptable only if the values obtained using the machine agreed, within specified limits, with the value furnished with the reference test pieces.

Successful experience in the use of reference test pieces led to the requirement in ISO 148-2 that indirect verification must be performed using reference test pieces in addition to direct verification. National standards and codes also require indirect verification using reference test pieces; for example, EN 10045-2 and ASTM E 23 require the use of reference test pieces. The purpose of this part of ISO 148 is to specify the requirements, preparation and methods for qualifying test pieces used for the indirect verification of pendulum impact testing machines.

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# Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test —

## Part 3:

## Preparation and characterization of Charpy V-notch test pieces for indirect verification of pendulum impact machines

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 148 covers the requirements, preparation and methods for qualifying test pieces used for the indirect verification of pendulum impact testing machines in accordance with ISO 148-2.

It specifies notched test pieces with nominal dimensions identical to those specified in ISO 148-1; however, the tolerances are more stringent.

NOTE 1 The chemical composition or heat treatment or both are varied according to the energy level desired.

NOTE 2 Reference test pieces are qualified on reference pendulum impact testing machines which are also described in this part of ISO 148.

### 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 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 148-2, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 2: Verification of testing machines*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1 Definitions pertaining to the machine

##### 3.1.1

##### **industrial machine**

pendulum impact testing machine used for industrial, general or most research-laboratory testing of metallic materials

NOTE These machines are not used to establish reference values.

##### 3.1.2

##### **reference machine**

pendulum impact testing machine used to determine certified values for batches of reference test pieces

## 3.2 Definitions pertaining to energy

### 3.2.1

#### total absorbed energy

$K_T$

total absorbed energy required to break a test piece with a pendulum impact testing machine, which is not corrected for any losses of energy

NOTE It is equal to the difference in the potential energy from the starting position of the pendulum to the end of the first half swing during which the test piece is broken.

### 3.2.2

#### absorbed energy

$K$

energy required to break a test piece with a pendulum impact testing machine, after correction for friction

NOTE The letter V or U is used to indicate the notch geometry, that is  $KV$  or  $KU$ . The number 2 or 8 is used as a subscript to indicate striker radius, for example  $KV_2$ .

### 3.2.3

#### reference absorbed energy

$K_R$

certified value of absorbed energy assigned to the test pieces used to verify the performance of pendulum impact testing machines

## 3.3 Definitions related to groups of test pieces

### 3.3.1

#### batch

definite quantity of reference test pieces manufactured under identical conditions of production, with a common certified absorbed energy

### 3.3.2

#### set

group of test pieces chosen at random from a batch

#### 3.3.2.1

##### characterization set

set of test pieces taken from a batch in accordance with Clause 6 and used to determine the reference energy of the batch

#### 3.3.2.2

##### reference set

set of test pieces chosen in accordance with Clauses 6 and 8 and used to verify a pendulum impact testing machine

## 3.4 Definitions pertaining to test pieces

### 3.4.1

#### height

distance between the notched face and the opposite face

### 3.4.2

#### width

dimension perpendicular to the height that is parallel to the notch

### 3.4.3

#### length

largest dimension perpendicular to the notch



**3.4.4****reference test piece**

impact test piece used to verify the suitability of pendulum impact testing machines by comparing the indicated absorbed energy measured by that machine to the reference absorbed energy associated with the test pieces

**3.4.5****certified reference test piece**

impact test piece accompanied by a certificate the certified absorbed energy value,  $K_R$ , accompanied by an uncertainty at a stated level of confidence

NOTE The certified reference value is the value determined by a certified national or international body.

**4 Symbols and abbreviated terms**

For the purposes of this document, the symbols and abbreviated terms given in Table 1 are applicable.

**Table 1 — Symbols/abbreviated terms and their designations and units**

Symbol/ abbreviated term	Unit	Designation
CRM	—	Certified reference material
GUM	—	Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement
ISO	—	International Organization for Standardization
$k$	—	Coverage factor
$K$	J	Absorbed energy
$K_T$	J	Total absorbed energy
$K_R$	J	Reference absorbed energy of a set of Charpy reference test pieces
$KV$	J	Absorbed energy as measured in accordance with ISO 148-1 on a V-notched sample
$KV_{char}$	J	$KV$ value as determined for a batch of V-notched Charpy reference materials in a batch certification characterization exercise
$KV_{PB}$	J	Certified $KV$ value of a PB reference material
$KV_R$	J	Certified $KV$ value of a Charpy reference material
$KV_{SB}$	J	Certified $KV$ value of an SB reference material
$n_{hom}$	—	Number of samples tested for the homogeneity assessment
$n_{PB}$	—	Number of PB specimens used to compare SB with PB
$n_{SB}$	—	Number of SB specimens used to compare SB with PB
$n_V$	—	Number of reference samples tested for the indirect verification of a pendulum impact testing machine
$p$	—	Number of laboratories/instruments participating in a laboratory comparison
PB	—	Primary batch
REMCO	—	ISO Committee on reference materials
RM	—	Reference material
SB	—	Secondary batch
$s_p$	J	Standard deviation of the mean $KV$ values obtained at $p$ laboratories
$s_{PB}$	J	Standard deviation of results obtained on $n_{PB}$ PB samples when comparing them with $n_{SB}$ SB samples

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol/ abbreviated term	Unit	Designation
$s_{RM}$	J	Standard deviation of the $KV$ values obtained on $n_{hom}$ samples in the homogeneity assessment of the batch of reference material
$u_{char}$	J	Standard uncertainty of $KV_{char}$
$u_{char,PB}$	J	Standard uncertainty of $KV_{char}$ for a PB
$u_{char,SB}$	J	Standard uncertainty of $KV_{char}$ for an SB
$u_{hom}$	J	Standard uncertainty of the homogeneity assessment of the reference material
$u_{lts}$	J	Standard uncertainty of the long-term-stability assessment of the reference material
$u_{RM}$	J	Standard uncertainty of the certified value of a reference material used for indirect verification
$U_{RM}$	J	Expanded uncertainty of the certified value of a reference material at a confidence level of about 95 %
$u_{sts}$	J	Standard uncertainty of the short-term-stability assessment of a reference material
$u_{\bar{X}_{PB}}$	J	Standard uncertainty of $\bar{X}_{PB}$
$u_{\bar{X}_{SB}}$	J	Standard uncertainty of $\bar{X}_{SB}$
$\bar{X}_{PB}$	J	Mean of $n_{PB}$ specimens used to compare SB with PB
$\bar{X}_{SB}$	J	Mean of $n_{SB}$ specimens used to compare SB with PB
$\delta KV_{hom}$	J	Part of the error of the measured $KV$ value due to batch heterogeneity
$\delta KV_{lts}$	J	Part of the error of the measured $KV$ value due to long-term instability
$\delta KV_{sts}$	J	Part of the error of the measured $KV$ value due to short-term instability
$v_{char}$	—	Degrees of freedom corresponding to $u_{char}$
$v_{hom}$	—	Degrees of freedom corresponding to $u_{hom}$
$v_{RM}$	—	Degrees of freedom corresponding to $u_{RM}$

## 5 Reference testing machine

### 5.1 Characteristics

#### 5.1.1 General

The characteristics of reference machines used to determine the reference energy of reference test pieces shall comply with the requirements of ISO 148-2 except as modified below.

#### 5.1.2 Geometrical characteristics (see Table 2 and Figures 1 and 2)

The following geometrical characteristics apply:

- the radius of the anvils shall be  $\left(1^{+0,10}_{0,00}\right)$  mm.
- the distance between the anvils shall be  $\left(40^{+0,10}_{0,00}\right)$  mm.
- the striking edge shall remain within  $\pm 0,25$  mm of the plane of symmetry of the anvils.

Table 2 — Geometrical characteristics

Reference number <sup>a</sup>	Designation	Value	Tolerance	Units
1	Length of test piece	55,00	+0,00 -0,30 *	mm
2	Half-length of test piece	27,5	± 0,2 *	mm
3	Height of test piece	10,00	± 0,06	mm
4	Width of test piece	10,00	± 0,07 *	mm
5	Ligament length	8,00	± 0,06	mm
6	Angle of notch	45,0	± 1,0 *	degree
7	Radius of curvature at base of notch	0,250	± 0,025	mm
8	Angle between adjacent faces	90,00	± 0,15 *	degree
9	Angle between plane of symmetry of notch and longitudinal axis	90	± 2	degree
10	Radius of anvils	1,00	+0,10 -0,00 *	mm
11	Angle of taper of anvils	11	± 1,0	degree
12	Distance between anvils	40,00	+0,10 -0,00 *	mm
13	Distance of striking edge from plane of symmetry of anvils	—	± 0,25 *	mm
14	Angle of striker	30	± 1	degree
15A	Radius of striking edge of 2 mm striker	2,00	+0,20 -0,00 *	mm
15B	Radius of striking edge of 8 mm striker	8,00	± 0,05	mm
15C	Radius of shoulder of 8 mm striker	0,25	± 0,05	mm
15D	Width of striking edge of 8 mm striker	4,00	± 0,05	mm
NOTE 1 Tolerances followed by an asterisk (*) are tighter than those in ISO 148-1 or ISO 148-2.				
NOTE 2 Subsize specimens may be used, but the tolerance should change proportionally.				
NOTE 3 See Figures 1 and 2.				
<sup>a</sup> See Figure 1.				

### 5.1.3 Capacity

The capacity of a reference machine (nominal initial potential energy) shall be 300 J or greater.

### 5.1.4 Hardness

The portions of the striker and the anvils (see Figure 1) that contact the specimen and apply or react to the impacting force shall have a minimum hardness of 56 HRC.

### 5.1.5 Vibration

Ensure that the reference machine is not subjected to external vibrations induced by other equipment in close proximity, such as forging hammers, presses, moving vehicles.