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modulus of thermal barrier coatings
at elevated temperature by flexural
resonance method**

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Introduction

Thermal barrier coatings (TBCs) are highly advanced material systems, generally applied to surfaces of hot-section components made of nickel or cobalt-based superalloys, such as combustors, blades and vanes of power-generation gas turbines in thermal power plants and aero-engines operated at elevated temperatures.

The function of these coatings is to protect metallic components for extended periods at elevated temperatures by employing thermally insulating materials which can sustain an appreciable temperature difference between load-bearing alloys and coating surfaces. These coatings permit the high-temperature operation by shielding these components, thereby extending their lives.

Although Young's modulus is an important property of TBCs, the existing ISO 19477 only describes a method for measuring this parameter at room temperature.

This document specifies a method for measuring the Young's modulus of TBCs that consist of multilayers formed on substrate by thermal spraying, from room temperature up to elevated temperature.

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Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Measurement of Young's modulus of thermal barrier coatings at elevated temperature by flexural resonance method

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for measuring the in-plane Young's modulus of thermal barrier coatings (TBCs) formed on substrates, from room temperature up to 1 000 °C.

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 1463, *Metallic and oxide coatings — Measurement of coating thickness — Microscopical method*

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

ISO 13385 (all parts), *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional measuring equipment*

ISO 14188:2012, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Test methods for measuring thermal cycle resistance and thermal shock resistance for thermal barrier coatings*

ISO 17561:2016, *Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) — Test method for elastic moduli of monolithic ceramics at room temperature by sonic resonance*

ISO 19477, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings — Measurement of Young's modulus of thermal barrier coatings by beam bending*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14188 and ISO 19477 and the following 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/>

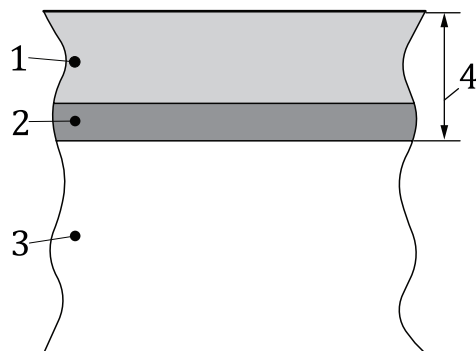
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thermal barrier coating

TBC

two-layer coating consisting of a metallic bond coat (BC) and a ceramic top coat (TC), in order to reduce heat transfer from outside the top coat through the coating to the substrate of a heat-resistant metallic material

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

**Key**

- 1 TC
- 2 BC
- 3 substrate
- 4 TBC

Figure 1 — Diagrammatic view of a section of a TBC

[SOURCE: ISO 14188:2012, 3.1, modified — In the definition, “a ceramic top coat” has replaced “an oxide top coat” and “to the substrate of a heat-resistant metallic material” has replaced “to the base material”. A different note to entry and figure have been used.]

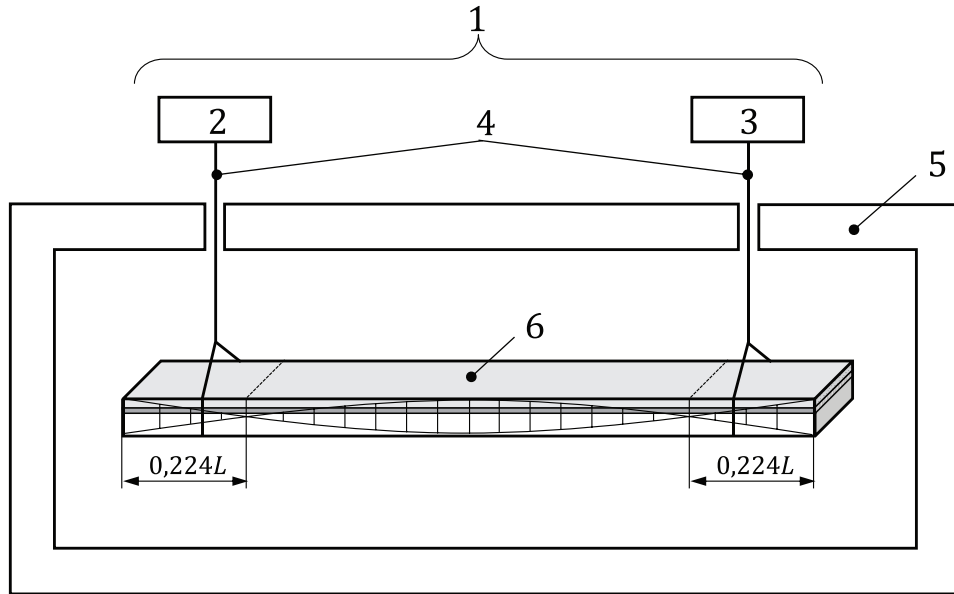
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4 Principle

The fundamental procedures for measuring the Young's moduli of the substrate, BC and TC consist of the measurement of the resonance frequency of three types of specimens (substrate, substrate with BC and substrate with TBC) at an elevated temperature by a flexural resonance method, and of calculations according to the theory of flexural vibration for a composite beam^{[1][2][3][4]}.

5 Apparatus for measuring resonance frequency

An example of the apparatus for measuring the resonance frequency is schematically shown in [Figure 2](#). The apparatus consists of a flexural resonance system and a heating device. See [Annex A](#).



Key

- 1 flexural resonance system
- 2 driver
- 3 detector
- 4 suspending thread
- 5 heating device
- 6 specimen

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Figure 2 — Typical apparatus for measuring the resonance frequency
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5.1 Flexural resonance system, which shall be specified in accordance with ISO 17561.

The suspending thread shall be a heat-resistant material, such as an alumina yarn.

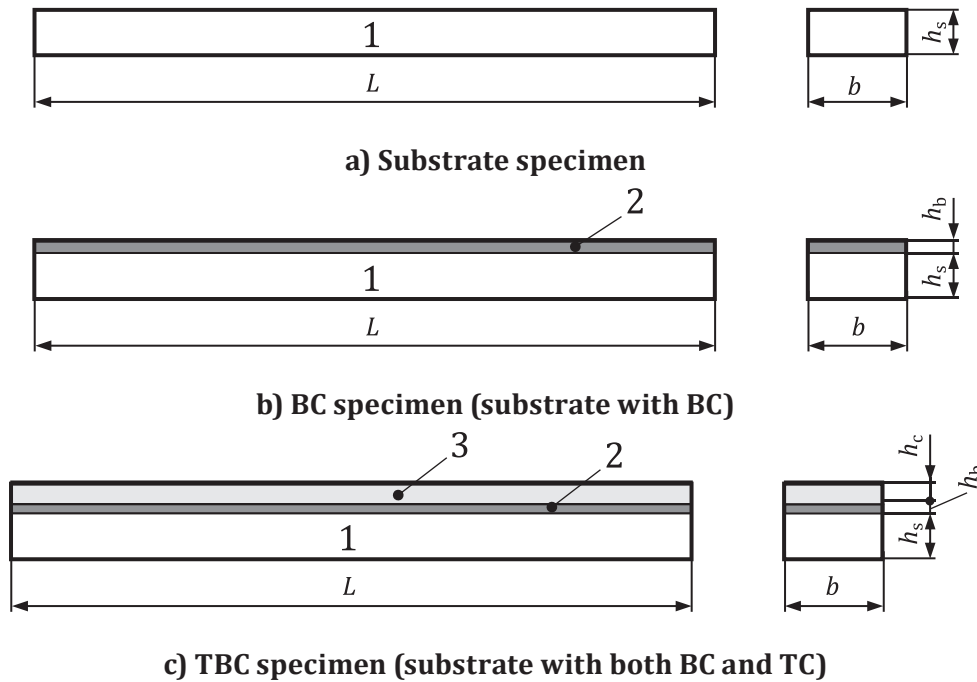
5.2 Heating device, consisting of a furnace with a temperature control system.

6 Specimen

6.1 Shape and dimensions

The shape and dimensions of the specimen shall be specified as follows.

- a) Three types of specimens (the substrate, BC and TBC) shall be used. The substrate shall be the same as the heat-resistant metallic material to which the TBC is applied.
- b) The specimen shape is a beam type (see [Figure 3](#)) and the dimensions of the specimen shall be as given in [Table 1](#).
- c) The thickness tolerance of the substrate shall be $\pm 0,01$ mm.
- d) The side surface of the BC and TBC specimens shall be polished to remove the coating deposited on the side surface. The polishing shall be done cautiously so that it does not damage the coating.



Key

- 1 substrate
- 2 BC
- 3 TC

L total length

b width

h_s substrate thickness

h_b BC thickness

h_c TC thickness

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Figure 3 — Shape of specimens

Table 1 — Dimensions of specimens

Symbol	Designation	Dimension
L (mm)	total length	$70 \leq L$ and $20 \leq L/(h_s + h_b + h_c)$
b (mm)	width	$5,0 \leq b \leq (1/6) L$
h_s (mm)	substrate thickness	$1,5 \leq h_s \leq 2,5$
h_b (mm)	BC thickness	$0,20 \leq h_b$ and $0,10 \leq h_b/h_s$ for BC specimen
h_c (mm)	TC thickness	$0,40 \leq h_c$ and $0,20 \leq h_c/(h_s + h_b)$ for TBC specimen

6.2 Preheat treatment

Specimens should be heat-treated at the maximum test temperature for about 2 h in air prior to the measurement in order to minimize the change of coating microstructures during the test, since the Young's moduli of as-sprayed BC and TC change remarkably depending on temperature history.

7 Measuring procedure

7.1 Dimension and mass of specimen

The dimensions and the mass of the specimen shall be measured as follows:

- a) The total length of the specimen shall be measured in accordance with the ISO 13385 series.