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Introduction

Assessing friction performance is a primary concern when developing friction materials and conducting quality control. The brake assembly simulation test plays an important role here. However, the dyno test is not adapted to all vehicle models and brakes, and the assembly test is expensive and time-consuming. Therefore, a test method that can simulate real working conditions while only targeting friction materials is needed for the quality control of friction materials.

There are two ways to evaluate the friction performance of vehicle friction materials. One is through constant speed dragging, and the other is deceleration braking. The constant speed dragging braking mode can be used for the small sample test and assembly test. This braking mode is similar to actual driving conditions, brake system characteristics and automotive vehicle dynamics.

This document proposes a constant speed dragging test procedure for vehicle friction materials, which is used to evaluate the consistency of the performance of friction materials. Users assess and report on the test result according to their own specific requirements, such as friction levels or brake lining or rotor wear.

This test procedure has the following characteristics.

- The test data is comparable to the full-size assembly test.
- The test results can be used to compare friction materials.
- The test method is used to test the performance of friction materials. The test can be applied to raw material screening, early product development, process quality control and sample testing. The test is also an important means to test product consistency and quality control.
- The test method is made more efficient by using full-size brake linings, calipers and rotors. It is less expensive than testing on a full-size dynamometer test bench.

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Road vehicles — Brake lining friction materials — Drag mode friction test for hydraulic and pneumatic vehicle brakes

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the drag mode friction test for hydraulic and pneumatic vehicle brakes.

This document is applicable to the friction performance test of brake linings used in vehicles of categories M, N, O, and L.

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 611, *Road vehicles — Braking of automotive vehicles and their trailers — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 611 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 cycle

braking process consisting of several brake applications

Note 1 to entry: Each braking cycle consists of several brake applications or brake manoeuvres.

Note 2 to entry: Each individual braking manoeuvre consists of a 5 s application of the brake followed by a 10 s brake release.

3.2 constant torque mode

control mode for maintaining constant braking torque during braking process

3.3 constant pressure mode

control mode for maintaining constant line pressure during braking process

4 Symbols

Table 1 — Symbols, definitions and units

Symbol	Definition	Unit
A_k	area of caliper piston(s)	cm ²
A_{BS}	radiating surface of brake rotor(s)	m ²
c_p	specific heat storage capacity	J/(N K)
g	gravity acceleration	m/s ²
G_{BS}	weight of brake rotor; $G_{BS} = m_{BS} g$	N
m_{BS}	mass of rotor	kg
M_d, M_1, M_2, M_3	torque	N m
n	speed	r min ⁻¹
P	applied pressure	MPa
r_{eff}	brake effective radius	mm
t	time	s
$T_{Initial}$	initial temperature	°C
T_{end}	final temperature	°C
T_E	final temperature	K
T_A	start temperature	K
α	transmission coefficient	J/(m ² s K)
η	efficiency	—
μ	friction coefficient	—
μ_F	fading coefficient of friction	—
μ_K	cold coefficient of friction	—
μ_{max}	maximum coefficient of friction	—
μ_{min}	minimum coefficient of friction	—
μ_{op}	operational coefficient of friction	—

5 Test conditions

5.1 Test equipment and parts

The test shall be conducted using a test bench with appropriate hardware and software as specified in [Annex A](#).

A suitable fixture shall be used to mount the brake caliper on the test bench so that the brake caliper and the brake rotor stay in position. The effective friction radius is adjusted according either to the requester specification or to [Annex B](#).

Before starting the test, the entire system, including the brake caliper, shall be adequately bled. Assembling the caliper shall not interfere with the torque measurement.

5.2 Requirement

New brake linings from current production shall be used. For pads with a surface coating, the coating shall be removed before assembling the test configuration. The brake caliper and rotor to be used shall be as specified by the test requester.

New brake rotors shall be thoroughly cleansed to remove any corrosion protection coatings. The brake rotor may be reused until the minimum thickness specified by the manufacturer is reached. In the absence of a specification, discard the rotor when it reaches 90 % of the wearable thickness.

Before each test, the surface of the brake rotor shall be cleaned with sandpaper to remove wear marks and rust from the surface. Dust and oil on the surface of the brake rotor should be removed with a soft cloth or anhydrous ethanol.

Recondition a new or reworked brake rotor by conducting at least one complete test programme with the same friction material intended for the tests. Do not include these conditioning tests as part of the report. It is recommended to use a single rotor for each lining material. The same applies to every re-use of the rotor after a period in storage.

Replace the brake rotor when the torque variations exceed $\pm 5\%$ of the set value or the surface roughness exceeds $15\ \mu\text{m}$. Measure roughness in the radial direction in the middle of the friction ring at three or more equally spaced angular positions.

On calipers with integral parking brakes, remove the mechanical parking brake actuation (spindle) to minimize efficiency loss and to simplify the retraction of the piston when changing a pad.

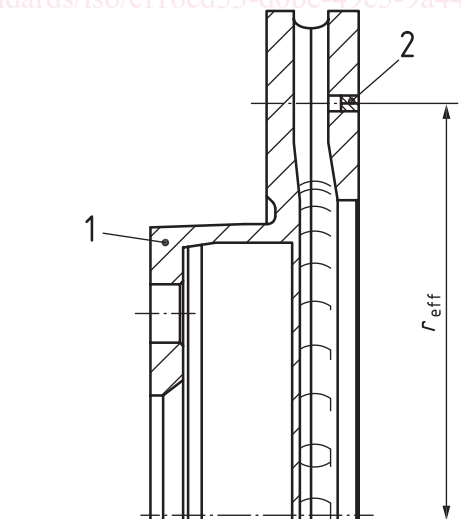
When a vehicle has several variants of brake rotors for a given brake pad number, use the variant with the highest (most critical) ratio of kinetic energy to rotor mass.

5.3 Brake temperature measurement

The temperature is measured at the outboard side of the rotor by means of an embedded (caulked) thermocouple, in the friction effective radius (see [Annex B](#)) it is measured at the surface of a thermocouple pressed in by a copper pin. For alternative temperature measurement methods, the fixed thermocouple is the reference sensor:

- in the case of ventilated brake rotors in the outer friction ring, located at 0,5 mm below friction surface (see [Figure 1](#));
- in the case of solid brake rotors half way up the friction ring thickness (see [Figure 2](#)).

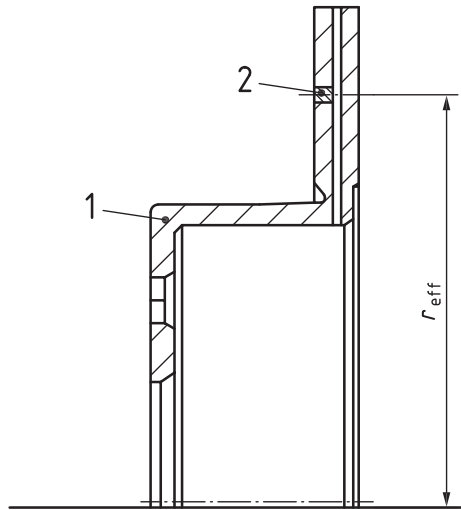
After demonstrating that the alternative temperature measurement method is comparable to the standard thermocouple installation, an infrared or rubbing thermocouple measurement methods can be used. Aim for a measurement position as close as possible to the equivalent thermocouple. Record the measurement position in the comparison test report. The rotor runout shall be measured when the brake rotor is mounted on the test bench. The maximum permissible rotor runout is 0,08 mm.



Key

- 1 brake rotor
- 2 thermocouple
- r_{eff} brake effective radius

Figure 1 — Example of a ventilated brake rotor

**Key**

- 1 brake rotor
- 2 thermocouple
- r_{eff} brake effective radius

Figure 2 — Example of a solid brake rotor

6 Test type

The two test types are the original sample method and the sampling method. The original sample method is used to test the original size of the sample (the original brake lining). The sampling method is used to shrink a brake lining to a specified size to be tested in a standardized brake application.

Brake lining assemblies for vehicles of categories M, N, O and L can be tested using either the original sample method or the sampling method.

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7 Method A: Brake lining assemblies for vehicles of categories M₁, M₂, N₁, O₁, O₂ and L

7.1 General

For this category of vehicles, the test types are the original method and the sampling method.

7.2 Determination of test pressure and torque

7.2.1 Determination of test pressure and torque of the original sample method

7.2.1.1 Determination of test pressure

The hydraulic pressure, P , under the piston(s) of the caliper shall be constant when calculated using [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$P = \frac{M_d}{0,57 \cdot r_w \cdot A_k} \quad (1)$$

where

M_d is the braking torque, expressed in N m;

A_k is the area of the caliper piston(s), expressed in m^2 ;

r_w is the effective radius of the rotor, expressed in m;

— when $A_k \leq 18,1 \text{ cm}^2$, M_d is 150 N m;

— when $A_k > 18,1 \text{ cm}^2$, M_d is 300 N m.

NOTE The total piston area acting on one side of the caliper is considered, regardless of the number of pistons.

7.2.1.2 Determination of test torque

The brake torque, M , shall be constant when calculated in accordance with [Annex C, Formula \(C.1\)](#).

7.2.2 Determination of test pressure and torque of the sampling method

In constant pressure mode, the mean contact pressure at the brake lining friction surface shall be constant at $(75 \pm 10) \text{ N/cm}^2$. The mean brake line pressure shall be constant at 0,89 MPa.

In constant torque mode, M_1 is 103 N m, M_2 is 186 N m and M_3 is 194 N m.

7.3 Brake rotor and brake caliper conditions

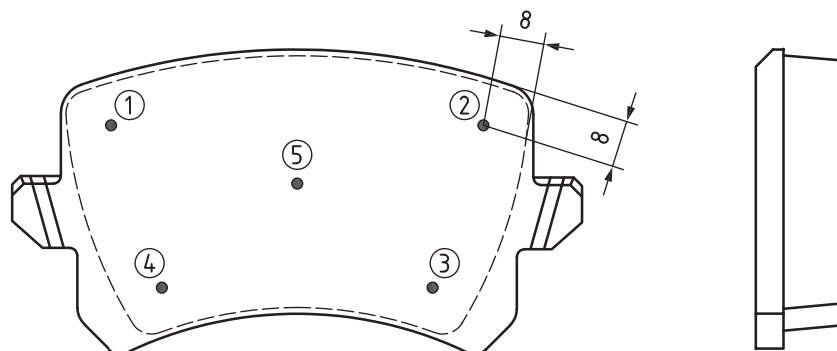
When conducting the original sample method, the brake rotor and brake caliper shall meet the requirements specified in the drawings and technical documentation of the brake application used.

When conducting the sampling method, a fixed rotor brake caliper with a piston diameter of 36 mm shall be installed on the test machine. The effective friction radius (see [Annex B](#)) shall be 116,5 mm after installation. The brake rotor is solid with a diameter of $(278 \pm 2) \text{ mm}$ and a thickness of $(9 \pm 0,5) \text{ mm}$ and made of standard grey cast iron materials.

7.4 Sample preparation

7.4.1 Sample preparation of the original sample method

Select a brake lining at random from the samples to be tested and mark five points (point 1 to point 5) on the back of the lining. These are the points at which thickness is measured (see [Figure 3](#)). Determine the average wear by taking the arithmetic mean of all the points measured. If the measurement at point no. 5 is located on the groove, offset the measurement point horizontally by 10 mm.



Dimensions in mm

Figure 3 — Position of thickness measurement points