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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 13000-2: 2005), which has been technically revised.

ISO 13000 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plastics — Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) semi-finished products*:

- *Part 1: Requirements and designation* [ISO/DIS 13000-2](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/b0fb27c8-82bf-43d9-a149-617282065844/iso-dis-13000-2)
- *Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties* <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/b0fb27c8-82bf-43d9-a149-617282065844/iso-dis-13000-2>

# Plastics — Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) semi-finished products —

## Part 2: Preparation of test specimens and determination of properties

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### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 13000 specifies the preparation of test specimens and gives the test methods applicable to semi-finished products of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 472, *Plastics — Vocabulary* <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/b0fb27c8-82bf-43d9-a149-b17282063844/iso-dis-13000-2>

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 527-3, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 3: Test conditions for films and sheets*

ISO 868, *Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness)*

ISO 1183 (all parts), *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics*

ISO 1923, *Cellular plastics and rubbers — Determination of linear dimensions*

ISO 2039-1, *Plastics — Determination of hardness — Part 1: Ball indentation method*

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

ISO 4599, *Plastics — Determination of resistance to environmental stress cracking (ESC) — Bent strip method*

ISO 4600, *Plastics — Determination of environmental stress cracking (ESC) — Ball or pin impression method*

ISO 13000-1, *Plastics — Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) semi-finished products — Part 1: Requirements and designation*

IEC 60243-1, *Electrical strength of insulating materials — Part 1: Tests at power frequencies*

IEC 60243-2, *Electric strength of insulating materials — Part 2: Additional requirements for tests using direct voltage*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 13000, the terms and definitions given in ISO 472 and ISO 13000-1 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/>

### 4 Sampling

Details of procedures for sampling semi-finished products depend to a large extent on the physical shape of the particular material. Whenever feasible, the materials shall be sampled. Sampling shall be statistically adequate to satisfy the requirements of the test method concerned.

### 5 Preparation of test specimens

The specimens used for testing shall be taken directly from or shall be machined from the semi-finished product without other treatment. Thus, conversion of a semi-finished product into a test specimen by any moulding procedure is not permitted. Where applicable, ISO standards shall be followed for the preparation of test specimens. In some instances, special procedures are required that are described either in the general discussion or in the method.

### 6 Testing of semi-finished PTFE products

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#### 6.1 General

Properties required for specification purposes shall be determined in accordance with the International Standards referenced in this part of ISO 13000 or the procedures given in this part of ISO 13000. For the determination of density, tensile properties, hardness and electrical properties, condition the test specimens at 23 °C ± 2 °C for a period of at least 4 h prior to test. The other tests require no conditioning.

[Annex A](#) provides a list of other standards relating to testing semi-finished products of PTFE.

#### 6.2 Linear dimensions

These shall be determined by the procedures provided in ISO 1923 for cellular plastics.

#### 6.3 Tensile properties

##### 6.3.1 Tensile specimens

###### 6.3.1.1 General

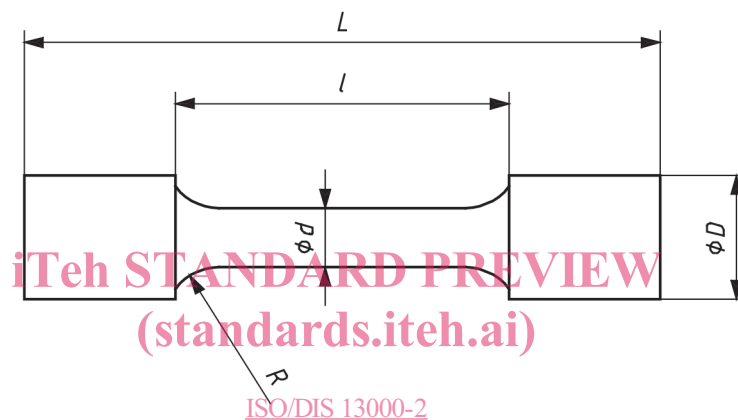
The appropriate type of test specimen shall be chosen from those given in [6.3.1.2](#) to [6.3.1.5](#). At least three test specimens shall be prepared from the sample and three specimens shall be tested.

NOTE Test specimens prepared from moulded basic shapes, rods or tubes conforming to [6.3.1.2](#) are likely to give results similar to those obtained with test specimens prepared from the same product but conforming to [6.3.1.3](#).

When testing extruded products, the test specimens shall be cut parallel to the axis of extrusion so that, as far as possible, each test specimen represents a different section along the axis and a different area of the cross-section. When testing skived tape, skived sheet or skived film, the test specimens shall be cut perpendicular to the direction in which the pressure was applied when moulding the billet from which the product was skived. If this direction is not known, two sets of test specimens shall be prepared and tested, the test specimens in one set being cut at 90° to those in the other set and the mean result shall be calculated from the higher set of values (indicating, typically, the direction perpendicular to the axis of applied pressure). This procedure ensures a uniform way of reporting test results. The micro-tensile test specimen (see 6.3.1.3) is used most commonly for PTFE products.

### 6.3.1.2 Turned dumb-bell test specimens

The test specimens shall be turned so that their dimensions are in the ratios given in Figure 1, and so that the shape is as shown in Figure 1. The value of the larger diameter ( $D$ ) shall be 7 mm ± 0,5 mm, 10 mm ± 0,5 mm or 20 mm ± 0,5 mm.



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Ratios of dimensions of turned dumb-bell specimens:

$$d = 0,45D \text{ to } 0,55D$$

$$L = 5D \text{ to } 6D$$

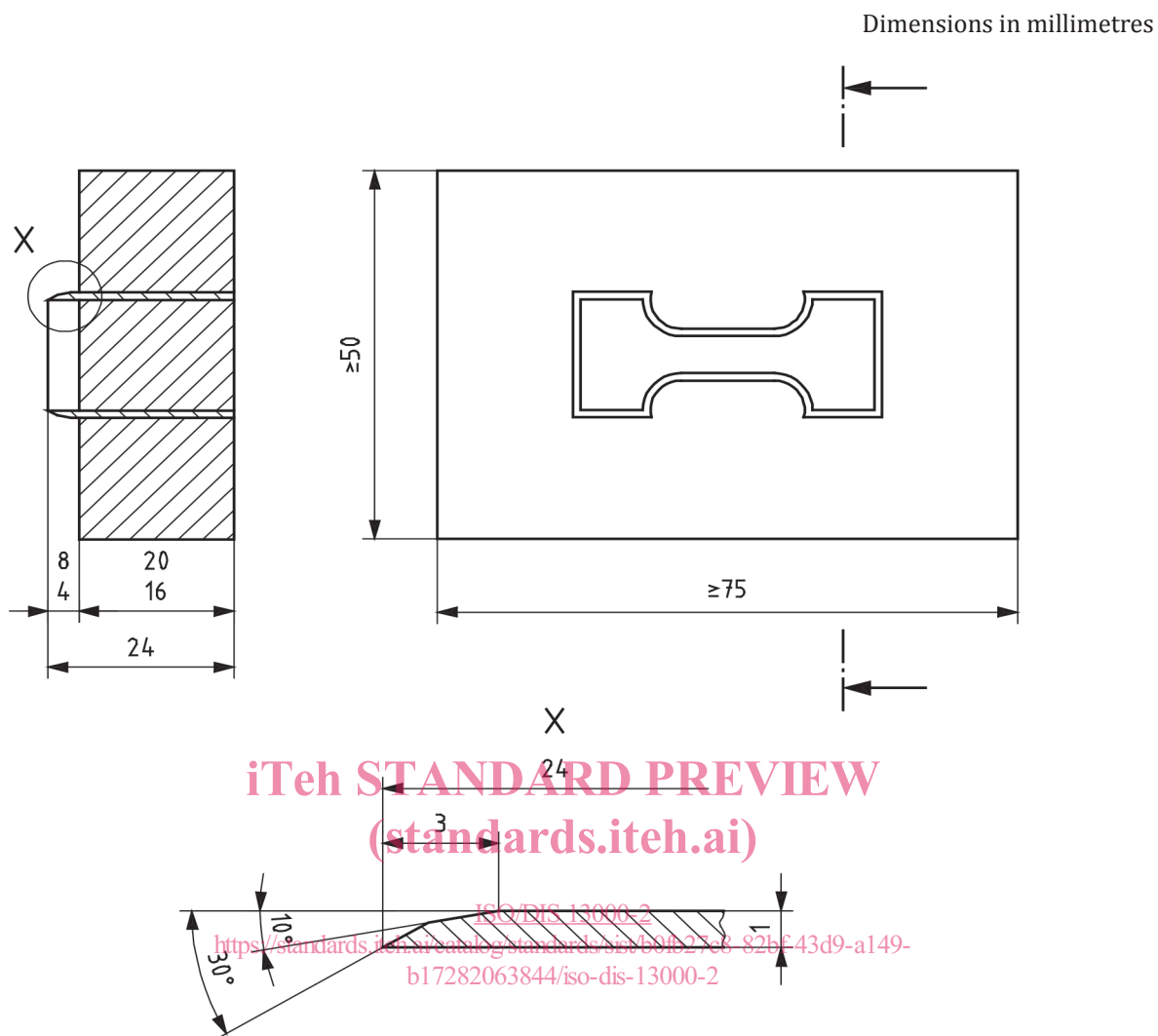
$$l = 3D \text{ to } 3,5D$$

$$R = 0,2D \text{ to } 0,3D$$

Figure 1 — Turned dumb-bell specimen

### 6.3.1.3 Micro-tensile (small punched dumb-bell) test specimens

The sample shall be machined to produce a sheet or disc of thickness 1,5 mm to 2,5 mm, or turned to produce a rectangular-section ring which can be cut and flattened to give such a sheet. Test specimens conforming to the shape shown in Figure 2 and the dimensions given in Table 1 for micro-tensile specimens shall be punched from a sheet or disc using a single-stroke press and the appropriate knife-edged die. In any one test specimen, the thickness of the narrow, parallel-sided portion shall nowhere deviate by more than 2 % from the mean. The sheet shall be supported, while the test specimens are punched from it, on a slightly yielding material having a smooth surface (e.g. leather, rubber or high-quality cardboard) on a flat, rigid base. The cutting edge of the die shall be sharp and free from notches or other visual defects. In the case of thin sheet or skived tape of thickness from 0,125 mm to 3,0 mm, the test specimens shall be punched from the material “as-received”.



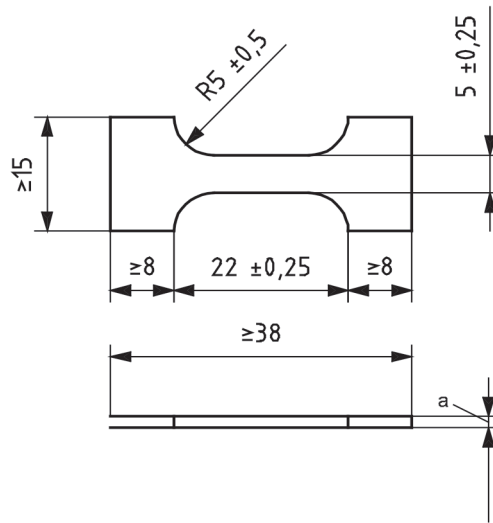
Inside dimensions of die are same as those of test specimen.

Rockwell C hardness of die: 45 to 50.

Die to be sharpened on outside of knife-edge only (as shown in figure).

**a) Steel-rule die**





b) Micro-tensile specimen

a Possible thicknesses:

0,8 ± 0,15

0,5 ± 0,1

0,125 ± 0,03

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Figure 2 — Knife-edged die for micro-tensile (type A) specimens, and punched-out specimen

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Table 1 — Dimensions of dumb-bell test specimens

	Micro-tensile specimen (see Figure 2)	Large dumb-bell (see Figure 3)
	mm	mm
A Overall length, minimum	38	115
B Width at ends, minimum	15	25 ± 1
C Length of narrow, parallel-sided portion	12 ± 0,5	33 ± 2
D Width of narrow, parallel-sided portion	5 ± 0,25	6 ± 0,4
E Small radius	5 ± 0,5	14 ± 1
F Large radius		25 ± 2

**6.3.1.4 Test specimens prepared from thin or narrow tape and from small-diameter tubing of less than 7,0 mm ID**

When testing tape of less than 0,1 mm in thickness that has a width ≥ 25 mm, the test specimens shall be parallel-sided strips 25 mm wide and of an appropriate length to suit the test machine grips. Alternatively, test specimens conforming to the shape shown in Figure 3 and the dimensions given in Table 1 for large dumb-bells shall be punched from the tape by the method described in 6.3.1.3. In any one test specimen, the thickness of the narrow, parallel-sided portion shall nowhere deviate by more than 2 % from the mean.

In the case of tape of less than 25 mm in width, the full width shall be tested. Tubing of less than 7 mm OD shall be tested as manufactured, unmachined, without slitting the tube and then flattening it.