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- normative references for the geometry of cutting tools and abrasive tools and products;
- introduction of notching;
- extension of the table for recommended machining conditions.

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Introduction

The preparation of test specimens by machining influences the finished surfaces and, in some cases, even the internal structure of the specimens. Since test results are strongly dependent on both of these parameters, exact definitions of tools and machining conditions are required for reproducible test results with machined specimens.

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Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining

1 Scope

This International Standard establishes the general principles and procedures to be followed when machining and notching test specimens from compression-moulded and injection-moulded plastics, extruded sheets, plates and partially finished or wholly finished products.

In order to establish a basis for reproducible machining and notching conditions, the following general standardized conditions should be applied. It is assumed, however, that the exact procedures to be used will be selected or specified by the relevant material specification or by the standards on the particular test methods. If sufficiently detailed procedures are not thus specified, it is essential that the interested parties agree on the conditions to be used.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3002-1:1982, *Basic quantities in cutting and grinding — Part 1: Geometry of the active part of cutting tools — General terms, reference systems, tool and working angles, chip breakers.*

ISO 3017:1981, *Abrasive discs — Designation, dimensions and tolerances — Selection of disc outside diameter/centre hole diameter combinations.*

ISO 3855:1977, *Milling cutters — Nomenclature.*

ISO 6104:1979, *Abrasive products — Diamond or cubic boron nitride grinding wheels and saws — General survey, designation and multilingual nomenclature.*

ISO 6106:1979, *Abrasive products — Grain sizes of diamond or cubic boron nitride.*

ISO 6168:1980, *Abrasive products — Diamond or cubic boron nitride grinding wheels — Dimensions.*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply:

3.1 Milling

In this machining operation, the tool has a circular primary motion and the workpiece a suitable feed motion. The axis of rotation of the primary motion retains its position with respect to the tool, independently of the feed motion (see ISO 3855). Complete dumb-bell and rectangular test specimens, as well as notches in finished specimens, may be prepared by milling.

3.1.1 Geometry (see 3002-1 and figure 1)

Only a few details of the exact geometrical conditions of the milling tool and its position with respect to the workpiece given in ISO 3002-1 are relevant to this standard, as follows:

3.1.1.1 tool-cutting-edge angle, α_r : The angle between the tool-cutting-edge plane P_s and the assumed working plane P_f , measured in the tool back plane P_r .

3.1.1.2 tool back clearance, α_p : The angle between the flank A_x of the cutter and the tool-cutting-edge plane P_s , measured in the tool back plane P_p .

3.1.1.3 tool side clearance, α_f : The angle between the flank A_α of the cutter and the tool-cutting-edge plane P_s , measured in the assumed working plane P_f .

3.1.1.4 tool radius, R : The distance between the axis of the circular primary motion of the tool and its cutting edge.

3.1.1.5 number of cutting teeth, z : The number of cutting edges on the outer periphery of the rotating milling tool.

3.1.2 Tool and workpiece motions (see ISO 3002-1 and figure 2)

3.1.2.1 rotational speed of tool, n : The speed, in revolutions per minute, of the circular primary motion of the tool.

3.1.2.2 cutting speed, v_c : The instantaneous velocity, in metres per minute, of the primary motion of a selected point on the cutting edge relative to the workpiece. The relationship between v_c and n is given by the equation $v_c = n \cdot 2\pi R$.

3.1.2.3 feed speed, v_f : The instantaneous velocity, in metres per minute, of the feed motion of a selected point on the cutting edge relative to the workpiece.

3.1.2.4 feed path, λ : The distance, in millimetres, at any given point on the surface of the workpiece covered during the time between two successive cutting operations. The feed path is given by the equation $\lambda = v_f/z \cdot n$.

3.1.2.5 cutting depth, a : The (mean) distance, in millimetres, between the surfaces of the workpiece before and after one complete milling run.

3.2 Cutting of rectangular test specimens

In this machining operation, rectangular test specimens are cut by means of a circular or band saw, made from hardened steel or coated with diamond or cubic boron nitride powder, or cut with the aid of an abrasive disc of which the cutting edge may be coated with diamond or boron nitride powder. For further details on abrasive discs and abrasive products, see ISO 3017 and ISO 6104.

3.2.1 Geometry

3.2.1.1 tool radius, R : The distance, in millimetres, between the rotary axis of a circular saw or an abrasive disc and the cutting edges of the tool.

3.2.1.2 number of cutting teeth, z : The number of cutting teeth on the periphery of a circular saw.

3.2.2 Tool and workpiece motions

3.2.2.1 rotational speed of tool, n : The speed of rotation, in revolutions per minute, of a circular saw or an abrasive disc.

3.2.2.2 cutting speed, v_c : The instantaneous velocity, in metres per minute, of the cutting tip of a saw tooth, or of a selected point on the cutting edge of an abrasive disc, relative to the workpiece. For a circular saw or an abrasive disc, the relationship between v_c and n is given by the equation $v_c = n \cdot 2\pi R$.

3.2.2.3 feed speed, v_f : The instantaneous velocity, in metres per minute, of the tool feed parallel to the saw or disc plane and perpendicular to the cutting direction relative to the workpiece.

3.3 Cutting of disc-shaped test specimens (see figure 4)

In this machining operation, disc-shaped test specimens are cut from sheet material with the aid of a circular cutter with a saw-toothed edge of hardened steel or which may be coated with diamond or cubic boron nitride powder. The test specimens may also be cut by means of a milling cutter with one or more teeth, as described in 3.1, which moves in a circular orbit. Furthermore, the test specimens may also be cut from a roughly preshaped pack of individual sheets with the aid of a turning lathe.

3.3.1 Geometry

3.3.1.1 tool radius, R : The distance, in millimetres, between the rotary axis of the circular cutter and the inner limit of the cutting edge. The tool radius is equal to the radius of the finished test specimen.

3.3.1.2 number of cutting teeth, z : The number of teeth on the sawtooth cutting edge of a circular cutter. If a lathe is used for cutting circular test specimens, the geometrical definitions of the cutting tool are the same as those given in 3.1.

3.3.2 Tool and workpiece motions

3.3.2.1 rotational speed of tool, n : The speed of rotation, in revolutions per minute, of a circular cutter.

3.3.2.2 cutting speed, v_c : The instantaneous velocity, in metres per minute, of a selected point on the cutting edge relative to the workpiece. The relation-