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Corrosion of metals and alloys — Stress corrosion testing —

Part 6:

Preparation and use of precracked specimens for tests under constant load or constant displacement

1 Scope

This document specifies procedures for designing, preparing and using precracked specimens for investigating susceptibility to stress corrosion. It gives recommendations for the design, preparation and use of precracked specimens for investigating susceptibility to stress corrosion. Recommendations concerning notched specimens are given in [Annex A](#).

The term “metal” as used in this document includes alloys.

Because of the need to confine plasticity at the crack tip, precracked specimens are not suitable for the evaluation of thin products, such as sheet or wire, and are generally used for thicker products including plate bar and forgings. They can also be used for parts joined by welding.

Precracked specimens can be loaded with equipment for application of a constant load or can incorporate a device to produce a constant displacement at the loading points. Tests conducted under increasing displacement or increasing load are dealt with in ISO 7539-9.

A particular advantage of precracked specimens is that they allow data to be acquired, from which critical defect sizes, above which stress corrosion cracking can occur, can be estimated for components of known geometry subjected to known stresses. They also enable rates of stress corrosion crack propagation to be determined. The latter data can be taken into account when monitoring parts containing defects during service.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 7539-1, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Stress corrosion testing — Part 1: General guidance on testing procedures*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7539-1 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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3.1 crack length

 a

distance from the crack tip to either the mouth of the notch or the loading point axis, depending on the specimen geometry

3.2 specimen width

 W

distance from the back face to either the face containing the notch or the loading plane, depending on the specimen geometry

3.3 specimen thickness

 B

side-to-side dimension of the specimen being tested

3.4 reduced thickness at side grooves

 B_n

minimum side-to-side dimension between the notches in side-grooved specimens

3.5 specimen half-height

 H

50 % of the distance between both sides of the specimen measured parallel to the direction of *load* (3.6) application for compact tension, double cantilever beam and modified wedge-opening-loaded test pieces

3.6 load

 P

force, which, when applied to the specimen, is considered positive if its direction is such as to cause the crack faces to move apart

3.7 deflection at loading point axis

 V_{LL}

crack opening displacement produced at the loading line during the application of *load* (3.6) to a constant displacement specimen

3.8 deflection away from the loading line

 V_0

crack opening displacement produced at a location remote from the loading plane, e.g. at knife edges located at the notch mouth, during the application of *load* (3.6) to a constant displacement specimen

3.9 modulus of elasticity

 E

ratio of stress to strain without deviation in proportionality of the stress and strain (Hooke's law)

3.10**stress intensity factor** K_I

function of applied *load* (3.6), *crack length* (3.1) and specimen geometry having dimensions of stress $\times \sqrt{\text{length}}$ which uniquely define the elastic-stress field intensification at the tip of a crack subjected to opening mode displacements (mode I)

Note 1 to entry: It has been found that stress intensity factors, calculated assuming that specimens respond purely elastically, correlate with the behaviour of real cracked bodies, provided that the size of the zone of plasticity at the crack tip is small compared to the crack length and the length of the uncracked ligament. In this document, mode I is assumed and the subscript I is implied everywhere.

3.11**initial stress intensity factor** K_{Ii}

stress intensity applied at the commencement of the stress corrosion test

3.12**plane strain fracture toughness** K_{Ic}

critical value of K_I at which the first significant environmentally independent extension of the crack occurs under the influence of rising stress intensity under conditions of high resistance to plastic deformation

3.13**provisional value of K_{Ic}** K_Q

$K_Q = K_{Ic}$ when the validity criteria for plane strain predominance are satisfied

3.14**threshold stress intensity factor for susceptibility to stress corrosion cracking** K_{ISCC}

stress intensity factor (3.10) above which stress corrosion cracking will initiate and grow for the specified test conditions under conditions of high resistance to plastic deformation, i.e. under plane strain predominant conditions

3.15**provisional value of K_{ISCC}** K_{QSCC}

$K_{QSCC} = K_{ISCC}$ when the validity criteria for plane strain predominance are satisfied

3.16**maximum stress intensity factor** K_{max} in fatigue

highest algebraic value of the *stress intensity factor* (3.10) in a cycle, corresponding to the maximum *load* (3.6)

3.17**0,2 % proof stress** $R_{p0,2}$

stress which is applied to produce a plastic strain of 0,2 % during a tensile test

3.18**applied stress** σ

stress resulting from the application of *load* (3.6) to the specimen

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3.19 stress intensity factor coefficient

Y

factor derived from the stress analysis for a particular specimen geometry which relates the *stress intensity factor* (3.10) for a given *crack length* (3.1) to the *load* (3.6) and specimen dimensions

3.20 load ratio in fatigue loading

R

algebraic ratio of minimum to maximum *load* (3.6) in a cycle:

$$R = \frac{P_{\min}}{P_{\max}} = \frac{K_{\min}}{K_{\max}}$$

3.21 crack velocity

instantaneous rate of stress corrosion crack propagation measured by a continuous crack monitoring technique

3.22 average crack velocity

average rate of crack propagation calculated by dividing the change in *crack length* (3.1) due to stress corrosion by the test duration

3.23 specimen orientation

fracture plane of the specimen identified in terms of firstly the direction of stressing and secondly the direction of crack growth expressed with respect to three reference axes identified by the letters X, Y and Z

Note 1 to entry: Where X, Y and Z are defined as follows: ISO 7539-6:2018

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- X is coincident with the direction of grain flow (longitudinal axis);
 - Z is coincident with the main working force used during manufacture of the material (short-transverse axis);
 - Y is normal to the X and Z axes.

4 Principle

4.1 The use of precracked specimens acknowledges the difficulty of ensuring that crack-like defects introduced during either manufacture or subsequent service are totally absent from structures. Furthermore, the presence of such defects can cause a susceptibility to stress corrosion cracking which in some materials (e.g. titanium) may not be evident from tests under constant load on smooth specimens. The principles of linear elastic fracture mechanics can be used to quantify the stress situation existing at the crack tip in a precracked specimen or structure in terms of the plane strain-stress intensity.

4.2 The test involves subjecting a specimen in which a crack has been developed by fatigue from a machined notch to either a constant load or displacement at the loading points during exposure to a chemically aggressive environment. The objective is to quantify the conditions under which environmentally assisted crack extension can occur in terms of the threshold stress intensity for stress corrosion cracking, K_{ISCC} , and the kinetics of crack propagation.

4.3 The empirical data can be used for design or life prediction purposes, in order to ensure either that the stresses within large structures are insufficient to promote the initiation of environmentally assisted cracking, whatever pre-existing defects may be present, or that the amount of crack growth which would occur within the design life or inspection periods can be tolerated without the risk of unstable failure.

4.4 Stress corrosion cracking is influenced by both mechanical and electrochemical driving forces. The latter can vary with crack depth, opening or shape because of variations in crack-tip chemistry and electrode potential and may not be uniquely described by the fracture-mechanics stress intensity factor.

4.5 The mechanical driving force includes both applied and residual stresses. The possible influence of the latter shall be considered in both laboratory testing and the application to more complex geometries. Gradients in residual stress in a specimen may result in non-uniform crack growth along the crack front.

5 Specimens

5.1 General

5.1.1 A wide range of standard specimen geometries of the type used in fracture toughness tests may be applied. The particular type of specimen used will be dependent upon the form, the strength and the susceptibility to stress corrosion cracking of the material to be tested and also on the objective of the test.

5.1.2 A basic requirement is that the dimensions be sufficient to maintain predominantly triaxial (plane strain) conditions in which plastic deformation is limited to the vicinity of the crack tip. Experience with fracture toughness testing has shown that, for a valid K_{Ic} measurement, both the crack length, a , and the thickness, B , shall not be less than:

$$2,5 \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{R_{p0,2}} \right)^2$$

and that, where possible, larger specimens where both a and B are at least:

$$4 \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{R_{p0,2}} \right)^2$$

shall be used to ensure adequate constraint.

From the point of view of fracture mechanics, a minimum thickness from which an invariant value of K_{ISCC} is obtained cannot be specified at this time. The presence of an aggressive environment during stress corrosion may reduce the extent of plasticity associated with fracture and hence the specimen dimensions needed to limit plastic deformation. However, in order to minimize the risk of inadequate constraint, it is recommended that similar criteria to those used during fracture toughness testing also be used regarding specimen dimensions, i.e. both a and B shall be not less than:

$$2,5 \left(\frac{K_I}{R_{p0,2}} \right)^2$$

and preferably should be not less than:

$$4 \left(\frac{K_I}{R_{p0,2}} \right)^2$$

where K_I is the stress intensity to be applied during testing.

The threshold stress intensity value eventually determined should be substituted for K_I in the first of these expressions as a test for its validity.

5.1.3 If the specimens are to be used for the determination of K_{ISCC} , the initial specimen size should be based on an estimate of the K_{ISCC} of the material (in the first instance, it is better to over-estimate the K_{ISCC} value and therefore use a larger specimen than may eventually be found necessary). Where