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Standard Test Method for Microcellular Urethanes—Flexural Recovery¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the procedure and apparatus for measuring the flexural recovery of microcellular urethanes.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as 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.*

NOTE 1—There is no known ISO equivalent to this test method.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D3040 Practice for Preparing Precision Statements for Standards Related to Rubber and Rubber Testing³

E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method

3. Significance and Use

3.1 This test method is used to indicate the ability of a material to recover after a 180° bend around a 12.7-mm (0.5-in.) diameter mandrel at room temperature.

3.2 Before proceeding with this test method, reference should be made to the specification of the material being tested. Any test specimen preparation, conditioning, or dimensions, or combination thereof, and testing parameters covered in the materials specification shall take precedence over those mentioned in these test methods. If there are no material specifications, then the default conditions apply.

NOTE 2—This test method is applicable to solid urethanes.

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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.

³ Withdrawn.

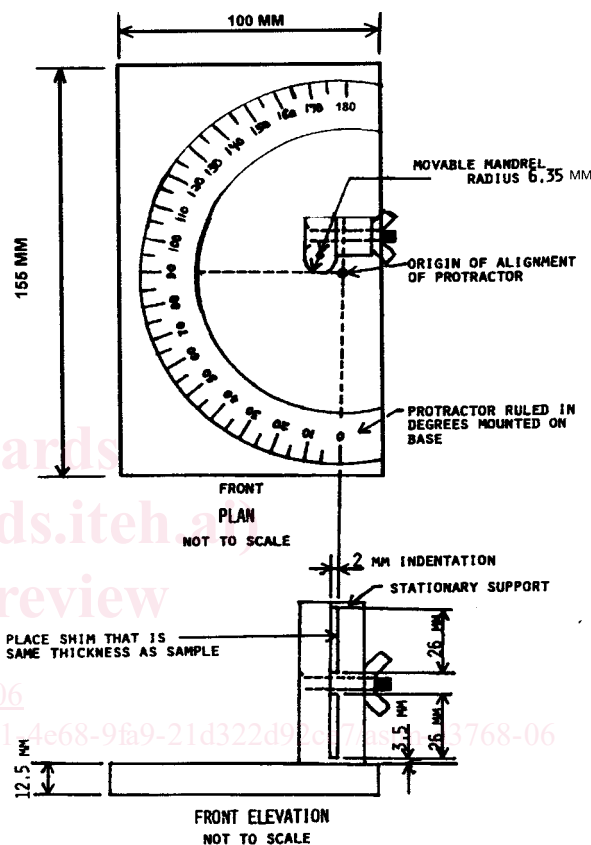


FIG. 1 Example Fixture for Flexural Recovery Test

4. Apparatus

4.1 *Flexural Recovery Test Fixture*—The test fixture shall consist of a 12.7-mm diameter mandrel mounted to a base equipped with a protractor. A drawing of a typical test fixture is shown in Fig. 1.

4.2 *Timer*, capable of indicating seconds.

4.3 *Thickness Indicator*, accurate to 0.03 mm.

5. Test Specimens

5.1 The test specimens shall be cut from molded plaques or parts. The recommended standard test specimen is 4 mm in

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.