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advanced technical ceramics) — Test
method for flexural bond strength of
ceramics**

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1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for determining the flexural bond strength of ceramic/ceramic joints or ceramic/metal joints at room temperature. The substrate materials, for example ceramic or metal, are both monolithic. This method can be used to test the interfacial bond strength of the joint under bending conditions. It can be used for the development of joining materials and/or for the quality control of joints, the characterization and generating design data purposes.

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 3611, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional measuring equipment: Micrometers for external measurements — Design and metrological characteristics*

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Calibration and verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system*

ISO 14704:2016, *Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) — Test method for flexural strength of monolithic ceramics at room temperature*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

flexural bond strength

maximum stress at fracture at the bond interface of a specified beam containing the ceramic/ceramic joint or the ceramic/metal joint subjected to bending

3.2

four-point flexure

configuration of flexural test where a specimen is subjected to equal loads through two bearings symmetrically located between two support bearings

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#) a) and b).

Note 2 to entry: The bearings may be cylindrical rollers or cylindrical bearings.

3.3

four-point 1/4 point flexure

specific configuration of four-point flexural test where the inner bearings are situated one-quarter of the support span away from the two outer bearings

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1 a\)](#) and [Table 1](#).

3.4

four-point 1/3 point flexure

specific configuration of four-point strength test where the inner bearings are situated one-third of the support span away from the two outer bearings

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1 b\)](#) and [Table 1](#).

3.5

semi-articulating fixture

test fixture designed to apply uniform and even loading to test specimens that have flat and parallel surfaces

3.6

fully articulating fixture

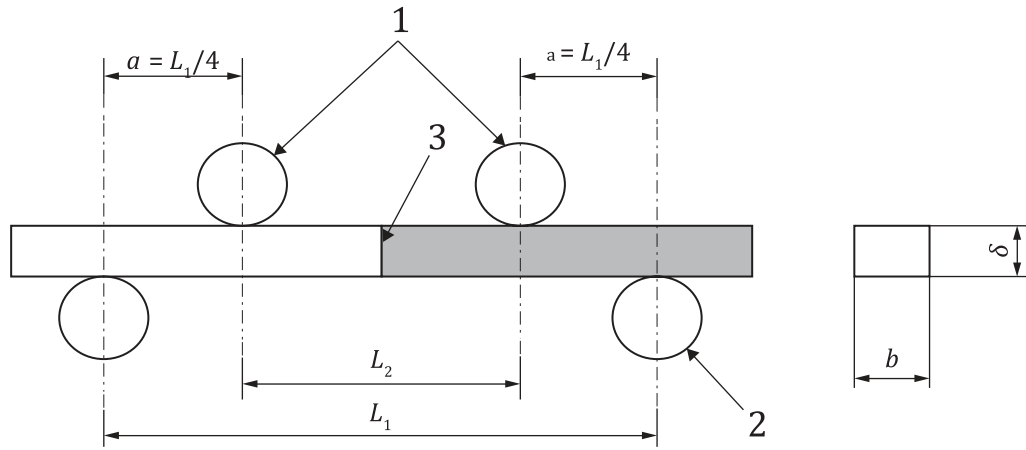
test fixture designed to apply uniform and even loading to specimens that may have uneven, non-parallel or twisted surfaces

4 Principle

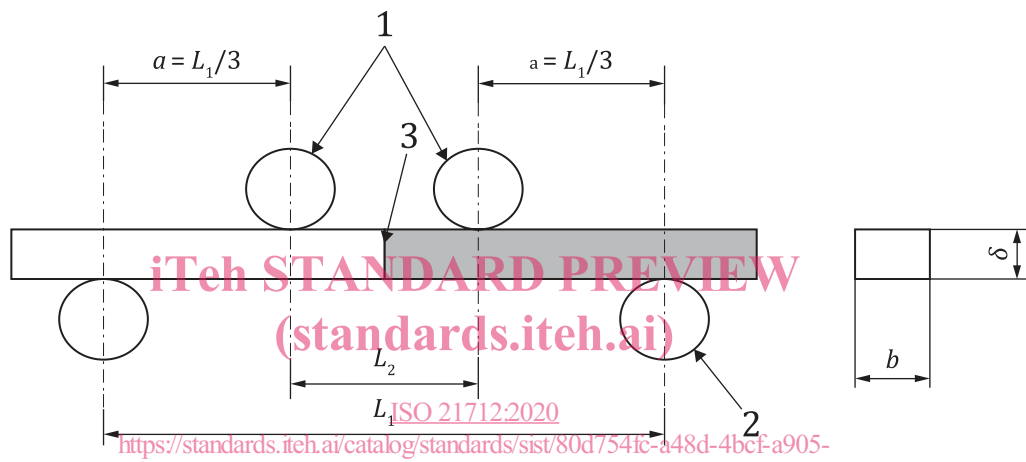
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A beam-type specimen containing the specific bond joint with a rectangular cross-section or circular cross-section is loaded in flexure until fracture. The load at fracture, the geometry of the test fixture and specimen dimensions are used to compute the flexural bond strength, which is a measure of the bond strength. The material or joining interface is assumed to be linearly elastic.

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a) Four-point 1/4 point flexure



b) Four-point 1/3 point flexure

Key

- 1 loading bearings
- 2 support bearings
- 3 interface
- a distance between loading and support bearings
- b width
- δ thickness
- L_1 outer span
- L_2 inner span

Figure 1 — Flexural bond test configurations

Table 1 — Dimensions of flexural bond test configurations

Dimensions in millimetres

Bending type	Specimen	L_1 (outer span)	L_2 (inner span)	a	Diameters of bearings
Four-point 1/4	A-I, B-I	$40 \pm 0,1$	$20 \pm 0,1$	$10 \pm 0,1$	4,5 to 5,0
Four-point 1/3	A-II, B-II	$30 \pm 0,1$	$10 \pm 0,1$	$10 \pm 0,1$	4,5 to 5,0
Four-point 1/3	A-III, A-IV, B-III, B-IV	$30 \pm 0,1$	$10 \pm 0,1$	$10 \pm 0,1$	4,0 to 6,0
Four-point 1/3	A-V, A-VI, B-V, B-VI	$(4,5 \sim 10,5)\delta \pm 0,5$	$(1,5 \sim 3,5)\delta \pm 0,5$	$(1,5 \sim 3,5)\delta \pm 0,5$	4,0 to 6,0

5 Apparatus

5.1 Testing machine

A suitable testing machine capable of applying a uniform crosshead speed shall be used. The testing machine shall have the function for recording the peak load applied to the test specimen. The testing machine shall fulfil the requirements of ISO 7500-1, Class 1, with an accuracy of 1 % of the indicated load at fracture.

5.2 Test fixture

5.2.1 General

The test adopts four-point flexure configurations, as illustrated in [Figure 1](#). The four-point 1/4 point configuration is recommended. The fixture shall have bearings that are free to roll, as described in [5.2.2](#), in order to eliminate frictional constraints when the specimen surfaces expand or contract during loading. In addition, the fixture shall be designed so that it can articulate or tilt to ensure uniform loading to the specimen. The articulation is designed so that bearing parts of the fixture can rotate, as shown in ISO 14704:2016, Figure B.1. The bearing parts should also provide articulation to ensure that all bearing contacts can apply uniform load to the specimen surfaces. Semi-articulated fixtures, which have pairs of upper and lower bearings articulating to match the specimen surfaces, may be used with specimens that have flat and parallel surfaces, as illustrated in ISO 14704:2016, Figures B.2 a) and B.3 a). Fully articulated fixtures have more moving parts and are necessary for specimens that do not have flat and parallel surfaces, as illustrated in ISO 14704:2016, Figures B.2 b) and B.3 b).

5.2.2 Bearings

The loading and supporting bearings of specimens may be cylindrical rollers or cylindrical bearings. The specifications for bearings shall be as given in ISO 14704.

5.2.3 Positioning of bearings

The requirements for the positioning of bearings shall be as given in ISO 14704. In addition, the joining interfaces should be positioned at the centre of the inner bearings to within $\pm 0,1$ mm.

5.2.4 Fixture material

The fixture should not be permanently deformed by bearings. The requirements and recommendations for fixture materials shall be as given in ISO 14704.

5.3 Micrometer

A micrometer, as described in ISO 3611 but with a resolution of 0,002 mm, shall be used to measure the specimen dimensions (see ISO 14704). Alternative dimension-measuring instruments may be used, provided that they have a resolution of 0,002 mm or finer.

6 Test specimens

6.1 Specimen size

6.1.1 Type A specimens

Type A specimens have one interface. Test specimen dimensions are shown in [Figure 2](#) and [Table 2](#). Cross-sectional tolerance shall be $\pm 0,2$ mm. The parallelism tolerance on opposite longitudinal faces is 0,015 mm. It is recommended that the interface be located near the centre of the test specimen. The interfaces shall be perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the test specimen. It is recommended

that the A-I, A-II, A-III and A-IV type specimens be employed. If those standard-sized specimens are difficult to prepare due to constraints of the joining method or joining configuration, specimens with other dimensions (A-V and A-VI types, rectangular or circular cross-section) are permitted by mutual agreement between the customer and the vendor. In this case, the total length of the specimen, L_T , shall be six times larger than the width (or diameter) of the specimen and both right and left lengths, L_A and L_B , shall be three times larger than the width (or diameter) of the specimen.

6.1.2 Type B specimens

Type B specimens have two or more interfaces. Test specimen dimensions are shown in Figure 3 and Table 3. The tolerances are the same as Type A. The interface shall be at the centre of the test specimen and shall be perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the test specimen. Specimen types B-I, B-II, B-III and B-IV are preferred. If these standard-sized specimens are difficult to prepare due to constraints of the joining method or joining configuration, specimens with other dimensions (B-V and B-VI types, rectangular or circular cross-section) are permitted by mutual agreement between the customer and the vendor. In this case, the total length of the specimen, L_T , shall be six times larger than the width (or diameter) of the specimen and both right and left lengths, L_A and L_B , shall be three times larger than the width (or diameter) of the specimen. In addition, the middle length, L_C , shall be b (or d) unless there is geometrical constraint due to a joining condition or a joining configuration.

6.1.3 Chamfering and rounded edge

All four long edges shall be chamfered or rounded as shown in Figures 2 and 3. The dimensions of chamfering, C , and rounded edge, R , are shown in Table 4.

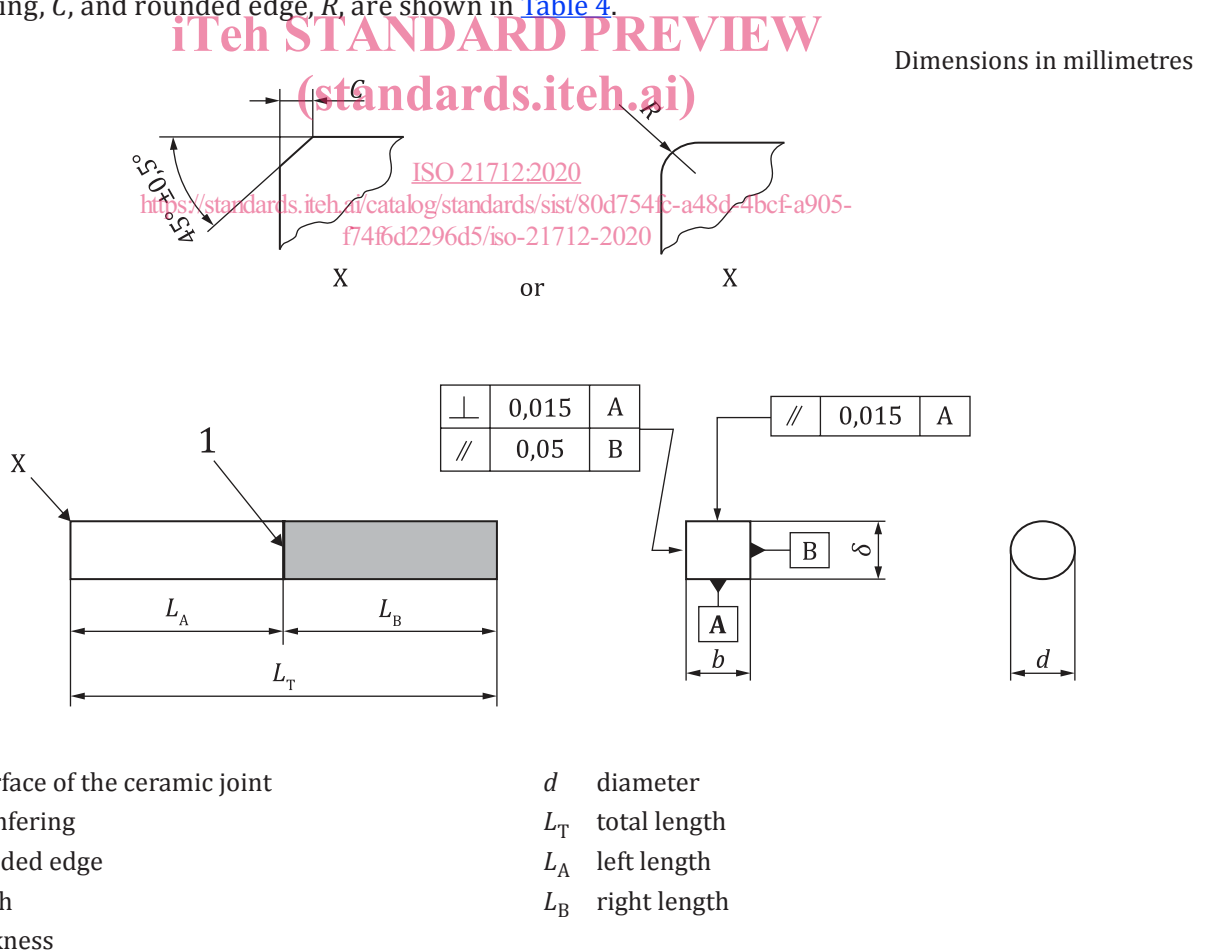


Figure 2 — Type A specimen