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Introduction

Fine ceramics are widely used in various fields, such as machinery, electronics, chemistry, construction, energy, aerospace and the nuclear industry, and in environmental applications. Fibre-reinforced ceramic matrix composites (CMCs) have been the subject of extensive research and development. CMCs are lightweight, have suitable chemical and thermal stability, and exhibit high strength, elastic modulus and creep resistance. These composites have been applied in devices and components in the aerospace industry and in high-temperature applications.

CMCs have been put to practical use as components in the jet engines of passenger planes and are also being developed as components of gas turbines for electric power generation.

The reliability of CMCs is influenced by the properties of the reinforcing fibre. High reliability is particularly important for jet engine parts. The mechanical properties of these fibres also require fixed values and distribution.

This document establishes a method for the measurement of mechanical properties such as tensile strength, elastic modulus and strain at the maximum force of a resin-impregnated yarn specimen prepared from the reinforcing ceramic fibre in CMCs.

Fibre and CMC manufacturers will be able to use this method to perform quality control and relative comparison of ceramic fibres used as the reinforcement of CMCs.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the tensile strength, tensile modulus of elasticity and strain at the maximum force of a resin-impregnated yarn specimen at ambient temperature. This method is applicable to yarns of ceramic fibres that are used as reinforcements in composite materials. The test results obtained by this method are applicable for quality control and comparison of the ceramic fibres.

The outputs of this method are not to be mixed up with the strength of filaments derived from tensile tests on dry tows specified in ISO 22459.

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 1889, *Reinforcement yarns — Determination of linear density*

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 10119, *Carbon fibre — Determination of density*

ISO 10548, *Carbon fibre — Determination of size content*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
gauge length
L
distance between reference points on the test specimen during the tensile test

3.2
initial gauge length
L_0
distance between reference points on the test specimen at zero load

[SOURCE: ISO 22459:2020, 3.1, modified — term and definition revised and Note 1 to entry removed.]

3.3
longitudinal deformation
A
increase of the *initial gauge length* (3.2) during the tensile test

[SOURCE: ISO 19630:2017, 3.7, modified — definition revised.]

3.4
maximum tensile force
F_m
greatest tensile force applied to the test specimen when tested to failure

[SOURCE: ISO 19630:2017, 3.4, modified — definition revised.]

3.5
tensile strength
σ_f
maximum tensile force (3.4) divided by the *initial total cross-sectional area of the dry yarn* (3.9)

[SOURCE: ISO 19630:2017, 3.6, modified — definition revised.]

3.6
total compliance
C_t
ratio of the measured displacement to the corresponding force during the tensile test

[SOURCE: ISO 22459:2020, 3.4.1]

3.7
load train compliance
C_l
ratio of the load train elongation, excluding the specimen contribution, to the corresponding force during the tensile test

[SOURCE: ISO 22459:2020, 3.4.2]

3.8
tensile modulus of elasticity
E_f
slope of the force–deformation curve divided by the *initial total cross-sectional area of the dry yarn* (3.9)

3.9
initial total cross-sectional area of the dry yarn
S_f
linear density of the dry yarn (3.11) divided by the *density of the dry yarn* (3.13)

[SOURCE: ISO 22459:2020, 3.2, modified — term and definition revised.]

3.10
strain at maximum force
$\varepsilon_{t,m}$
ratio of the greatest *longitudinal deformation* (3.3) to the *initial gauge length* (3.2)

3.11
linear density of the dry yarn
T_{tf}
mass of the dry yarn without a sizing agent divided by its length

[SOURCE: ISO 1889:2009, 3.1, modified — term and definition revised and Note 1 to entry removed.]

3.12
linear density of the impregnated yarn
T_{ti}
mass of the test specimen divided by its length

3.13
density of the dry yarn
ρ_f
mass of the dry yarn without a sizing agent divided by its volume

4 Principle

A fibre yarn impregnated with an epoxy resin is used as the specimen. A tensile force is applied to the specimen at a constant displacement rate by a suitable mechanical testing machine and grip system until failure. The longitudinal deformation of resin-impregnated yarn is measured directly by using an extensometer or is determined from the displacement between two grips using a compliance correction. The correction takes into account the contributions of the loading train, the grips and the tabbing materials.

The tensile strength, tensile modulus of elasticity and the strain at maximum force are calculated from the force–deformation relationship. For ceramic fibre yarns in epoxy matrix, the relation between force and longitudinal deformation is linear and, hence, the tensile modulus of elasticity is calculated from the slope of the force–deformation curve.

5 Apparatus and material

5.1 Resin

The impregnating resin shall be compatible with the sizing agent and the type of yarn. The viscosity of the resin or resin solution shall be such that sufficient resin pick-up and uniform impregnation are achieved. The failure strain of the cured resin should be at least twice as large, preferably more than three times as large, as that of the specimen. In this respect, thermosetting epoxy-resin systems are suitable (see Annex A, Table A.1 for an example) as is any formulation capable of giving test specimens that fulfil the requirements of this document.

5.2 Impregnation apparatus

Test specimens can be prepared by any method that produces a uniformly impregnated, smooth specimen.

An impregnation apparatus consists of a yarn bobbin holder, an impregnation bath, rollers for resin impregnation and removal of excess resin, and an impregnated yarn winder.

An impregnation apparatus may consist of:

5.2.1 Yarn bobbin holder for the sample yarn bobbin, with yarn-tensioning devices.

5.2.2 Impregnation bath with temperature-control devices and impregnation rollers or yarn-tensioning bars.

5.2.3 Roller for removal of excess resin from the impregnated yarn, that passes its rollers covered with fabric, paper or felt through a die.

5.2.4 Impregnated yarn winder to wind up the impregnated yarn, preferably made of wood or metal coated with rubber. Examples of impregnation apparatuses are given in Annex B, Figure B.1.

5.3 Curing oven with temperature control

A fan circulation oven is preferable to ensure uniform curing of the resin.

5.4 Tensile-testing machine and extensometer

5.4.1 Tensile-testing machine

Use a tensile-testing machine (with a constant cross-head speed) equipped with force- and extension-recording devices. The machine shall conform to grade 1 or better in ISO 7500-1. The accuracy of the force indicated shall be better than 1 % of the recorded value. The specimen-gripping system shall ensure that the test specimen is aligned with the axis of the test machine. A suitable example is shown in Annex C, Figure C.1.

5.4.2 Extensometer

Use an extensometer linked to a continuous-recording device that automatically records the extension within the gauge length of the extensometer as a function of force on the test specimen. The extensometer should be sufficiently light to induce only negligible stresses in the test specimen. For the specimens with long gauge section lengths, it is recommended that the weight of the extensometer is supported, for example by using a thread, in order to prevent bending of the specimen and contact forces.

The gauge length of the extensometer shall be at least 25 mm. The gauge length shall be determined with a tolerance of ±1 %. The use of an extensometer with a gauge length as long as possible is recommended to increase the accuracy of the measurement.

The extensometer shall have a tolerance on deviation from linearity of not more than 0,1 % over the required extension measurement range.

Examples of suitable extensometers are given in Annex C. Other strain-measuring instruments, such as optical or laser instruments, may be used if suitable.

5.5 Balance

Use a balance readable to 0,1 mg to weigh the test specimens to determine the linear density of the impregnated yarn.

5.6 Ruler

Use a graduated ruler or other measuring device with a precision of ±0,5 mm to determine the initial distance between two grips, i.e. the gauge length of the specimen.

6 Test specimens

6.1 Number of test specimens

Prepare a sufficient number of test specimens to perform five determinations. If any of the specimens fails within the grips at the tabs, or because of damage caused by the extensometer, discard the result and carry out a repeat determination on a fresh test specimen.

6.2 Impregnation of test specimens

The procedure for using the impregnation apparatus described in 5.2 is as follows:

a) Place the yarn bobbin on the holder.

b) Pour the impregnating-resin mixture into the resin bath (see 5.2.2) and adjust the temperature and viscosity to the desired values.

c) Draw the yarn from the bobbin holder through the rollers, resin bath and system designed to remove the excess resin while ensuring adequate resin impregnation (see 5.2.3).

d) Adjust the unwinding tension by applying a force of 80 gram-force (gf) to 130 gf.

e) Wind the impregnated yarn onto the frame (see 5.2.4).

f) Place the frame in the oven (see 5.3).

g) Cure the resin in accordance with the resin manufacturer's instructions.

h) When the resin has been cured, remove the frame from the oven. After removing the impregnated yarn from the frame, cut off a sufficient number of test specimens.

i) Select the test specimens according to the criteria given in 6.4.1.

6.3 Determination of other fibre properties

6.3.1 General

In order to perform the calculations of tensile strength and tensile modulus given in Clause 9 the properties specified from 6.3.2 to 6.3.4 shall be determined.

6.3.2 Linear density of the yarn

Determine the linear density of the yarn using the method given in ISO 1889 for carbon fibre.

6.3.3 Size content of the yarn

Determine the size content of the yarn using the method given in ISO 10548, method C.

6.3.4 Density of the ceramic fibre

Determine the density of the ceramic fibre using one of the methods given in ISO 10119.

6.4 Criteria for selection of the test specimens

6.4.1 Specimens

Each test specimen shall be confirmed as straight by checking with a metallic measuring ruler. The specimen shall be uniform in appearance and without any of the following defects:

— broken filaments;

— resin droplets;

— fibre misalignment.

6.4.2 Resin content of the specimens

The resin content shall be at least 30 % by mass. The resin content of the specimens is calculated from the linear densities of the specimen and dry yarn using Formula (1):

$$m_r = 100 \times \frac{T_{ti} - T_{tf}}{T_{ti}} \quad (1)$$

