
**Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics,
advanced technical ceramics) —
Ceramic composites — Determination
of the degree of misalignment in
uniaxial mechanical tests**

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du degré de non-alignement lors des essais mécaniques uniaxiaux*

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1 Scope

This International Standard describes a procedure

- to verify the degree of misalignment of the load train of the test machines using a reference test specimen uniformly loaded in tension or in compression, and
- to give indications in order to correct defects such as torsion and bending.

This International Standard is not intended to provide a quantitative and acceptable limit before the testing of ceramic matrix composites with a fibre reinforcement: unidirectional (1D), bidirectional (2D), and tridirectional (x D, with $2 < x \leq 3$) loaded along one principal axis of reinforcement. This limit depends on the sensitivity of each type of composite to the misalignment defect.

NOTE 1 This limit is to be defined between the testing establishment and the customer.

NOTE 2 Monolithic ceramics are very sensitive to misalignment defects while CMCs (ceramic matrix composite) in general are moderately sensitive to them.

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 3611, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional measuring equipment: Micrometers for external measurements — Design and metrological characteristics*

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*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

CEN/TR 13233:2007, *Advanced technical ceramics — Notations and symbols* (to be replaced by future ISO NP 19634)

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in CEN/TR 13233:2007 (to be replaced by future ISO NP 19634) and the following apply.

3.1 General

3.1.1 calibrated length

l

part of the reference test specimen which has a uniform and minimum cross-section area

3.1.2
width

b
width of the reference test specimen in the calibrated length

3.1.3
thickness

h
thickness of the reference test specimen in the calibrated length

3.2 Type of defects

3.2.1
C-type magnitude

θ
angle between the loading axis of each of the two grips

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#).

3.2.2
S-type magnitude

d
distance between the loading axis when they are parallel

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).

3.2.3
torsion defect magnitude

ϕ
angle between the gripping planes

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3](#).

4 Principle

A rectangular cross section of a reference test specimen ([Clause 7](#)) equipped with 10 strain gauges is loaded in tension or in compression, up to a load corresponding to 10 % of the nominal load capacity of the load cell used for the tests of CMCs. The stress corresponding to this value shall not exceed 50 % of the elasticity limit of the material used for the reference test specimen. The readings obtained from the strain gauges bonded on the calibrated length of the reference test specimen allow the determination of the degree of misalignment.

The positioning of strain gauges is such that it indicates the magnitude of defects. These magnitudes allow the correction, in a practical manner, of the different types of defects:

- bending defects, either C ([Figure 1](#)) or S ([Figure 2](#));
- torsion ([Figure 3](#)).

The indications for correction are obtained by comparing the experimental readings of the strain gauges to values from charts established from numerical simulations.