
**Carbon fibre — Determination of
volume resistivity**

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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies two methods (i.e. method A and method B) for the determination of the volume resistivity of carbon fibre.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable to its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1889, *Reinforcement yarns — Determination of linear density*

ISO 10119, *Carbon fibre — Determination of density*

ISO 10548, *Carbon fibre — Determination of size content*

ISO 11567, *Carbon fibre — Determination of filament diameter and cross-sectional area*

3 Health and safety

This International Standard is limited to describing the determination of the volume resistivity of carbon fibre. The handling conditions of the test, specimens, apparatus and reagents used are intended to comply with the national regulations in force in each country, and the staff shall be informed of the hazards involved and appropriate precautions to be taken.

4 Principle

The volume resistivity is determined by the resistance of the material, and the length and a cross-section of the test specimen. The resistance and length of test specimen are measured. Method A specifies the determination of the volume resistivity for a single filament. The cross-section of single filament assumes that the cross-section of the test specimen is a true circle, and it is calculated from the diameter of the test specimen. Method B specifies the determination of the volume resistivity for a strand of fibres. The cross-section of the strand is calculated from the density and linear density of the test specimen.

5 Method A — Test method for single filament

5.1 Apparatus

5.1.1 **Length meter**, accurate to 0,1 mm.

5.1.2 **DC resistance meter**, with a precision of 0,5 % or higher.

5.2 Test specimen

5.2.1 Take a 40-mm to 50-mm length of filament yarn from the sample and open out the yarn structure. Pick out single filaments, one by one, for use as test specimens.

5.2.2 Stretch a single filament along the centreline of the mounting tab/template (see key item 1 of [Figure 1](#)) as shown in [Figure 1](#), and affix at the two end points of the window cut-out using conductive

adhesive (see key item 3 of [Figure 1](#)). Simultaneously, affix a copper wire together with the test specimen using the conductive adhesive to be used as a lead wire. Prepare at least three test specimens.

NOTE The mounting template is cardboard of approximately 0,3 mm in thickness. A hole of $(25 \pm 0,5)$ mm in length is punched or cut out.

Dry the adhesive completely, as the measured resistance can be unstable due to any remaining solvent in the conductive adhesive.

5.3 Procedure

5.3.1 Using a length meter (accurate to the nearest 0,1 mm) measure the distance of the stretched fibre between the two points of contact of the conductive adhesive on the test specimen, which is attached to the mounting tab. Make this length the gauge length for measuring the resistance.

5.3.2 Measure the resistance of the test specimen using the resistance meter.

5.3.3 Calculate the volume resistivity, S_f , according to Formula (1):

$$S_f = \frac{\pi D^2 R_f}{4L_f} \times 10^{-9} \quad (1)$$

where

- S_f is the volume resistivity ($\Omega \cdot m$);
 R_f is the resistance of the test specimen (Ω);
 L_f is the gauge length of the test specimen (mm);
 D is the diameter of the test specimen (mm) (specified in ISO 11567).

6 Method B — Test method for strand

6.1 Apparatus

- 6.1.1 Length meter**, accurate to 0,1 mm.
6.1.2 DC resistance meter, with precision of 0,5 % or higher.
6.1.3 Electrode, copper plate with a clean and flat surface (see [Figure 2](#)).

6.2 Test specimen

- 6.2.1** Take the test specimen from the bundle of fibre. Prepare three test specimens, at least.
6.2.2 Where there is a large amount of water or sizing, which might influence the result, a pretreatment, such as drying the test specimen or size removal, in accordance with ISO 10548, is necessary.

6.3 Procedure

- 6.3.1** Set two electrodes 50 mm to 2 000 mm apart on an insulating board, and measure the distance between the electrodes to the nearest 1 mm (see [Figure 2](#)). An example of an electrode is shown in [Figure 2](#).
6.3.2 Fix one end of a test specimen to one electrode and the other end to the other electrode, taking care to avoid sagging of the test specimen.