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# Standard Test Methods for Effective Crimping on Outside Crimped Valves of Aerosol Containers<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover the effective crimping on outside crimped valves within the wide parameters of containers and valves available.

1.2 The test methods appear in the following order:

	Sections
Optical Comparator Test Method	4 to 7
Caliper Test Method	8 to 12

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:*<sup>2</sup>

**D996** Terminology of Packaging and Distribution Environments

**D3064** Terminology Relating To Aerosol Products

## 3. Terminology

3.1 General definitions for packaging and distribution environments are found in Terminology **D996**.

3.2 General definitions of terms relating to aerosol products are found in **D3064**.

<sup>1</sup> These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee **D10** on Packaging and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee **D 10.33** on Mechanical Dispensers. These test methods were originally developed by the Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Assn.

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

## OPTICAL COMPARATOR TEST METHOD

### 4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 This test method involves drawing a projected, enlarged profile of the container and valve, then removing the valve and drawing the projected profile of the container finish. Measuring the resultant void and subtracting the dimensions of the essentially noncompressed components from this value results in the value representing the compressed thickness of the valve sealing gasket.

### 5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method provides information for the establishment of quality control procedures on filling lines.

### 6. Apparatus

6.1 *Optical Comparator.*

6.2 *Clamping Jig*, fastened to the comparator bench.

6.3 *Grinder*, electric, small enough to be hand held.

### 7. Procedure

7.1 Crimp a valve on an empty bottle with the line crimper set at normal operation, and clamp the bottle in the jig on the comparator bench.

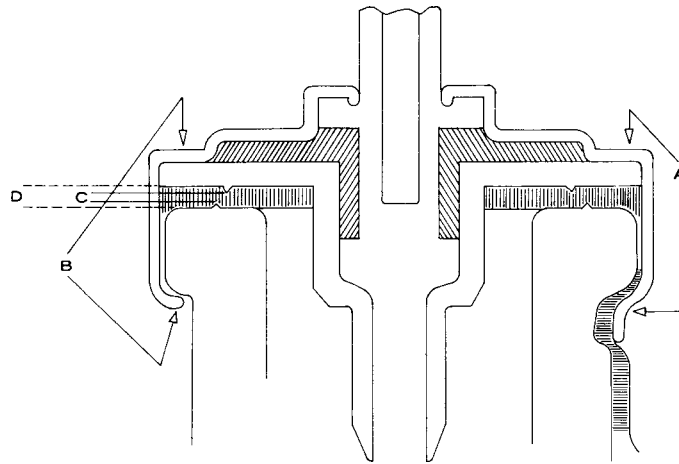
7.2 Draw the projected, enlarged image on tracing paper.

NOTE 1—Grid ruled tracing paper makes the tracing much easier.

7.3 Without disturbing the paper or bottle, cut a wedge out of the valve with the electric grinder, and remove the valve.

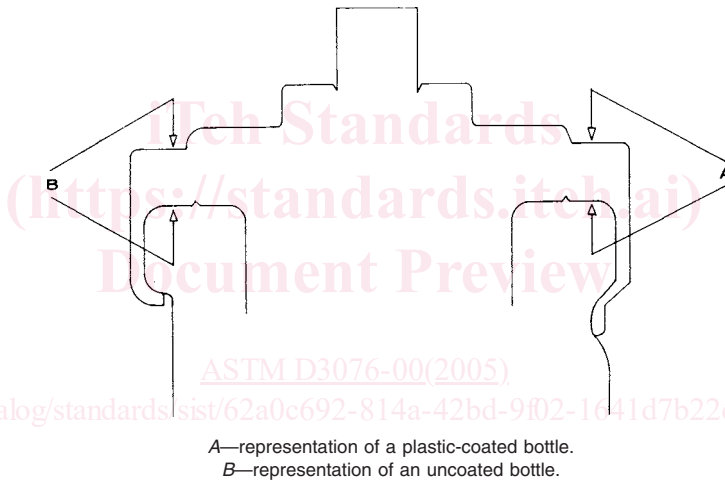
7.4 Trace the projected image of the container alone on the same paper.

7.5 Measure the void between the two silhouettes (**Fig. 1** and **Fig. 2**). Subtract the dimensions (multiplied by the enlargement factor of the essentially uncompressed components of the valve) from this value to obtain the thickness of the compressed gasket multiplied by the enlargement factor, and convert this reading into percent compression.



A—points between which effective crimp height measurement should be made (these points are self-determining when the calipers are held parallel to the side of the valve).  
 B—points between which a relative measurement may be established for nondestructure quality control use from optical comparator data.  
 C—effective compression.  
 D—flat compression.

FIG. 1 Effective Crimp Height



A—representation of a plastic-coated bottle.  
 B—representation of an uncoated bottle.

NOTE 1—A and B represent points between which measurements should be made after drawing the projected profiles.

FIG. 2 Optical Comparator Profile

## CALIPER TEST METHOD

### 8. Summary of Test Method

8.1 This test method involves a measurement of the height of the uncrimped portion of the valve. The points between which the measurement is made are self-determining when the calipers are held parallel to the side of the valve. Mean dimensions are used in calculating the effective crimp height.

### 9. Significance and Use

9.1 This test method provides information for the establishment of quality control procedures on filling lines.

### 10. Apparatus

10.1 *Calipers*, vernier or dial.

### 11. Procedure

11.1 Select a filled bottle from the filling line at random.

11.2 Mark off three points, 120° apart, on the valve ferrule, carefully avoiding areas where stake marks occur.

11.3 Holding the calipers parallel to the side of the valve, place the inner jaw on the top of the valve.

11.4 Slide the outer jaw up the valve skirt until it stops, due to the abrupt directional change in the skirt.

11.4.1 In collect-crimped bottles a line appears at the top of the crimped skirt area. This is made by the top of the collect segment, and is the point at which direction changes abruptly and the caliper will hang up.

11.4.2 Roll-capped bottles will also produce this horizontal line at the top of the crimped area. Depending upon the facial contour of the rollers, this line may be above or at the point of