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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9538:1996), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

The changes are as follows:

- the publication dates of ISO 7257 and ISO 7169 in the introduction were removed in order to reflect the most updated versions of those documents.

## Introduction

This document describes a planar flexure test procedure for hydraulic tubing joints and fittings.

The test procedure can be applied as an alternative to the rotary test procedure specified in ISO 7257.

The qualification test procedures for tube fittings are specified in ISO 7169.

Other test methods can be used as long as they develop the same results as the procedure specified in this document.

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# Aerospace series — Hydraulic tubing joints and fittings — Planar flexure test

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a flexure test procedure for reconnectable and permanent hydraulic tube joints.

This procedure is intended for conducting flexure tests on fittings with high-strength hydraulic tubes made of corrosion-resisting steel, titanium and aluminium for use on commercial and military aircraft.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

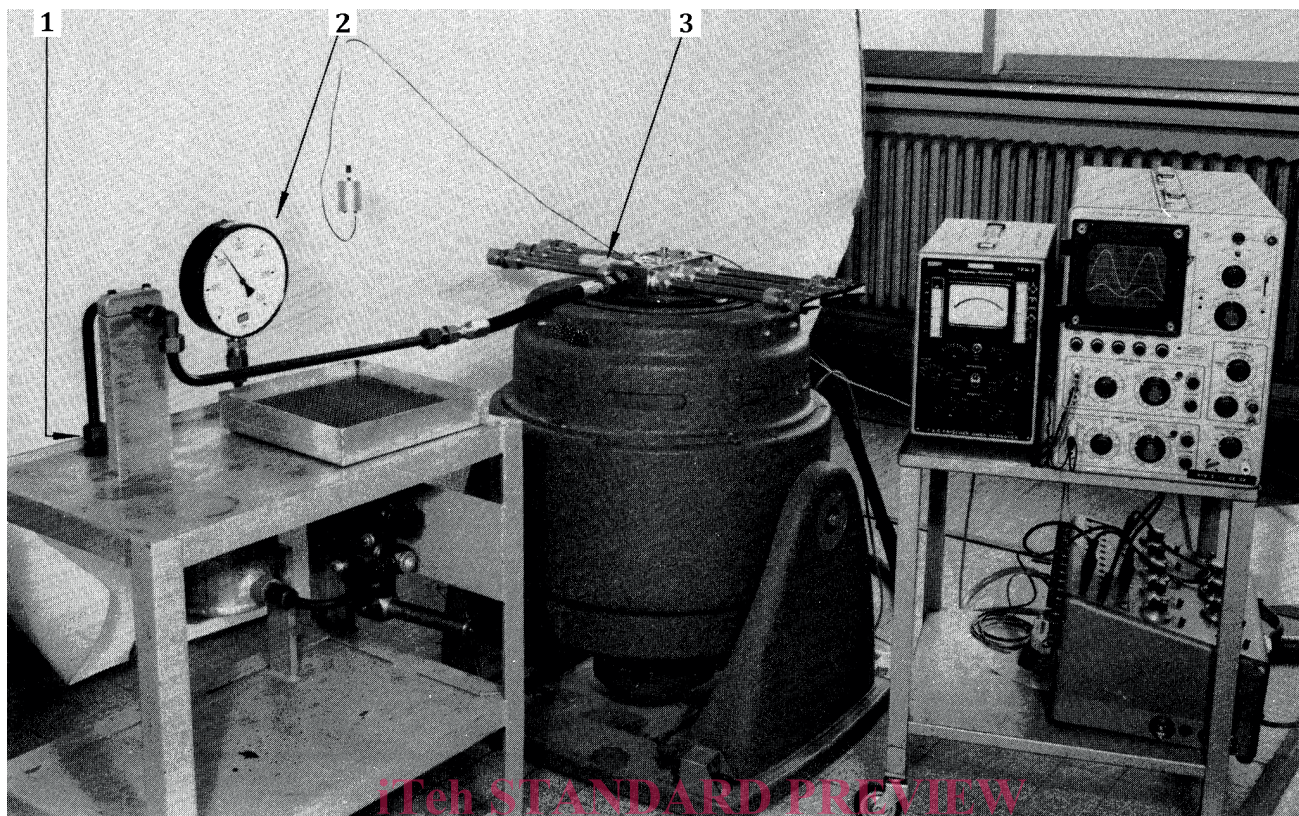
No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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## 4 Device for flexure test

The test device should be similar to that shown in [Figure 1](#). It shall consist of a vibrator, a manifold to receive at least six test specimens, and a hydraulic supply unit capable of constantly maintaining the static operating pressure during testing, including monitors inducing the shutdown of the system in the event of pressure drop.



**Key**

- 1 pressure supply
- 2 pressure gauge
- 3 test specimen

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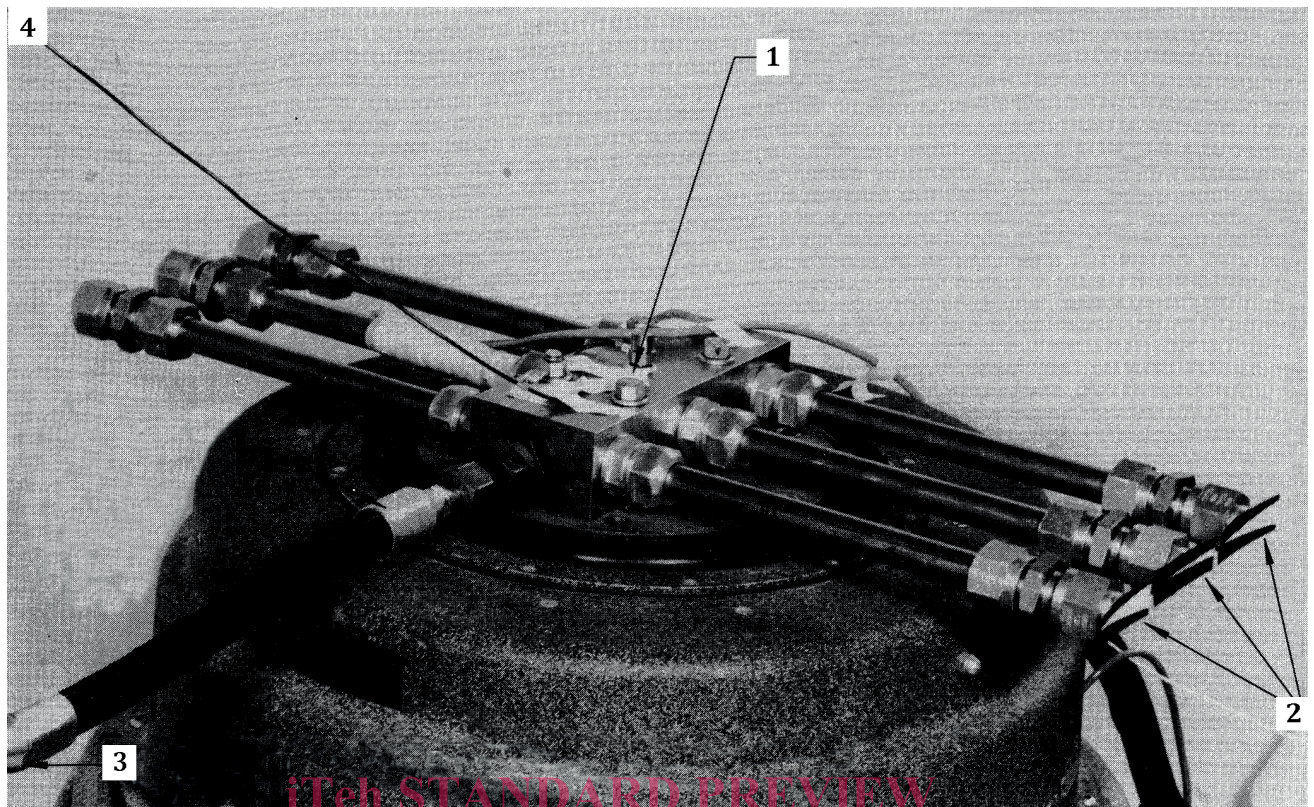
**Figure 1 — Set-up of test drive**

Three test specimens are attached to two opposite ends of the manifold, which is rigidly mounted on the vibrator. A hose assembly establishes the connection with the hydraulic supply unit.

The vibrator shall allow for vibration frequencies up to 300 Hz.

Details of the set-up are shown in [Figure 2](#).



**Key**

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- 1 stress cycle in the tube during vibration
  - 2 angle gauges for optical amplitude control
  - 3 pressure generation and monitoring in the test specimen
  - 4 acceleration cycle of vibrator

**Figure 2 — Details of set-up**

## 5 Flexure test specimens

The test specimens shall consist of the tube fitting to be tested (for example straight union), the test tube and the fitting to seal the tube.

## 6 Stress determination

The maximum permissible flexure fatigue stress of the test tubing is determined for the combined stress level.

The combined stress,  $\sigma_f$ , is composed of the tensile stress,  $\sigma_p$ , resulting from the internal pressure and the wall thickness of the tube, and the bending stress,  $\sigma_b$ .

Strain gauges shall be used to demonstrate the bending stress, and the deflection can be checked during testing by means of angle gauges.

A typical stress cycle is illustrated in [Figure 3](#).

The bending stress,  $\sigma_b$ , is determined by the maximum permissible flexure fatigue stress of the test tube and shall be specified for each application.