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Standard Test Method for Bridge Impact Testing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method is intended to determine the capability of a long package with a narrow cross-section to resist impact near its center when the package is supported only at its ends. This test method allows the user to select from two test options: Option A employs the use of a free-fall drop tester (see Exhibit B), and Option B employs the use of simulated mechanical impact testing equipment (SMITE; see Exhibit A). The two optional procedures are designed to impart the same amount of kinetic energy at impact; therefore, each procedure yields equal damage-producing potential.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, 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

D 644 [Test Method for Moisture Content of Paper and Paperboard by Oven Drying](#)

D 685 [Practice for Conditioning Paper and Paper Products for Testing²](#)

~~D 775 Method for Drop Test for Loaded Boxes²~~ [Practice for Conditioning Paper and Paper Products for Testing](#)

D 996 [Terminology of Packaging and Distribution Environments](#)

D 4332 [Practice for Conditioning Containers, Packages, or Packaging Components for Testing](#)

E 122 [Practice for Choice of Sample Size to Estimate a Measure of Quality for a Lot or Process](#) [Practice for Calculating Sample Size to Estimate, With Specified Precision, the Average for a Characteristic of a Lot or Process](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—The terms and definitions used in this test method may be found in Terminology D 996. [5265-032009](#)

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *elongate package*—a package that is long in proportion to width and thickness, with lengths at least three times their width or height.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Materials shipped in long, narrow packages, with lengths at least three times their width or height, are liable to damage as a result of impact near their midpoint when only the ends are supported. This type of damage can occur during the shipment of packaging of mixed dimensions. It is particularly prevalent during conveyer line transport and sortation. This test method provides a means of determining resistance to such damage.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.09.

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.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Option A—Free-Fall Drop Tester*, conforming to Method D775, conforming to the conditions specified in 10.2.1 (see Fig. 1).

5.1.1 *Impactor*, composed of a dense hardwood, with a mass of $5.7 \pm 0.2 \text{ kg}_w$ ($12.54 \pm 0.4 \text{ lb}$), length of approximately 610 mm (24 in.), and width of 178 mm (7 in.). The depth can be adjusted to obtain the desired weight as stated above. The long edges of the impactor shall be rounded to a radius of $6 \pm 2 \text{ mm}$ ($\frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{1}{16} \text{ in.}$).

NOTE 1—If a lighter wood is used, the depth can be adjusted to achieve the correct mass.

5.1.2 *Support Blocks*, made from hardwood, nominal 150 by 150 mm (6 by 6 in.), long enough to support the full width of the largest package to be tested.

5.2 *Option B—Commercial SMITE Tester*, using a guided impactor and velocity meter to calculate the theoretical free-fall drop of the missile (see Fig. 2).

5.2.1 *SMITE Tester Impactor (missile)*, fabricated in a U-shape cross-section from a steel flat plate, with a mass of $22.68 \pm 0.2 \text{ kg}_w$ ($50 \pm 0.4 \text{ lb}$) and length of approximately 760 mm (30 in.). The long edges of the missile shall be rounded to a radius of $6 \pm 2 \text{ mm}$ ($\frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{1}{16} \text{ in.}$).

NOTE 2—The standard SMITE tester is equipped with a variety of interchangeable missiles, providing impact options ranging from flat drop, angle edge drop, half round, half ball, and corner. The total missile assembly, regardless of which face is used, will weigh 22.68 kg (50 lb). Knowing this, the mass of a SMITE tester is always 22.68 kg.

5.2.2 *Support Blocks*, made from dense hardwood, nominal 150 by 150 mm (6 by 6 in.), long enough to support the full width of the largest package to be tested.

6. Sampling

6.1 The test specimens and number of samples shall be chosen to permit an adequate determination of representative performance. For large production runs, lot sampling for quality control in accordance with Practice E 122 is advised.

6.2 In the absence of any sampling plan, at least three representative specimens should be selected for performance evaluation.

7. Test Specimens

7.1 When the protective capability of a package is to be evaluated, it is preferable to pack the package with the actual contents for which it was designed (Note 3). When the capability of a box to withstand rough handling is to be evaluated, pack the container

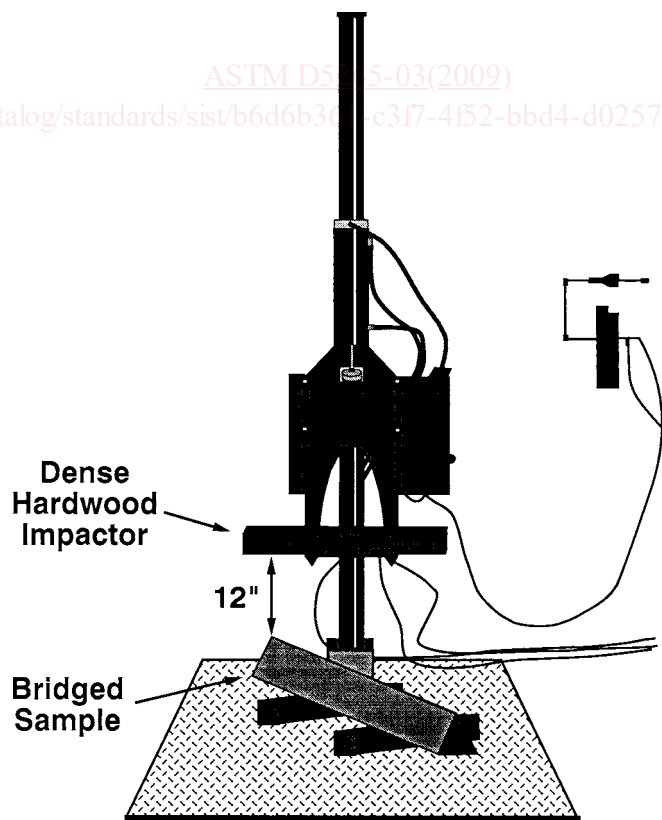


FIG. 1 Vertical Drop Tester