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- a) Compliance of the document to the ISO/IEC Directives.
- b) Addition of definitions (Clause 3)).
- c) Clause 4 on test specimen: Nomenclature and addition of the different types of test specimen, specification on their dimensions, tolerances and preparation.
- d) Improvement of test procedures of the properties already disclosed in the previous edition (Clauses 5 to 10).
- e) Separation of apparent porosity and apparent density (resp. Clauses 5 and 9).

- f) Resistivity (Clause 6): Addition of the Eddy current method.
- g) Rebound hardness (Clause 8): Addition of a new model of Scleroscope and of Leeb method, as a possible alternative to the traditional Scleroscope method.
- h) Common elements of the test report in a dedicated Clause 11.
- i) Addition of Annex A (normative): introduction of tests categories (serial / type tests), list of properties to be tested for each test category of test according to their purpose.
- j) Addition of Annex B : test procedures for other mechanical properties than flexural strength and hardness: traction, compression and impact strength.
- k) Addition of Annex C: thermal properties testing procedures (coefficient of linear expansion, specific heat capacity and thermal conductivity).
- l) Addition of Annex D: supplement to density and porosity.
- m) Addition of Annex E: recommendations on methods for elements analysis.
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# TEST PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF BRUSH MATERIALS FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINES

## 1 Scope

This document concerns carbon-based grades that are used for sliding electrical contacts, such as carbon brushes or pantograph strips.

By extension, it is possible to use the test procedures of this document to all electrical sliding contacts for electrical transmission appliances and to other appliances of carbon-based materials (heat exchangers, bearings...).

This document specifies uniformized procedures for determining their following properties:

- density and porosity;
- resistivity;
- flexural strength;
- hardness;
- ash content.

In addition, it provides recommendations on test procedures for other properties:

- Mechanical properties: Charpy impact test, compression strength, tensile strength (Annex B).
- Thermal properties: coefficient of thermal expansion, specific heat capacity, thermal conductivity (Annex C).

The properties determined by these tests are inherent of the carbon-based materials themselves as distinct from performance characteristics in operation on electrical equipment (carbon brush in an electrical rotating machine, contact strips on a pantograph, etc.).

It should be kept in mind that since these materials are generally brittle, porous materials, it is reasonable that their properties vary much more than the same properties in metals.

Some test methods are suitable for use in production quality control (routine tests), others only for more thorough investigations, using precise laboratory techniques (see Annex A).

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IEC 60276:2018, *Carbon brushes, brush holders, commutators and slip-rings – Definitions and nomenclature*

ISO 179-1:2010, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test*

42 ISO 2859-1:1999, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling*  
 43 *schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

44 ISO 5022:1979, *Shaped refractory products — Sampling and acceptance testing*

45 ISO 6508-2:2016, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 2: Verification and*  
 46 *calibration of testing machines and indenters*

47 ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

48 ISO 16859-1, *Metallic materials — Leeb hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

49 ASTM E448-82(2008), *Standard Practice for Scleroscope Hardness Testing of Metallic*  
 50 *Materials*

### 51 **3 Terms, definitions and symbols**

52 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60276:2018 and the  
 53 following apply.

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

- 56 • IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
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#### 58 **3.1** 59 **sample**

60 one or more items taken from a lot and intended to provide information on the lot and possibly  
 61 to serve as a basis for a decision on the lot or the process which had produced it

62 Note 1 to entry: One lot is constituted of one or several batches of production, see ISO 2859-1.

63 [SOURCE: ISO 5022:1979 – 2.3 – population replaced by lot]

#### 64 **3.2** 65 **test specimen**

66 one or more blocks, drawn from an item of the sample, with dimensions  $h$ ,  $w$  and  $l$  as specified  
 67 on Figure 1



68

#### 69 **Key:**

70  $h$  height

71  $w$  width

72  $l$  length

73

**Figure 1 – Dimensions of a test specimen**

74 NOTE 1 to entry: Test specimen types and dimensions are defined in Clause 4.

**75 3.3****76 parallelism**

77 difference between the dimensions of the two opposite sides at any cross-section perpendicular  
78 to the length of the test specimen

**79 3.4****80 anisotropy**

81 material's directional dependence of a physical property, linked to an orientation of grains  
82 obtained during the forming process of the material

83 Note 1 to entry: Such material is called anisotropic. The orientation of grains during a one-directional forming  
84 process gives two main directions, defined in 3.5 and 3.6.

**85 3.5****86 with-grain**

87 *WG*

88 configuration of the material where the grains orientation is parallel to the longest dimension of  
89 the test specimen during a test

90 Note 1 to entry: This configuration is further explained in 4.3.2 (especially Table 2).

**91 3.6****92 across-grain**

93 *AG*

94 configuration of the material where the grains orientation is perpendicular to the longest  
95 dimension of the test specimen during a test

96 Note 1 to entry: This configuration is further explained in 4.3.2 (especially Table 2).

**97 3.7****98 anisotropic grade**

99 brush grade having a difference of minimum 20% between configuration *WG* and configuration  
100 *AG* for almost one of its main properties

**101 3.8****102 apparent density**

103 bulk density

104  $\delta_a$

105 mass per unit volume of the material (including pores) divided by the mass per unit volume of  
106 water

107 Note 1 to entry: The mass per unit volume of water  $\mu_w$  at standardized temperature is 1 g.cm<sup>-3</sup>. That is why the  
108 apparent density of the material is often related to its volumetric mass, which is expressed in g.cm<sup>-3</sup>.

109 Note 2 to entry: The terms bulk density and bulk volume (see 3.24) are often used for granular materials.

**110 3.8.1****111 total volume**

112  $V_t$

113 geometrical volume of the test specimen, calculated from its dimensions *h*, *w* and *l*

114 Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in cm<sup>3</sup>.

**115 3.9****116 ambient temperature**

117 room temperature

118 average temperature of air (or another medium) in the vicinity of the equipment