
**Mechanical joining — Destructive
testing of joints — Specimen
dimensions and test procedure for
cross-tension testing of single joints**

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Dimensions des éprouvettes et mode opératoire d'essai de traction sur
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Introduction

This International standard specifies the testing procedure and the specimen shapes for cross-tension testing of mechanical joints. Items to be reported after testing are the cross tension strength as well as the fracture modes, which are given as drawings as the type of joint failure. The International Standard also includes normative references, terms and definitions and an example for a test report.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the geometry of the test specimens and the method for the cross-tension testing of single mechanical joints on single-lap test specimens up to a single sheet thickness of 4,5 mm.

The term “sheet”, as used in this International Standard, includes extrusions and cast materials.

The purpose of the cross-tension test is to determine the mechanical characteristics and the failure types of the joints made with different joining methods.

This International Standard does not apply to civil engineering applications such as metal building and steel construction which are covered by other applicable standards.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for 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 2768-1, *General tolerances — Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 cross-tension strength

CTS

F_{\max}

maximum force, recorded in the test

3.2 cross-tension force

F

force, recorded in the test

3.3 crosshead displacement

s

displacement of the crosshead of the test equipment during the cross-tension test

3.4 crosshead displacement at maximum force

$s_{F_{\max}}$

displacement at which the maximum force F_{\max} is recorded

3.5
crosshead displacement at 0,3 F_{\max}

$s_{0,3F_{\max}}$
displacement at which 0,3 F_{\max} is recorded after the peak value is achieved

3.6
crosshead displacement at fracture

s_{fracture}
displacement at which fracture occurs

4 Test specimens and types of tests

The configuration and dimensions are shown in [Figure 1](#) and [Table 1](#).

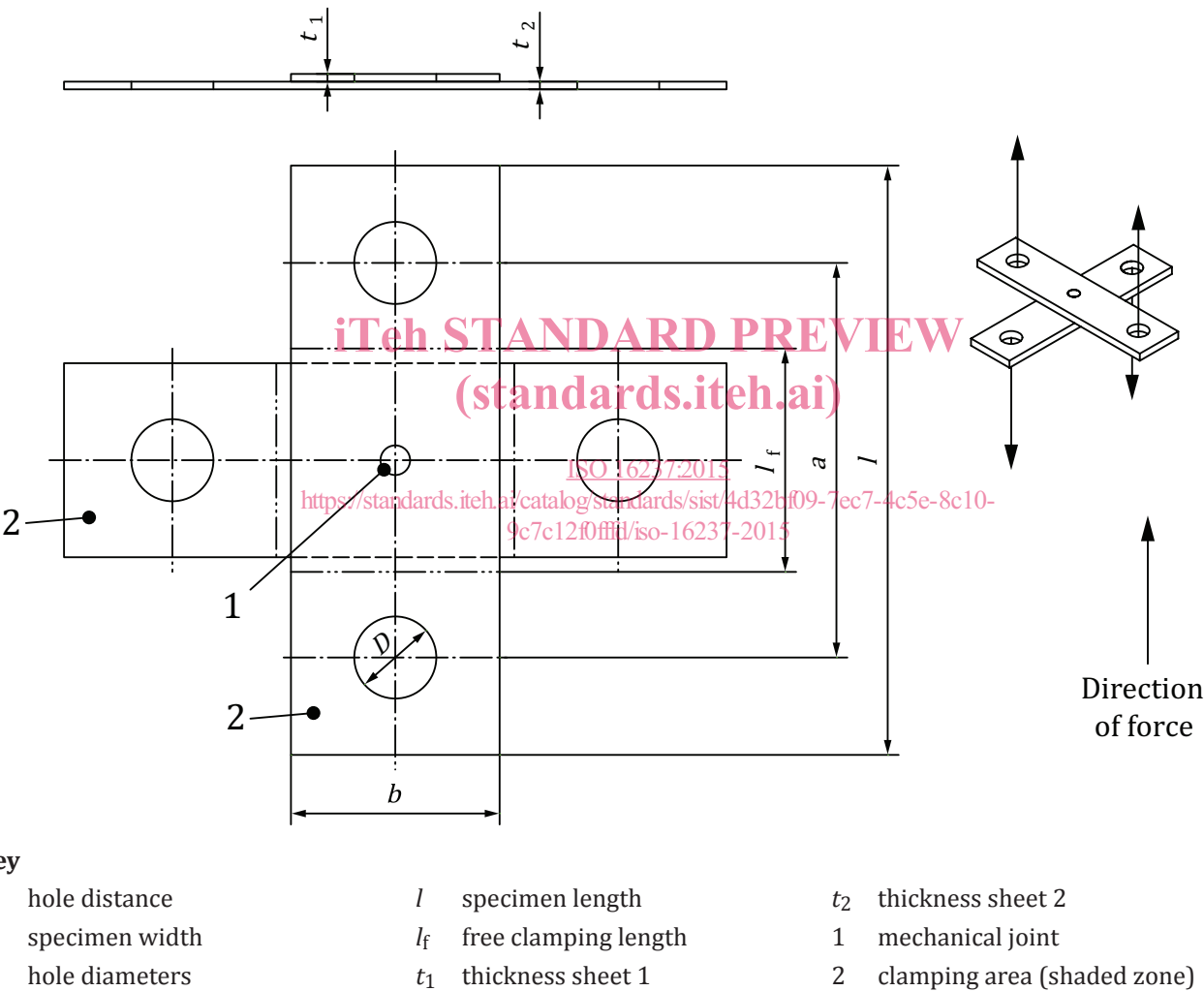


Figure 1 — Cross-tension specimen

Table 1 — Dimensions of specimen (tolerances according to ISO 2768-1)

Specimen width	b	50^{+1}_0 mm
Specimen length	l	$150^{+0}_{-0,5}$ mm
Hole distance	a	$(100 \pm 0,2)$ mm
Hole diameters ^a	D	$20^{+0,7}_0$ mm
Free clamping length	l_f	54^{+0}_{-1} mm
^a Holes may not be necessary depending on the clamping device used.		

5 Test equipment and test procedure

Testing is performed on a tensile testing machine, which satisfies the requirements given in ISO 7500-1. The cross-tension force and the displacement shall be simultaneously measured during testing. All tests shall be carried out at room temperature until the joint fails.

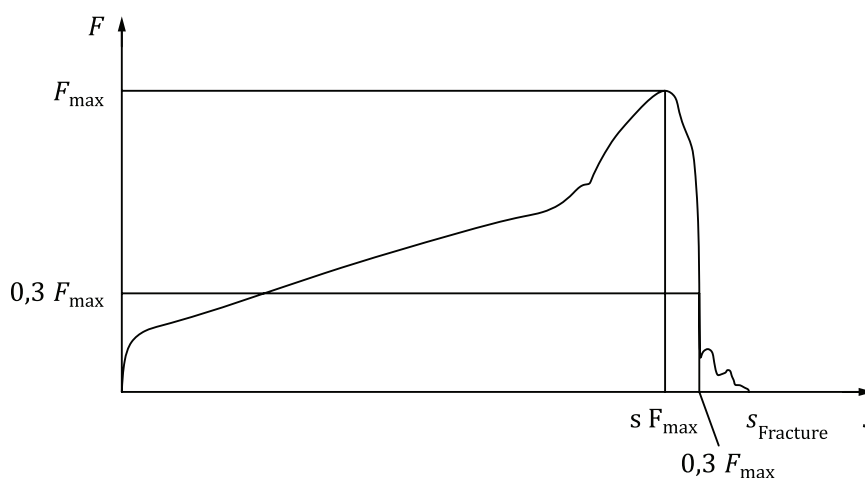
If a special clamping device is used, the shape and size shall be specified and recorded.

Crosshead separation rate of testing shall be (less than or) equal to 10 mm/min, and shall be kept constant during the test.

The specimen deformation shall be measured as the displacement of the crosshead or by using appropriate displacement sensing equipment either directly from the specimen or indirectly from the crosshead position. When using signals from the cross head position, the signal should be corrected by the stiffness of the testing machine in question. Results of measurements can only be compared when the tests are performed under identical conditions. The type of measurement and the initial length shall be noted in the test protocol.

The signals for force and specimen deformation during test shall be recorded as shown in Figure 2 so that each specific value shall be recorded in the test report.

NOTE 1 If required, further characteristic data, e.g. $0,3 F_{\max}$, can be determined according to the cross-tension diagram given in Figure 2.



Key

F force

s displacement

Figure 2 — Characteristic values of a force-displacement diagram for the cross-tension test

An example of a jig as shown in [Figure 3](#) can be used for the cross-tension testing of flat specimens.

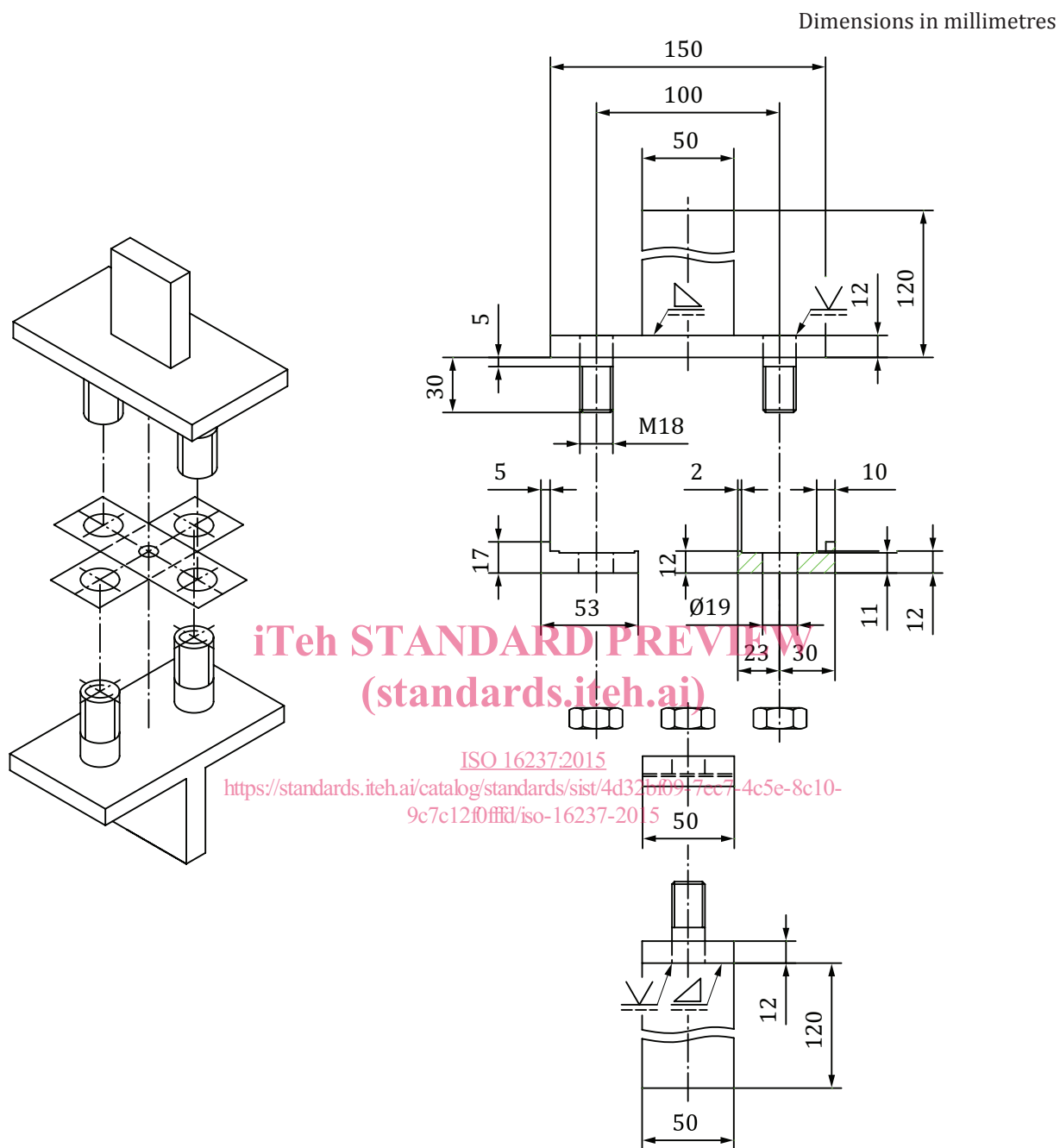


Figure 3 — Example of testing clamp

NOTE 2 It is important that no slippage occurs between the specimen and the clamping device during the test.

6 Failure mode

The failure mode after cross-tension testing shall be classified according to [Annex A](#).

7 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a) a reference to this International Standard, i.e. ISO 16237:2015;
- b) name of the examiner and/or the examining body;
- c) date and signature of the examiner and/or the examining body;
- d) joining process and description of fasteners used;
- e) joining parameters, type of joining equipment, and material designation and dimensions of auxiliary materials;
- f) material designation of the joined parts or test specimen;
- g) specimen dimensions (including sheet thicknesses t_1 and t_2);
- h) joining direction, stacking order, location of coated sides;
- i) type of testing equipment and settings;
- j) method of displacement measurement;
- k) individual, mean and standard deviations of the characteristic values, e.g. force, displacement, yield strength;
- l) diagram force-displacement path;
- m) failure mode;
- n) deviations from this International Standard.

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