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of woven fabric — Determination of  
maximum force and elongation at  
maximum force using the grab method**

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maximale et de l'élongation par la méthode d'arrachement*

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# Textiles — Biaxial tensile properties of woven fabric — Determination of maximum force and elongation at maximum force using the grab method

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a procedure to determine the maximum force and elongation at maximum force of textiles woven fabrics using a grab method in the biaxial testing machine.

The method is mainly applicable to woven textile fabrics, including fabrics which exhibit stretch characteristics imparted by the presence of an elastomeric fibre, mechanical, or chemical treatment. It can be applicable to fabrics produced by other techniques. It is not applicable to geotextiles<sup>[4]</sup>, nonwovens<sup>[3]</sup>, coated fabrics<sup>[5]</sup>, textile-glass woven fabrics<sup>[2]</sup>, and fabrics made from carbon fibres or polyolefin tape yarns.

The method is restricted to the use of constant rate of extension (CRE) testing machines to the same axis.

## 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 139, *Textiles — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

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 10012, *Measurement management systems — Requirements for measurement processes and measuring equipment*

ISO 13934-1, *Textiles — Tensile properties of fabrics — Part 1: Determination of maximum force and elongation at maximum force using the strip method*

ISO 13934-2, *Textiles — Tensile properties of fabrics — Part 2: Determination of maximum force using the grab method*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 13934-1, ISO 13934-2 and the following 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

#### **biaxial**

related to measurement or application along two axes simultaneously

### 3.2

#### **constant-rate-of-extension (CRE) biaxial testing machine**

tensile-testing machine provided with four clamp moves independently with a constant speed throughout the test, the entire testing system being virtually free from deflection

### 3.3

#### **grab test**

tensile test in which only the centre part of the test specimen is gripped in the jaws of the testing machine

[SOURCE: ISO 13934-2:2014, 3.2]

### 3.4

#### **maximum force**

maximum force recorded when a test specimen is taken to rupture during a test under the specified conditions

[SOURCE: ISO 13934-1:2013, 3.11]

### 3.5

#### **gauge length**

distance between the two effective clamping points of a testing device

Note 1 to entry: the effective clamping points (or lines) of jaws can be checked by clamping the test specimen under defined pretension with carbon copy paper to produce a gripping pattern on the test specimen and/or the jaw faces.

[SOURCE: ISO 13934-1:2013, 3.3]

### 3.6

#### **extension**

increase in length of a test specimen produced by a force

Note 1 to entry: Extension is expressed in units of length.

[SOURCE: ISO 13934-1:2013, 3.6]

### 3.7

#### **elongation**

ratio of the *extension* (3.6) of the test specimen to its initial length

Note 1 to entry: Elongation is expressed as a percentage.

[SOURCE: ISO 13934-1:2013, 3.7]

### 3.8

#### **pretension**

force applied to a test specimen at the beginning of certain tests

Note 1 to entry: Pretension is used to determine the *initial length* (3.9) of the test specimen.

[SOURCE: ISO 13934-1:2013, 3.5]

### 3.9

#### **initial length**

length of a test specimen under specified *pretension* (3.8) between the two effective clamping points at the beginning of certain tests

Note 1 to entry: See also 3.5.

[SOURCE: ISO 13934-1:2013, 3.4]