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Standard Test Method for Tensile-Impact Energy to Break Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the energy required to rupture standard tension-impact specimens of plastic or electrical insulating materials. ~~Materials that can be tested~~ Rigid materials are suitable for testing by this test method as well as specimens that are too flexible or too thin to be tested in accordance with Test Methods other impact D256, as well as more rigid materials. test methods.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in ~~brackets~~ parentheses are for information only.

NOTE 1—This test method ~~is not equivalent to ISO 8256, and results and ISO 8256 cannot be directly compared between the two methods.~~ address the same subject matter, but differ in technical content.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D256 Test Methods for Determining the Izod Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastics](#)

[D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing](#)

[D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics](#)

[D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics](#)

~~[D1822 Test Method for Tensile-Impact Energy to Break Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials](#)~~

~~[D1898 Practice for Sampling of Plastics \(Withdrawn 1998\)](#)³~~

[D4000 Classification System for Specifying Plastic Materials](#)

~~[D4066D5947 Classification System for Nylon Injection and Extrusion Materials \(PA\)](#)~~ [Test Methods for Physical Dimensions of Solid Plastics Specimens](#)

~~[E23E177 Test Methods for Notched Bar Impact Testing of Metallic Materials](#)~~ [Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods](#)

2.2 ISO Standards:

[ISO 8256 Plastics—Determination of Tensile-Impact Strength](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions of terms applying to this test method appear in Terminology [D883](#).

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The energy utilized in this test method is delivered by a single swing of a calibrated pendulum of a standardized tension-impact machine. The energy to fracture a specimen, by shock in tension, is determined by the kinetic energy extracted from the pendulum of ~~an~~ the impact machine in the process of breaking the specimen. One end of the specimen is mounted in the

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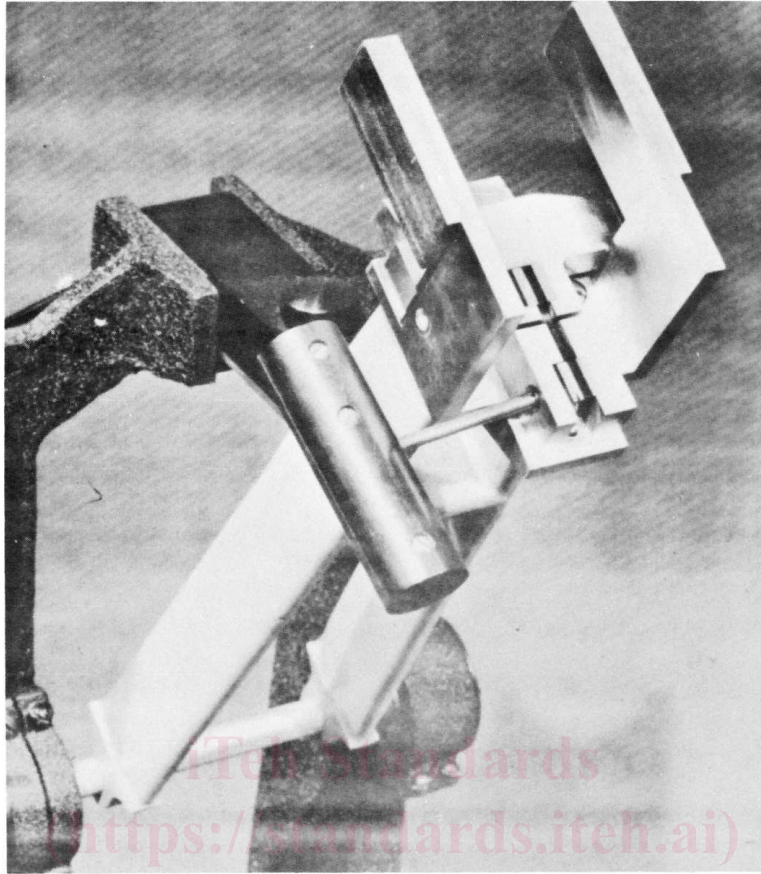


FIG. 1 Specimen-in-Head Tension-Impact Machine

pendulum. The other end of the specimen is gripped by a crosshead which travels with the pendulum until the instant of impact and instant of maximum pendulum kinetic energy, when the crosshead is arrested.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Tensile-impact energy is the energy required to break a standard tension-impact specimen in tension by a single swing of a standard calibrated pendulum under a set of standard conditions (see Note 2). In order to compensate for the minor differences in cross-sectional area of the specimens as they will occur in the preparation of the specimens, the energy to break can be normalized to units of kilojoules per square metre (or foot-pounds-force per square inch) of minimum cross-sectional area. An alternative approach to normalizing the impact energy that compensates for these minor differences and still retains the test unit as joules (foot-pounds) is shown in Section H10. For a perfectly elastic material, the impact energy might be usually reported per unit volume of material undergoing deformation. However, since much of the energy to break the plastic materials for which this test method is written is dissipated in drawing of only a portion of the test region, such normalization on a volume basis is not feasible. The test method permits two specimen geometries so that in order to observe the effect of elongation or rate of extension, or both, upon the result can be observed. With the Type S (short) specimen the extension is comparatively low, while with the Type L (long) specimen the extension is comparatively high. In general, the Type S specimen (with its greater occurrence of brittle fracture) gives greater reproducibility, but less differentiation among materials. result, the test method permits two specimen geometries. Results obtained with different capacity machines may generally are not be comparable.

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NOTE 2—Friction losses are largely eliminated by careful design and proper operation of the testing machine. Attention is drawn to Test Methods E23 for a general discussion of impact equipment and procedures.

5.2 The scatter of data may be due is sometimes attributed to different failure mechanisms within a group of specimens. Some materials may exhibit a transition between different failure mechanisms; if mechanisms. If so, the elongation will be critically dependent on the rate of extension encountered in the test. The impact energy values for a group of such specimens will have an abnormally large dispersion. Some materials retract at failure with insignificant permanent set. With such materials it may not be

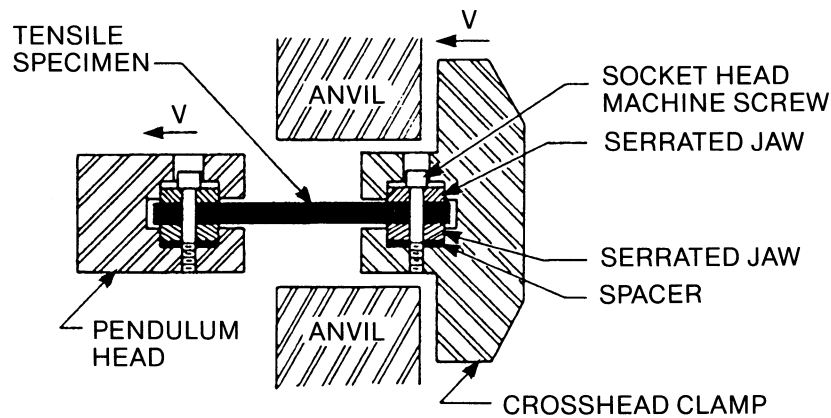


FIG. 2 Specimen-in-Head Tension-Impact Machine (Schematic)

possible to determine the type of failure, ductile, or brittle, by examining the broken pieces. A set of specimens may sometimes be sorted into two groups by observing the broken pieces to ascertain whether or not there was necking during the test. Qualitatively, the strain rates encountered here are intermediate between the high rate of the Izod test of Test Methods D256 and the low rate of usual tension testing in accordance with Test Method D638.

5.2.1 Some materials retract at failure with insignificant permanent set. With such materials, determining the type of failure, ductile or brittle, by examining the broken pieces is difficult, if not impossible. It is helpful to sort a set of specimens into two groups by observing the broken pieces to ascertain whether or not there was necking during the test. Qualitatively, the strain rates encountered here are intermediate between the high rate of the Izod test of Test Methods D256 and the low rate of usual tension testing in accordance with Test Method D638.

5.3 The energy for fracture is a function of the force times the distance through which the force operates. Thus, two materials may have properties that result in equal tensile-impact energies on. Therefore, given the same specimen geometry, arising in one ease from it is possible that one material will produce tensile-impact energies for fracture due to a large force associated with a small elongation and in the other from elongation, and another material will produce the same energy for fracture result due to a small force associated with a large elongation. It cannot shall not be assumed that this test method will correlate with other tests or end uses unless such a correlation has been established by experiment.

5.4 Comparisons among specimens from different sources can are to be made with confidence only to the extent that specimen preparation, for example, molding history, has been precisely duplicated. Comparisons between molded and machined specimens must not be made without first establishing quantitatively the differences inherent between the two methods of preparation.

5.5 Only results from specimens of nominally equal thickness and tab width shall be compared unless it has been shown that the tensile-impact energy normalized to kilojoules per square metre (or foot-pounds-force per square inch) of cross-sectional area is independent of the thickness over the range of thicknesses under consideration.

5.6 Slippage of specimens results in erroneously high values. The tabs of broken specimens should be examined for an undistorted image of the jaw faces optically, preferably under magnification, and compared against a specimen which has been similarly clamped but not tested. Because slippage has been shown to be present in many cases and suspected in others, the use of bolted specimens is mandatory. The function of the bolt is to assure good alignment and to improve the tightening of the jaw face plates.

5.6 The bounce of the crosshead supplies part of the energy to fracture test specimen (see Appendix X1).

5.7 For many materials, there may be a specification that requires are specifications that require the use of this test method, but with some procedural modifications that take precedence when adhering to the specification. Therefore, it is advisable to refer to that material specification before using this test method. Table 1 of Classification System D4000 lists the ASTM materials standards that currently exist.

6. Apparatus

6.1 The machine shall be of the pendulum type shown schematically in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. The base and suspending frame shall be of sufficiently rigid and massive construction to prevent or minimize energy losses to or through the base and frame. The pendulum should be released from such a position that the linear position of the pendulum holding and releasing mechanism shall be such that the vertical height of fall of the striker shall be 610 ± 2 mm (24.0 ± 0.1 in.). This will produce a velocity of the center striker at the moment of impact (center of percussion) at the instant of impact shall be approximately 3.444 m/s [11.3 ft/s], which corresponds to an initial elevation of this point of 610 mm [2.00 ft] of approximately 3.5 m (11.4 ft)/second. The mechanism shall be so constructed and operated that it will release the pendulum without imparting additional acceleration or vibration.

6.2 The pendulum shall be constructed of a single- or multiple-membered arm holding the head, in which the greatest mass is concentrated. A rigid pendulum is essential to maintain the proper clearances and geometric relationships between related parts and to minimize energy losses, which always are included in the measured impact energy value. It is imperative that the center of percussion of the pendulum system and the point of impact ~~can be demonstrated to be coincident~~ are within ± 2.54 mm [± 0.100 in.] (± 0.100 in.) of each other and that the point of contact ~~occurs~~ occurs in the neutral (free hanging) position of the pendulum within 2.54 mm [0.100 in.] (0.100 in.), both with and without the crosshead in place.

NOTE 3—The distance from the axis of support to the center of percussion ~~may be~~ is determined experimentally from the period of small amplitude oscillations of the pendulum by means of the following equation:

$$L = (g/4\pi^2)p^2 \quad (1)$$

where:

L = distance from the axis of support to the center of percussion, mm (ft),

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π = 3.14159, and

p = period, s, of a single complete swing (to and fro) determined from at least 50 consecutive and uninterrupted swings (known to one part in two thousand). The angle of swing shall be less than 0.09 radians (5°) each side of the center.

6.3 The positions of the rigid pendulum and crosshead clamps on the specimen are shown in Fig. 2. The crosshead ~~should~~ is designed to be rigid and light in weight. The crosshead shall be supported by the pendulum so that the test region of the specimen is not under stress until the moment of impact, when the specimen shall be subjected to a pure tensile force. The clamps shall have ~~file-like serrated jaws to prevent slipping. Jaws should have file-like serrations and the specimen from slipping. The edge of the serrated jaws shall have a 0.40-mm ($1/64$ the in.) radius to break the edge of the first serrations. The size of serrations should will vary and shall be selected according to experience with hard and tough materials, and with the thickness of the specimen. The edge of the serrated jaws in close proximity to the test region shall have a 0.40-mm [$1/64$ in.] radius to break the edge of the first serrations.~~

6.4 Means shall be provided for determining the energy expended by the pendulum in breaking the specimen. This is accomplished using either a pointer and dial mechanism or an electronic system consisting of a digital indicator and sensor (typically an encoder or resolver).

6.5 The indicated breaking energy is determined by detecting the height of rise of the pendulum beyond the point of impact in terms of energy removed from that specific pendulum.

6.5.1 Since the indicated energy must be corrected for pendulum-bearing friction, pointer friction, pointer inertia, and pendulum windage, instructions for making these corrections are found in Annexes A1 and A2 of Test Method D256. If the electronic display does not automatically correct for windage and friction, it shall be incumbent for the operator to determine the energy loss manually. (See Note 4.)

NOTE 4—Many digital indicating systems automatically correct for windage and friction. The equipment manufacturer may be consulted for details concerning how this is performed, or if it is necessary to determine the means for manually calculating the energy loss due to windage and friction.

6.5.2 Bounce correction is explained in Appendix X1 of Test Method X1. D1822. Some electronic displays permit the user to enter an energy correction offset so that the bounce correction ~~can be~~ is factored in before the breaking energy is displayed.

6.6 Setup and calibration procedures for tension-impact machines shall be followed as ~~The procedures for the setup and calibration of tension-impact machines are described in Appendix X2.~~

6.7 *Micrometers*—A ball-type micrometer shall be used ~~Apparatus~~ for measuring the width of the restricted area of the Type S specimen. Either a ball-type or ordinary machinist's micrometer may be used to measure the ~~and~~ thickness of the Type S specimen and the thickness and width of the Type test specimen shall comply with the requirements of Test Method D5947L specimen. These measurements shall be made to an accuracy of 0.013 mm [0.0005 in.].

6.8 *Torque Wrench*, 0-8.5 N-m.

7. Sampling

7.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon between interested parties, the material shall be sampled in accordance with the sections on General Sampling Procedure in Practice D1898.

7. Test Specimen

7.1 At least five and preferably ten specimens from each sample shall be prepared for testing. For sheet materials that are suspected of anisotropy, duplicate sets of test specimens shall be prepared having their long axis respectively parallel with, and normal to, the suspected directions of anisotropy.

7.2 The test specimen shall be sanded, machined, or die cut to the dimensions of one of the specimen geometries shown in Fig. 3, or molded in a mold whose cavity has these dimensions. Fig. 4A shows bolt holes and bolt hole location and Fig. 4B shows

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8. Conditioning

8.1 *Conditioning*—Condition the test specimens at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ [$73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$] and $50 \pm 5\%$ relative humidity for not less than 40 h prior to test in accordance with Procedure A of Practice D618, for those tests where conditioning is required. In cases of disagreement, the unless otherwise specified by contract or the relevant ASTM material specification. Conditioning time is specified as a minimum. Temperature and humidity tolerances shall be $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ [$\pm 1.8^\circ\text{F}$] and $\pm 2\%$ relative humidity in accordance with Section 7 of Practice D618 unless specified differently by contract or material specification.

8.1.1 Note that for some hygroscopic materials, such as nylons, the material specifications (for example, Specification D4066) call for testing “dry as-molded specimens.” Such requirements take precedence over the above routine preconditioning to 50 % relative humidity and require sealing the specimens in water vapor-impermeable containers as soon as molded and not removing them until ready for testing.

8.2 *Test Conditions*—Conduct the tests in the standard laboratory atmosphere of $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ [$73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$] and $50 \pm 5\%$ relative humidity, at the same temperature and humidity used for conditioning with tolerances in accordance with Section 7 of Practice D618, unless otherwise specified in the test methods or in this test method. In cases of disagreement, the tolerances shall be $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ [$\pm 1.8^\circ\text{F}$] and $\pm 2\%$ relative humidity by contract or the relevant ASTM material specification.

9. Procedure

9.1 Measure the thickness and width of each specimen with a micrometer, to the nearest 0.025 mm (0.001 in.) using the applicable test methods in Test Method D5947. Record these measurements along with the identifying markings of the respective specimens.

9.2 Bolt the specimen securely with a torque wrench in accordance with 5.3. Clamp the specimen to the crosshead while the crosshead is out of the pendulum. A jig may be necessary for some machines to position the specimen properly with respect to the crosshead during the bolting operation. operation is useful for some machines. With the crosshead properly positioned in the elevated pendulum, bolt the specimen at its other end to the pendulum itself, as shown in Fig. 1, using a torque wrench. To avoid excessive deformation of the specimens, use a torque suitable for the material being tested.

9.3 Use the lowest capacity pendulum available, unless the impact values go beyond the 85 % scale reading, provided that the specimens do not extract more than 85 % of the energy available. If this occurs, use a higher capacity pendulum.

NOTE 6—In changing pendulums, the tensile-impact energy will decrease as the mass of the pendulum is increased.

9.4 Slippage of specimens results in erroneously high values. Visually examine the tabs of the broken specimens for an undistorted image of the jaw faces, preferably under magnification, and compared against a specimen which has been similarly clamped but not tested. Because slippage has been shown to be present in many cases and suspected in others, the use of bolted specimens is mandatory. The function of the bolt is to assure good alignment and to improve the tightening of the jaw face plates. The bolt shall be tightened using a torque wrench. If slippage of the specimens in the clamp occurs, increase the torque the

FIG. 3

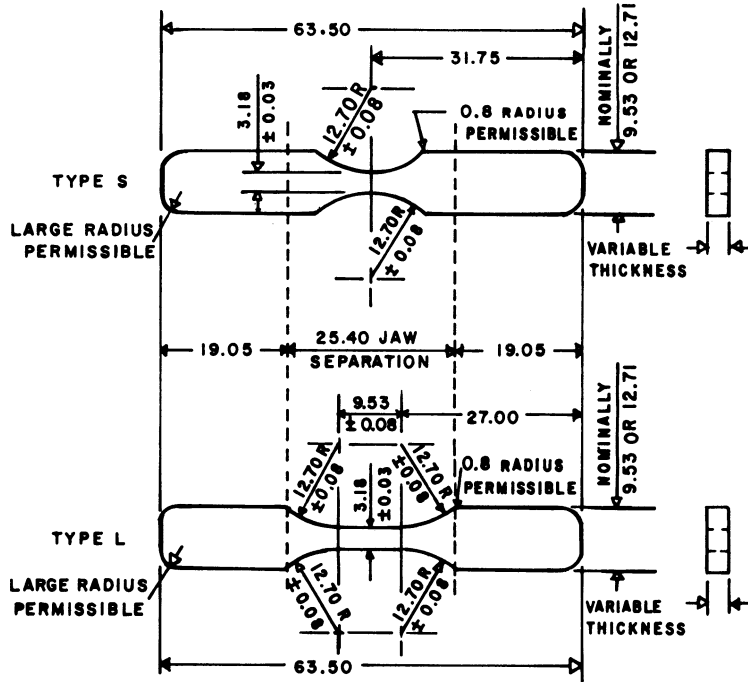


FIG. 3A Mold Dimensions of Types S and L Tension-Impact Specimens (Dimensioned in Millimetres)

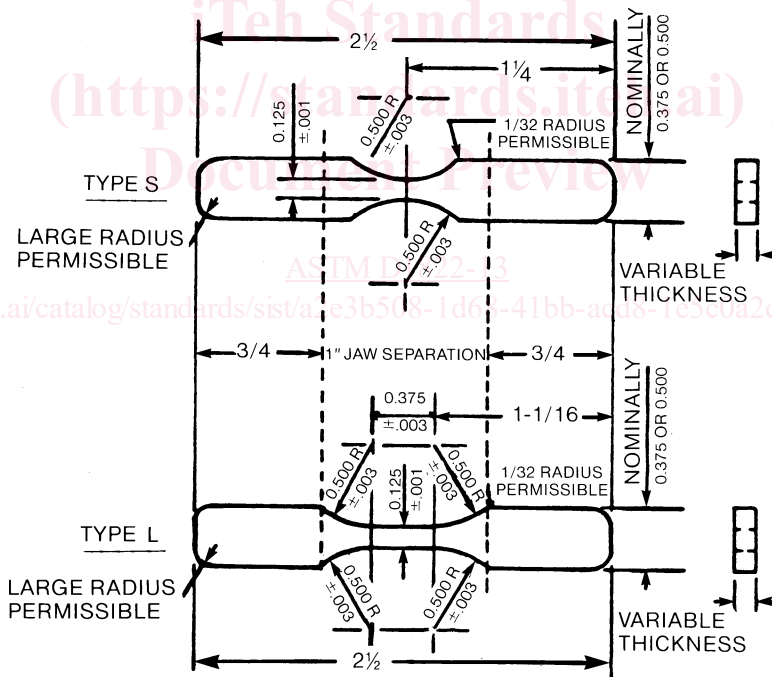


FIG. 3B Mold Dimensions of Types S and L Tension-Impact Specimens (Dimensioned in Inches)

minimum amount necessary to eliminate the slippage while avoiding breaking or cracking the specimen due to excessive force. The clamping force selected for use on any one specimen is material dependent

9.5 Measure the tension-impact energy of each specimen and record its value, and comment on the appearance of the specimen regarding permanent set or necking, and the location of the fracture.

10. Calculation

10.1 Calculate the corrected impact energy to break as follows:

$$X = E - Y + e$$

(2)