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Standard Test Method for Lap Shear Adhesion for Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Bonding¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method describes a lap shear test for use in measuring the bonding characteristics of adhesives for joining fiber reinforced plastics to themselves and to metals. The method is applicable to random and fiber oriented FRP.

1.2 This test method is intended to complement Test Method [D1002](#) and extend the application to single-lap shear adhesive joints of fiber-reinforced plastic (FRP) adherends. This test method is useful for generating comparative apparent shear strength data for joints made from a number of FRP materials, providing a means by which FRP surface treatments may be compared.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[D907 Terminology of Adhesives](#)

[D1002 Test Method for Apparent Shear Strength of Single-Lap-Joint Adhesively Bonded Metal Specimens by Tension Loading \(Metal-to-Metal\)](#)

[D2093 Practice for Preparation of Surfaces of Plastics Prior to Adhesive Bonding](#)

[D3163 Test Method for Determining Strength of Adhesively](#)

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D14](#) on Adhesives and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [D14.40](#) on Adhesives for Plastics

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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.

[Bonded Rigid Plastic Lap-Shear Joints in Shear by Tension Loading](#)

[D4896 Guide for Use of Adhesive-Bonded Single Lap-Joint Specimen Test Results](#)

[D5573 Practice for Classifying Failure Modes in Fiber-Reinforced-Plastic \(FRP\) Joints](#)

[E4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines](#)

2.2 *SAE Standard:*

[SAE J1525 Lap Shear Test for Automotive-Type Adhesives for Fiber Reinforced Plastic \(FRP\) Bonding](#)³

3. Terminology

3.1 Adhesive terminology for this test method is covered in Terminology [D907](#).

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 This test method describes a procedure for the testing of lap shear bond strengths, using composite materials not recommended in Test Method [D3163](#) such as FRP.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Due to the increased use of adhesively-bonded FRP as a result of the inherent advantages afforded by bonded rather than mechanically-fastened joints (particularly the alleviation of stress risers and stress cracking), there is a need for tests by which joints of various FRP substrates and adhesives may be compared. This test method is intended to meet such a need.

5.2 Additional information on significance and use may be found in Guide [D4896](#).

6. Interference

6.1 Apparent shear strength may be affected by substrate properties, such as moisture absorption and strength.

7. Apparatus

7.1 *Testing Machine*, conforming to the requirements and having the capabilities of the machine in Practices [E4](#) with self-aligning grips capable of securely grasping the specimen throughout the test without allowing the specimen to slip.

³ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, <http://www.sae.org>.