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Standard Test Method for Abrasive Wear Resistance of Cemented Carbides¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of abrasive wear resistance of cemented carbides.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

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:*²

B311 Test Method for Density of Powder Metallurgy (PM) Materials Containing Less Than Two Percent Porosity

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *abrasion resistance, n*—the specimen's unit loss in volume per revolution of the steel wheel carrying the abrasive.

3.1.2 *abrasive wear, n*—that wear caused by a slurried abrasive on a rotating surface, contacting the specimen surface under pressure.

3.1.3 *wear number, n*—the reciprocal of the specimen's total volume loss in units of cm^{-3} .

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method provides a guide to determine the relative abrasive wear resistance of cemented carbides under high-stress abrasion conditions. The abrasive wear is not a measure of wear characteristics of carbides under all conditions

and is not to be misconstrued as indicative of wear when carbides are used for machinery. It does show the difference in resistance to abrasive use for different carbide compositions and can be used as a practical test or as a research method for sorting out these differences.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Vessel*, suitable for holding the abrasive slurry and the wheel (see Fig. 1). One suitable vessel is made of $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. (5-mm) steel. The internal dimensions are $8\frac{3}{4}$ in. (220 mm) high, $9\frac{3}{4}$ in. (245 mm) long, and $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. (60 mm) wide, with a $5\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (140-mm) radius at the bottom.

5.2 *Wheel*, made of annealed AISI 1020 steel, that rotates in the center of the vessel at 100 ± 5 rpm. The direction of rotation is from the slurry to the specimen. Four curved vanes are affixed to either side of the wheel to agitate and mix the slurry and to propel it toward the specimen. The maximum wheel diameter shall be 6.65 in. (169 mm) and the width shall be 0.500 ± 0.005 in. (12.7 ± 0.1 mm). The wheel shall be discarded when its diameter has decreased to 6.50 in. (165 mm) minimum, after repetitive use. In use, a slight burr will form at the periphery. This burr will compensate for wheel wear by widening the wear path in the specimen; it shall not be removed.

5.3 *Specimen Holder*, to be pressed against the periphery of the wheel. This specimen holder shall be mounted so that not more than 0.002 in. (0.05 mm) of side play occurs at the line of contact between the specimen and the wheel. The specimen holder shall be so placed that the specimen is tangential to the wheel at the center line of the wheel and specimen. A 10-kg weight shall be attached to the other end of the specimen holder lever arm. With a lever advantage of two-to-one, a force of 20 kg is thus applied to the specimen at the line of contact.

6. Test Specimen

6.1 The specimen shall be at least $\frac{3}{16}$ in. (5 mm) thick and have a surface area large enough so that the wear will be confined within its edges. The specimen may be as large as the specimen holder of the apparatus will permit. Dimensional tolerances are not important, but the specimen shall be flat within a maximum of 0.004 in./in. (mm/mm). Surface finish of the specimen is not important, except that ground blanks shall be cleaned with a suitable solvent to remove all oils or waxes,

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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.