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Part 1: Trouser, angle and crescent test pieces

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Partie 1: Éprouvettes pantalon, angulaire et croissant

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Foreword

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This ~~third~~fourth edition cancels and replaces the ~~second~~third edition (ISO 34-1:~~2004~~2010), which has been technically revised. ~~In 5.3 the force-measuring accuracy of the tensile-testing machine has been changed to class 1. In~~Precision results from an interlaboratory have been updated as ~~Clause 10~~Annex A~~, the permissible range of the median thickness of each group for comparative purposes has also been changed~~.

ISO 34 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tear strength*:

— *Part 1: Trouser, angle and crescent test pieces*

— *Part 2: Small (Delft) test pieces*

Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tear strength —

Part 1:
Trouser, angle and crescent test pieces

WARNING ~~—~~ 1 — Persons using this part of ISO 34 should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This part of ISO 34 does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

~~CAUTION —~~ WARNING 2 — Certain procedures specified in this part of ISO 34 ~~may~~ might involve the use or generation of substances, or the generation of waste, that could constitute a local environmental hazard. Reference should be made to appropriate documentation on safe handling and disposal after use.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 34 specifies three test methods for the determination of the tear strength of vulcanized or thermoplastic rubber, namely the following:

— method A, using a trouser test piece;

— method B, using an angle test piece, with or without a nick of specified depth;

— method C, using a crescent test piece with a nick.

The value of tear strength obtained depends on the shape of the test piece, speed of stretching, and temperature of test. It can also be susceptible to grain effects in rubber.

Method A: Using a trouser test piece

Method A, using the trouser test piece, is preferred because it is not sensitive to the length of the cut, unlike the other two test pieces in which the nick has to be very closely controlled. In addition, the results obtained are more easily related to the fundamental tear properties of the material and are less sensitive to modulus effects (provided that the leg extension is negligible) and the rate of propagation of the tear is directly related to the rate of grip separation. With some rubbers, the propagation of tear is not smooth (knotty tear), and analysis of results can be difficult.[3]

Method B, procedure (a): Using an angle test piece without nick

This test is a combination of tear initiation and propagation. Stress is built up at the point of the angle until it is sufficient to initiate a tear and then further stresses propagate this tear. However, it is only possible to measure the overall force required to rupture the test piece, and, therefore, the force cannot be resolved in two components producing initiation and propagation.[4]

Method B, procedure (b): Using an angle test piece with nick

This test measures the force required to propagate a nick already produced in the test piece. The rate of propagation is not directly related to the jaw speed.[5]

Method C: Using a crescent test piece

This test also measures the force required to propagate a nick already produced in the test piece, and the rate of propagation is not related to the jaw speed.

NOTE A separate method for the determination of the tear strength of small test pieces of rubber (Delft test pieces) is specified in ISO 34-2.[1]

2 Normative references

The following ~~referenced documents~~documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for ~~the application of this document~~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 5893, *Rubber and plastics test equipment — Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse) — Specification*

ISO 6133, *Rubber and plastics — Analysis of multi-peak traces obtained in determinations of tear strength and adhesion strength*

ISO 18899:~~2004~~2013, *Rubber — Guide to the calibration of test equipment*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1
trouser tear strength
median force required to propagate a cut in a specified trouser-shaped test piece by tearing, divided by the thickness of the test piece, the force acting in a direction substantially in the plane of the cut

Note 1 to entry: The median force is calculated in accordance with ISO 6133.

3.2
unnicked angle tear strength
maximum force required to rupture a specified angle-shaped test piece, divided by the thickness of the test piece, the force acting in a direction substantially along the length of the test piece

3.3
nicked angle tear strength
crescent tear strength
maximum force required to cause a nick cut in a specified angle- or crescent-shaped test piece to extend by tearing of the rubber, divided by the thickness of the test piece, the force acting in a direction substantially normal to the plane of the nick

4 Principle

The test consists in measuring the force required to tear a specified test piece, in continuation of the cut or nick already produced in the test piece or, in the case of method B, procedure (a), completely across the width of the test piece.

The tearing force is applied by means of a tensile testing machine, operated without interruption at a constant rate of traverse until the test piece breaks. Dependent upon the method employed, the maximum or median force achieved is used to calculate the tear strength.

No correlation between data obtained by the alternative test pieces is implied.

5 Apparatus

5.1 ~~Dies~~

Dies

5.1.1 The die used for cutting trouser test pieces shall have the dimensions shown in Figure 1.

5.1.2 The die used for cutting angle test pieces shall have the dimensions shown in Figure 2.

5.1.3 The die used for cutting crescent test pieces shall have the dimensions shown in Figure 3.

5.1.4 The cutting edges of the dies shall be kept sharp and free from ragged edges. Care shall be taken that the cutting edges are perpendicular to the other surfaces of the die and have a minimum of concavity.

5.2 ~~Nick cutter~~

Nick cutter

A sharp razor blade or a sharp knife free from ragged edges shall be used for producing a cut or a nick in the test piece.

The apparatus for introducing the nick required for the nicked angle or crescent test piece shall be as follows.

Means shall be provided for clamping the test piece firmly, especially in the region where the nick is to be introduced. The cutting tool, consisting of a razor blade or similar blade, shall be clamped in a plane perpendicular to the major axis of the test piece, and positioned so as to introduce the nick in the appropriate place. The blade clamping device shall permit no lateral movement and shall be fitted in guides to enable the blade to be moved across the test piece with its edge remaining perpendicular to the plane of the test piece. Alternatively, the blade shall be fixed and the test piece arranged to move in an analogous manner. Means shall be provided for fine adjustment of the depth of the nick. The adjustment of the position of the blade holder or clamped test piece shall be determined for each blade by cutting one or two preliminary nicks and measuring these with the aid of a microscope. The blade shall be wetted with water or soap solution prior to nicking.

NOTE A suitable apparatus for nicking tear test pieces has been described in detail in the literature.[6].

To check that the depth of the nick is within the specified limits (see 7.4), any suitable means may be used, e.g. an optical projection apparatus. A convenient arrangement is a microscope giving at least 10× magnification fitted with a travelling stage suitably illuminated. The eyepiece is fitted with a graticule or crosswire by which to record the travel of the stage and test piece through a distance equal to the depth of the nick. The travel of the stage is calibrated with a stage micrometer.

Alternatively, a travelling microscope may be used.

The apparatus shall have an accuracy of measurement of 0,05 mm.

5.3 ~~Testing machine~~

Testing machine

The machine shall conform to the requirements of ISO 5893, to an accuracy corresponding to class 1.

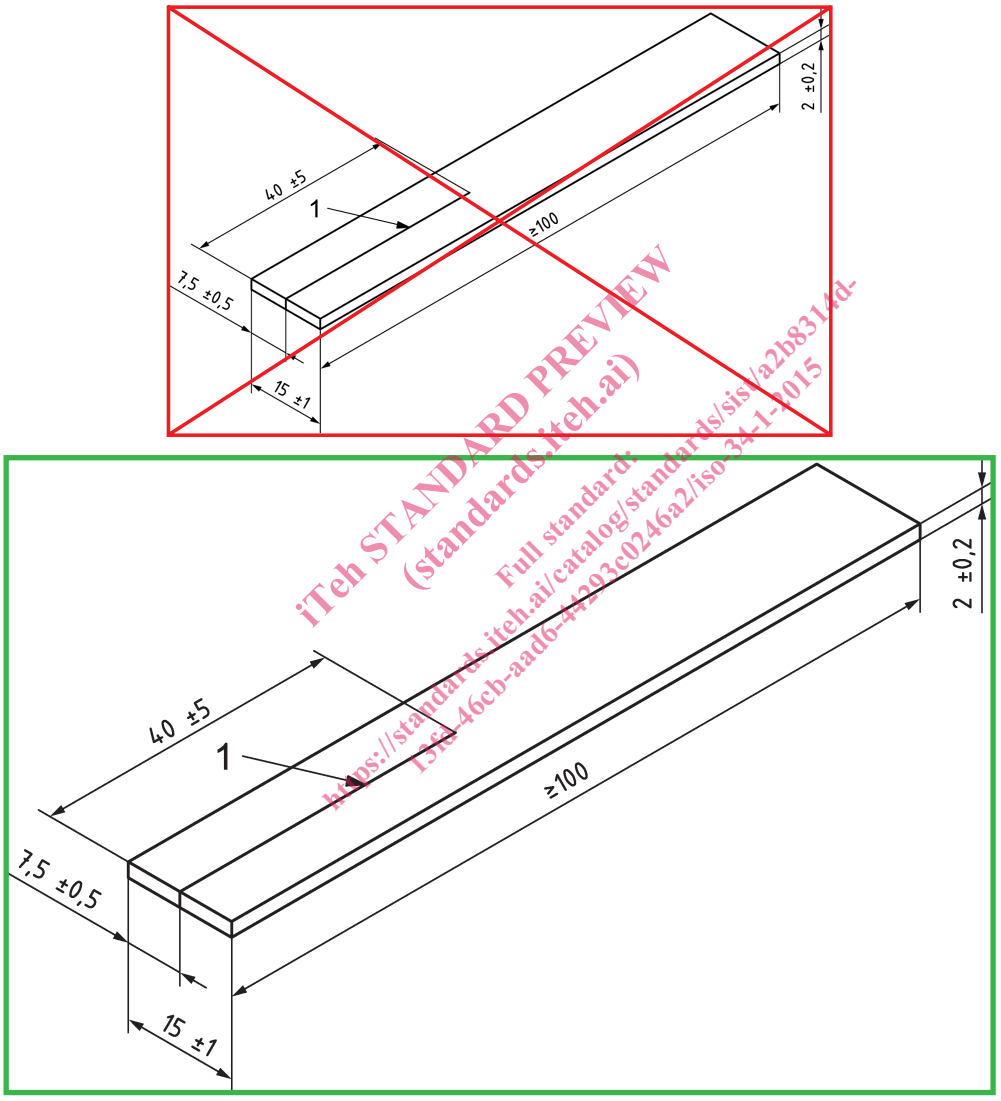
It shall be capable of registering the applied forces within 1 % during the test while maintaining the specified constant rate of separation of the jaws of 100 mm/min ± 10 mm/min for the trouser test piece and 500 mm/min ± 50 mm/min for the angle and crescent test pieces. A low-inertia machine having autographic force-recording facilities is essential when using the trouser test piece.

5.4 ~~Grips~~

Grips

The machine shall be provided with a type of grip which tightens automatically as the tension increases and exerts a uniform pressure across the widened end of the test piece. Each grip shall incorporate a means for positioning so that the test pieces are inserted symmetrically and in axial alignment with the direction of the pull. The depth of insertion shall be such that the test piece is adequately gripped, within the parallel-sides portion, when testing angle and crescent test pieces. Trouser test pieces shall be inserted in the grips in accordance with Figure 4.

Dimensions in millimetres



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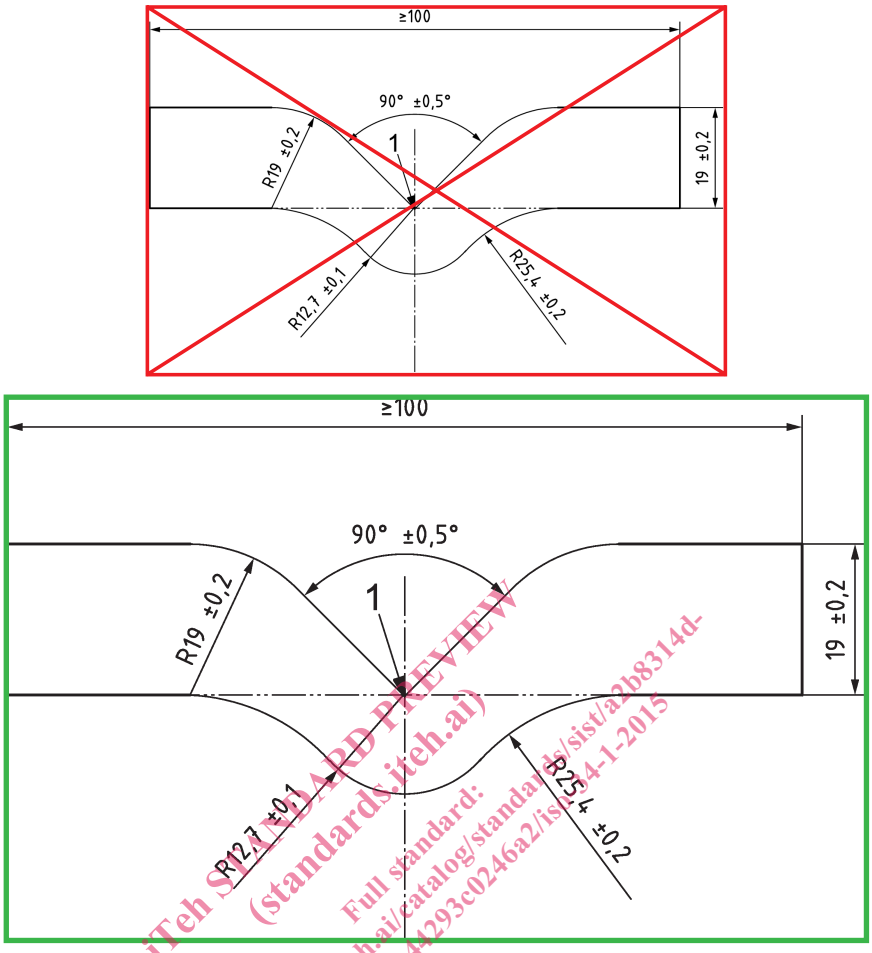
1 location of cut

Figure 1 — Trouser test piece die

Dimensions in millimetres



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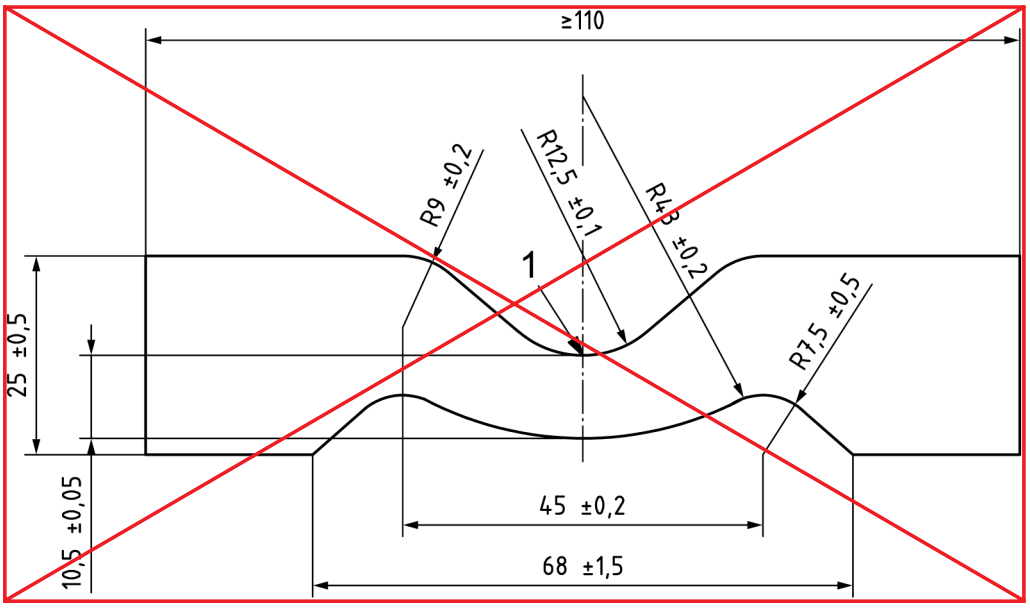
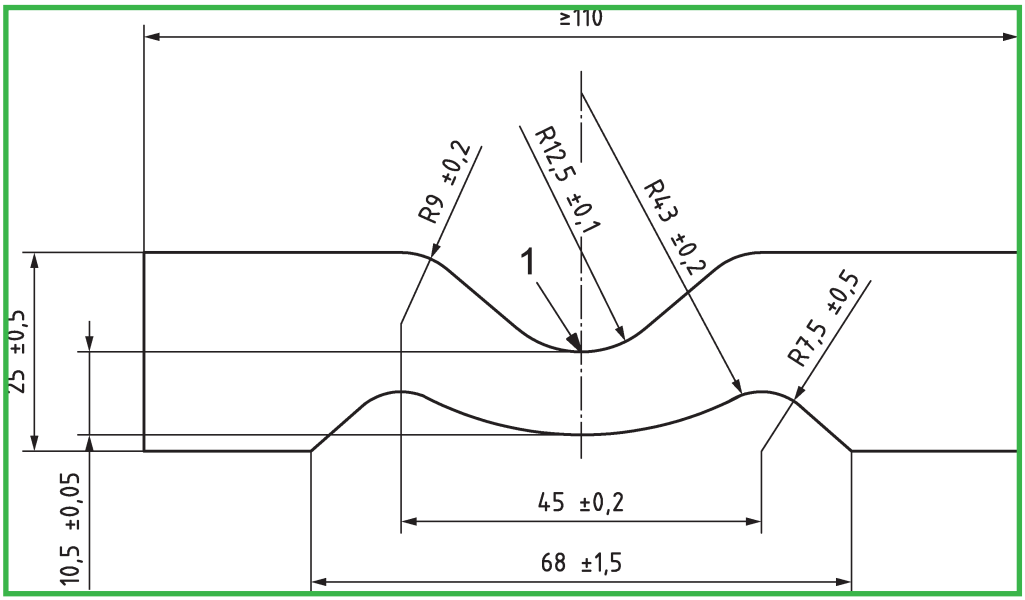
1 location of nick for method B, procedure (b)

Figure 2 — Angle test piece die

Dimensions in millimetres





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1 location of nick

Figure 3 — Crescent test piece die

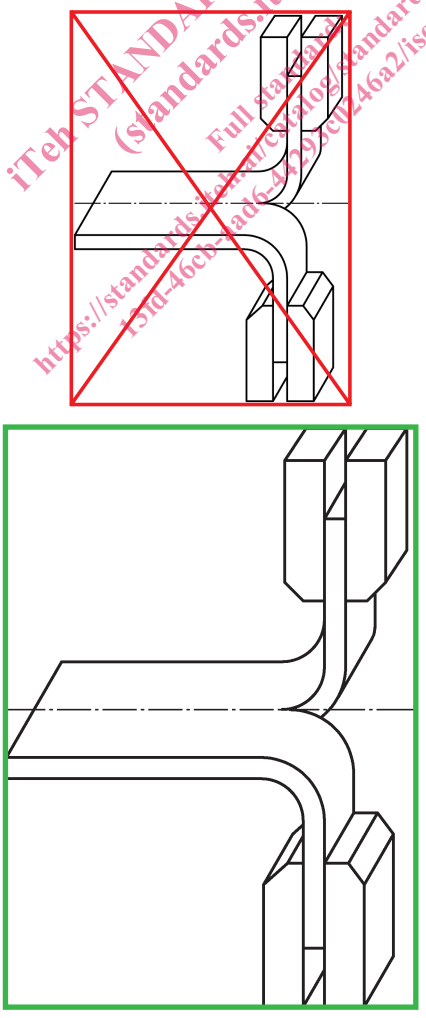

Figure 4 — Positioning of trouser test piece in testing machine