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## Introduction

This standard specifies the testing method for measuring the biaxial stress-strain curves of sheet metals subject to biaxial tension at an arbitrary stress ratio using a cruciform specimen made of flat sheet metals. The standard applies to the shape and strain measurement position of the cruciform specimen. The biaxial tensile testing machine will be described in Annex C, only in terms of the typical example of the machine and the requirements that the machine must comply.

The cruciform specimen recommended in this standard has the following features:

- a) The gauge area of the specimen ensure superior homogeneity of stress; enabling measurement of biaxial stress with satisfactory accuracy;
- b) Capability of measuring the elasto-plastic deformation behavior of sheet metals at arbitrary stress or strain ratios;
- c) Free from the out-of-plane deformation as is encountered in the hydrostatic bulge testing method;
- d) Easy to fabricate from a flat metal sheet by laser cutting, water jet cutting or other alternative manufacturing methods.

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# Metallic materials – Sheet and strip – Biaxial tensile testing method using cruciform specimen

## 1 Scope

This standard specifies the method for measuring the stress-strain curves of sheet metals subject to biaxial tension using a cruciform specimen with even thickness as fabricated from one sheet metal. The applicable thickness of the sheet shall be 0.1 mm or more and 0.08 times or less of the arm width  $B$  of the cruciform specimen. The test temperature shall range from 10 to 35 °C. The amount of plastic strain applicable to the gauge area of the cruciform specimen depends on the stress ratio, slit width of arm, work hardening exponent ( $n$ -value), and anisotropy of the test materials (see **Annex B**).

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the applications of this document. The latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6892-1, Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature

ISO 80000-1, Quantities and units — Part 1: General

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **cruciform specimen**

specimen which is recommended in the biaxial tensile test and whose geometry is specified in this standard (see Figure 1)

### 3.2

#### **gauge area**

square area which is located in the middle of the cruciform specimen and is enclosed by the four arms of the cruciform specimen (see Figure 1)

### 3.3

#### **arm**

generic name for all areas other than the gauge area in the cruciform specimen. The arm plays a role of transmitting tensile loads in two orthogonal directions to the gauge area of the cruciform specimen.

### 3.4

#### **biaxial tensile testing machine**

testing machine for applying biaxial tensile forces to a cruciform specimen in the orthogonal directions parallel to the arms of the specimen (see **Annex C**)

**3.5 yield function**  
function used to generate the conditional equation (yield criterion) which the stress components must comply with when the material subject to the stress is in the plastic deformation state

**3.6 contour of plastic work**  
graphic figure derived by subjecting the material to plastic deformation along various linear stress paths and plotting the stress points in stress space at the instant when the plastic work consumed per unit volume along each stress path becomes identical and the plotted stress points are approximated into either a smooth curve or curved surface (see **Annex A**).

## 4 Principle

Measurement is made at room temperature, on the yield stress and the stress-strain curves of sheet metals under biaxial tensile stresses by measuring simultaneously and continuously the biaxial tensile forces and strain components applied to the gauge area of a cruciform specimen while applying biaxial tensile forces in the orthogonal directions parallel to the arms of the specimen. The specimen is made of a flat sheet metal and has a uniform thickness. The measured biaxial stress-strain curves are used to measure contours of plastic work of the sheet samples (see **Annex A**). According to the finite element analyses of the cruciform specimen as recommended in Clause 5 and the strain measurement position as specified in Clause 6.2.4, the stress calculation error is estimated to be less than 2.0 % [1][2].

## 5 Specimen

### 5.1 Shape and dimensions

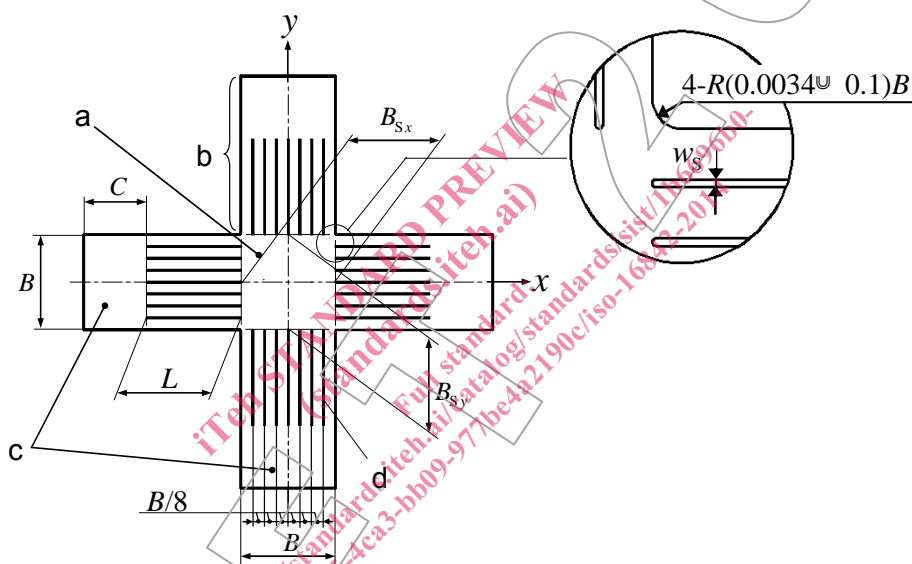
Figure 1 shows the shape and dimensions of the cruciform specimen recommended in this standard. The specimen shall be as described below.

- a) The arm width  $B$  should be 30 mm or more with an accuracy of  $\pm 0,1$  mm, except that  $B$  may be determined according to the agreement between parties involved in transaction.
- b) In principle, the thickness of a specimen shall be the same as that of the original sample, without any work done in the thickness direction. When the material thickness  $a$  exceeds 8% of the arm width  $B$ , either the arm width  $B$  shall be increased in such a manner that satisfies  $a \leq 0,08B$  or the specimen thickness shall be reduced.
- c) Seven slits per one arm shall be worked. Specifically, one slit shall be worked on the centerline ( $x$ - or  $y$ -axis) of the specimen with an accuracy of  $\pm 0,1$  mm and three slits shall be worked at an interval of  $B/8$  with an accuracy of  $\pm 0,1$  mm on each side of the centerline. The opposing slit ends shall be worked at an equal distance from the centerline. The distances  $B_{sx}$  and  $B_{sy}$  between the slit ends shall be made equal with an accuracy of  $B \pm 0,1$  mm. All slits shall have the same length  $L \pm 0,1$  mm, and the relationship of  $B \leq L \leq 2B$  must be established. The slit width  $w_s$  should be worked as small as possible (see Figure B.2), preferably less than 0.3 mm.
- d) The grip length  $C$  is considered to be enough if it can secure the specimen to the chuck of the biaxial tensile testing machine and can transmit the necessary tensile force to the specimen. The standard length would be  $C=B/2$  to  $B$ , but may be determined arbitrarily according to the agreement between parties involved in transaction.
- e) The arm width  $B$  and the slit length  $L$  shall be measured accurately to 0,05 mm and the result shall be rounded to the digit of 0,1 mm according to ISO 80000-1.



## 5.2 Preparation of specimens

- The specimen shall be fabricated from a flat sheet metal sample.
- The standard sampling direction of the specimen shall be such that the directions of arms are parallel to the material rolling and transverse directions, respectively, except that the specimen sampling direction may be determined according to the agreement between parties involved in transaction.
- For the fabrication of the specimen (including cutting of slits), any method, e.g., laser cutting, water jet cutting or other alternative manufacturing methods, demonstrated to work satisfactorily may be used if agreed upon by the parties.
- Unless otherwise specified and except for the sampling work, unnecessary deformation or heating to the specimen shall be avoided.



### Key

- a gauge area
- b arm
- c grip
- d slit

- $B_{Sx}, B_{Sy}$  distance between opposing slit ends
- $B$  arm width
- $C$  grip length
- $L$  slit length
- $w_s$  slit width

Figure 1 — Standard shape and dimensions of the recommended cruciform specimen <sup>[1][2]</sup>

## 6 Testing method

### 6.1 Testing machine

The specifications required for the biaxial tensile testing machine (hereinafter referred to as testing machine)

are as follows (for examples of typical testing machines, see Annex C).

- a) It shall have sufficient functions and durability to hold four grips of a cruciform specimen (hereinafter referred to as specimen) in one single plane with a tolerance of  $\pm 0.01$  mm during testing.
- b) Two opposing chucks shall move along a single straight line (hereinafter referred to as x-axis and y-axis), and the x- and y-axes shall intersect at an angle of  $90 \pm 0.1^\circ$  (The plane that contains the x- and y-axes is referred to as the reference plane while the intersection of x- and y-axes as the center of testing machine)
- c) It shall have a function for adjusting the two opposing chucks to the positions at an equal distance from the center of the testing machine before the installation of the specimen to the chuck
- d) It shall have a function for enabling the installation of the specimen to the chucks while aligning the center of specimen to the center of the testing machine.
- e) It shall have a function for enabling equal displacement of two opposing chucks or the maintenance of the center of the specimen always on the center of the testing machine with a tolerance of  $\pm 0.1$  mm during biaxial tensile test (for example, the testing machines shown in Figs. C.1 and C.2 use a link mechanism to ensure equivalent displacement of two opposing chucks)
- f) It shall have a capability of the servo controlled biaxial tensile testing to perform the test with the constant nominal stress ratio (constant load ratio) and/or the test with the constant true stress ratio, and/or the test with constant strain rate ratio, according to the purpose of the test (see **Annex C.2**). For the link type biaxial tensile testing machine it shall ensure equal displacement of two opposing chucks (see **Annex C.3**)
- g) Modern control electronics allow independent and combined control of each actuator – it is called Modal Control [3]-[6]. (see **Annex C.4**)
- h) It shall have a function for measuring and storing the values of the tensile force (two channels for the x- and y-axes) and strain components (two channels for the x- and y-axes) during biaxial tensile test with the specified accuracy and time interval agreed by the parties concerned.

## 6.2 Measurement method of tensile force and strain

### 6.2.1 General

This subclause specifies the method for measuring the tensile forces ( $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ ) and nominal strain components ( $e_x$ ,  $e_y$ ) applied to the x and y directions of a cruciform specimen.

### 6.2.2 Measurement method of tensile force

For measurement of ( $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ ) load cells shall be used in the x- and y-directions. The force-measuring system of the testing machine shall be calibrated in accordance with ISO 7500-1, class 1, or better.

### 6.2.3 Measurement method of strain

For measurement of ( $e_x$ ,  $e_y$ ), strain gauges or other methods, e.g., optical measurement systems, shall be used. Measure  $e_x$  and  $e_y$  to an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  %.

### 6.2.4 Strain measurement position

Figure 2 shows the positions of strain gauges for measuring ( $e_x$ ,  $e_y$ ). ( $e_x$ ,  $e_y$ ) shall be measured at a position, with a distance of  $(0,6 \text{ to } 0,8) \times (B/2)$  from the center of specimen, on the centerline parallel to the maximum tensile force ( $F_x$  in Figure 2). The strain gauge shall be adhered in such a manner that the sensor portion of the strain gauge falls fully into a range of  $(0,6 \text{ to } 0,8) \times (B/2)$ . According to the finite element analyses of the