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Standard Test Method for Mechanical Hydrogen Embrittlement Evaluation of Plating Processes and Service Environments¹

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 ϵ^1 Note—Fig. A3.2 was editorially changed to Fig. A4.2 in December 1997.

 ϵ^2 Note—Note 3 was deleted in Fig. A2.1 and Footnote 11 has been added to Note A3.1 in July 2000.

1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers mechanical tests for the evaluation and control of the potential for hydrogen embrittlement that may arise from various sources of hydrogen in plating processes, or from subsequent service environments that include fluids, cleaning treatments, maintenance chemicals or gaseous environments that may contact the surface of steels.

1.2 This test method is intended for process control of hydrogen produced by different plating processes and exposure to different chemicals encountered in a service environment and not to measure the relative susceptibility of different steels.

1.3 This test method assumes that air melted AISI 4340 steel per MIL-S-5000 at 51 to 53 HRC is the worst case; that is, all other heat-treated, high-hardness steels are less susceptible to hydrogen embrittlement. The sensitivity to hydrogen embrittlement shall be demonstrated for each heat of AISI 4340 steel used in the manufacture of test specimens.

1.4 Test procedures and acceptance requirements are specified for seven specimens of different sizes, geometries, and loading configurations. For plating processes, notched specimens must exceed 200 h at a sustained load of 75 % of the fracture stress or exceed a threshold of 75 % of the fracture stress for a quantitative, accelerated (≤ 24 h) incrementally increasing or rising step load (RSL) test. For service environments, equivalent loading conditions and pass/fail requirements for each specimen are specified.

1.5 This test method is divided into two main parts. The first part gives general information concerning requirements for hydrogen embrittlement testing. The second part is composed of annexes that give specific requirements for the seven specimens covered by this test method. 1.5.1 Annex A1 details notched tensile specimens under constant load; Annex A2 details notched round bars tensile, bend, and C-ring specimens using a self-loading fixture; Annex A3 details a notched four point bend specimen that combines sustained load and slow strain rate testing for hydrogen embrittlement by using incremental loads and hold times under displacement control to measure a threshold stress in an accelerated manner. The test is described as an accelerated (≤ 24 h) incrementally increasing or rising step load test method that measures the threshold for hydrogen stress cracking that is used to quantify the amount of residual hydrogen in the speciment control; Annex A5 details testing in a service environment.

1.6 Specific requirements for the two types of specimen and the seven specific loading and geometrical configurations are as listed:

1.6.1 Type 1—Notched Specimens

1.6.2 Type 1a: Round Bar Tension—Constant Load

1.6.3 Type 1a.1—Standard Size 48/astm-1519-Annex A1

- 1.6.4 Type 1a.2—Oversized Annex A1
- 1.6.5 Type 1b: Round Bar Tension—Self Loading Fixture-Annex A2
- 1.6.6 Type 1c: Round Bar Bend—Self Loading Fixture-Annex A2
- 1.6.7 Type 1d: C-ring Bend—Self Loading Fixture-Annex A2

1.6.8 Type 1e: Square Bar Bend—Displacement Annex A3

1.6.9 Type 2-Smooth Specimens

1.6.10 Type 2a: O-ring—Displacement Control

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1.7 The values stated are in American Standard units.

1.8 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, 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.

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- B 851 Specification for Automated Controlled Shot Peening of Metallic Articles Prior to Nickel, Autocatalytic Nickel, or Chromium Plating, or Final Finish²
- D 1193 Specification for Reagent Water³
- E 4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines⁴
- E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials⁴
- E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials⁴
- E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁵
- E 616 Terminology Relating to Fracture Testing⁴
- E 709 Guide for Magnetic Particle Examination⁶
- F 1624 Test Method for Measurement of Hydrogen Embrittlement Threshold in Steel by the Incremental Step Loading Technique⁷
- G 5 Reference Test Method for Making Potentiodynamic Anodic Polarization Measurements⁸
- 2.2 AMS Standards:
- AMS 2430 Shot Peening⁹
- 2.3 Military and Federal Standards:
- MIL-S-5000 Steel, Chrome-Nickel-Molybdenum (E 4340) Bars and Reforging Stock¹⁰

MIL-H-6875 Heat Treatment of Steels, Process for¹⁰

- MIL-C-16173 Corrosion Preventive Compound, Solvent Cutback, Cold-Application¹⁰
- Federal Specification QQ-P-416 Plating, Cadmium (Electrodeposited)¹⁰

3. Summary of Test Methods

3.1 *Plating Processes*—Unstressed test specimens are cleaned, plated, and baked in accordance with the plating specification to which the process is to be qualified. Specimens are then maintained under a sustained load in air to measure the time to rupture or under a rising step load to measure the threshold stress.

3.2 *Service Environments*—Plated test specimens must first be certified by the requirements stated herein for the plating process. They are then tested under load in the service environment. The sequence of exposure to the environment and loading shall be as defined in Annex A5.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 *Plating Processes*—This test method establishes a means to prevent hydrogen embrittlement of steel parts during manufacture by maintaining strict controls during production operations such as surface preparation, pretreatments, and

⁸ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.02.

plating. It is intended to be used as a qualification test for new plating processes and as a periodic inspection audit for the control of a plating process.

4.2 *Service Environment*—This test method establishes a means to determine the hydrogen embrittlement potential of chemicals that may contact plated steel parts during manufacturing, overhaul, and service life. The details of testing in a service environment are found in Annex A5.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Testing Machine*—Testing machines shall be within the guidelines of calibration, force range, resolution, and verification of Practices E 4.

5.2 *Gripping Devices*—Various types of gripping devices shall be used in either tension or bending to transmit the measured load applied by the testing machine or self-loading frame to the test specimen.

5.3 *Environmental Testing*—For testing in service environments, an inert container and fixture arrangement that is suitably electrically isolated from the specimen or compensated to prevent galvanic coupling shall be use for testing in aqueous environments. The corrosion potential of the specimen can be controlled with a reference Saturated Calomel Electrode (SCE) or equivalent reference electrode such as with Ag/AgCl in accordance with Test Method G 5.

6. Materials and Reagents

6.1 Materials:

6.1.1 AISI E 4340 per MIL-S-5000.

6.1.2 Aluminum oxide (150 grit or finer), and 180-grit silicon carbide paper.

6.1.3 Clean shot, size in accordance with Specification B 851.

6.2 Reagents:

6.2.1 *Corrosion*—Preventive compound, meeting requirements of MIL-C-16173, Grade 2.

6.2.2 *Cadmium*—Cyanide electroplating bath (Federal Specification QQ-P-416). (Table 1).

TABLE 1 Electroplating Bath Compositions and Operating Conditions for Sensitivity Test of Heats of AISI 4340 Steel

Item	Treatment A	Treatment B
Bath composition:		
Cadmium (as CdO)	4.5 oz/gal (33.7 g/L)	4.5 oz/gal (33.7 g/L)
Sodium cyanide (NaCN)	14 oz/gal (104 g/L)	14 oz/gal (104 g/L)
Ratio NaCN to CdO	3	3
рН	12	12
Temperature	70–90°F (21–32°C)	70–90°F (21–32°C)
Sodium hydroxide (NaOH)	2.5 oz/gal (18.7 g/L)	2.5 oz/gal (18.7 g/L)
Brightener such as Rohco 20 \times L or equivalent	2.0 oz/gal (15.0 g/L)	
Electroplating current	10 A/ft ² (108 A/m ²)	60 A/ft ² (645 A/m ²)
Electroplating time	30 min	6 min
Baking:		
Baking temperature	375 ± 25°F (190 ± 14°C)	375 ± 25°F (190 ± 14°C)
Baking time: Type 1 Specimens	Do Not Bake	23 h
Baking time: Type 2a Specimen	8 h	23 h

² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 02.05.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 11.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.03.

⁷ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.03.

⁹ Available from AMS, 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096.

¹⁰ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

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6.2.3 Maintenance chemicals, cleaners, paint strippers, and aqueous environments.

6.2.4 Chromic acid.

6.2.5 Water-Specification D 1193 Type IV.

7. Test Specimens

7.1 *Configuration*:

7.1.1 Seven specific dimensional drawings with tolerances are given for the two types of specimens in the following annexes:

7.1.1.1 Type 1—Notched Specimens

7.1.1.2 Type 1a: Round Bar Tension—Constant Load

7.1.1.3 Type 1a.1—Standard Size—per Fig. A1.1 Annex A1

7.1.1.4 Type 1a.2—Oversized—per Fig. A1.2 Annex A1

7.1.1.5 Type 1b: Round Bar Tension—per Fig. A2.1, Fig. A2.2, Fig. A2.3 Annex A2

7.1.1.6 Type 1c: Round Bar Bend—per Fig. A2.4, Fig. A2.5 Annex A2

7.1.1.7 Type 1d: C-ring Bend—per Fig. A2.6, Fig. A2.7 Annex A2

7.1.1.8 Type 1e: Square Bar Bend—per Fig. A3.1

7.1.1.9 Type 2—Smooth Specimens

7.1.1.10 Type 2a: O-ring—per Fig. A4.1, Fig. A4.2 Annex A4

NOTE 1—The notched round bar tension, bend, and square bar bend shall be loaded in the longitudinal grain direction, but the C-ring and O-ring can only be loaded normal to the longitudinal grain direction.

7.2 Manufacture:

7.2.1 For all notched round specimens, a stress concentration factor (K_t) of 3.1 ± 0.2 shall be maintained.

NOTE 2—For the relationship between geometry and K_i , see Peterson, R. E., *Stress Concentration Factors*, John Wiley and Sons, 1974.

7.2.2 If the 60° notch angle does not permit plating to the root of the notch, then an angle of 90° ± 1° shall be used. For the Type 1.1 specimen, the K_t of 3.1 ± 0.2 shall be maintained by reducing the root radius of the notch to 0.008 ± 0.001 in. for the 90° notch.

7.2.3 The test specimens shall be produced from normalized and tempered, hot or cold drawn bar stock, AISI 4340 steel per MIL-S-5000 and heat treated per MIL-H-6875 so as to meet the hardness requirement of 51 to 53 HRC per Test Method E 18. Rounding per Practice E 29 permits an absolute hardness range of 50.6 to 53.4 HRC of the average of three measurements.

7.2.4 Tolerances unless otherwise specified are:

X.X	±0.1 in.
X.XX	±0.01 in.
X.XXX	± 0.001 in.

7.2.5 The surface finish of all notches shall be 32 RMS or better. The other surfaces shall have a finish of 63 RMS or better.

7.2.6 The entire notch shall be ground to size after quenching and tempering to final hardness before plating. Single-point turning of the notch configuration is not permitted. Burnishing of the notch is not permitted. The notch shall not be shot peened or receive any blasting/mechanical cleaning operation after the notch is ground to size. 7.2.7 After grinding, all specimens shall receive a stress relief bake at $375 \pm 25^{\circ}$ F (190 $\pm 14^{\circ}$ C) for 4 h. A suitable protection from heat treating discoloration should be used.

7.2.8 Acid or cathodic electrolytic cleaning is prohibited.

7.2.9 Straightening after final heat treatment is prohibited. 7.3 *Storage*:

7.3.1 Before plating, all specimens shall be protected during storage to prevent corrosion. A suitable means of protection is to coat the specimen with a corrosion preventive compound meeting the requirements of MIL-C-16173, Grade 2.

7.4 Inspection:

7.4.1 A lot shall consist of only those specimens cut from the same heat of steel in the same orientation, heat treated together in the same furnace, quenched and tempered together, and subjected to the same manufacturing processes.

7.4.2 All notched specimens shall be suitable for test purposes if the sampling and inspection results conform to the requirements of Table 2.

7.5 Sensitivity Test:

7.5.1 The sensitivity to hydrogen embrittlement must be demonstrated for each heat of AISI 4340 steel by exposing six trial specimens to two different embrittling environments after manufacture and inspection in accordance with Section 7.

7.5.2 Three specimens shall be electroplated under the highly embrittling conditions produced in a cadmium cyanide bath by Treatment A (Table 1) and the remaining three specimens shall be electroplated under the less embrittling conditions of Treatment B (Table 1). An equivalent plating or imposed potential may be used if its sensitivity is demonstrated to be equivalent to that found in Table 1.

TABLE 2 Lot Acceptance Criteria for Type 1 Notched Specimens

Туре	Item	Sampling of Each Lot	Requirement/Method
-0478	Hardness ⁴	5 %	51 to 53 HRC per ASTM Test Method E 18. Round the average of three readings per specimen per Practice E 29.
1	Dimensions	100 %	Meet tolerances of corresponding drawings. Notch dimension verified with shadow graphic projection at 50 to 100×.
1	Notched Fracture Strength (NFS)	10 ea	NFS of each specimen must be within 10 ksi of the average.
1c	Self-loading Notched round bar bend fixture, Fig. A2.5	10 ea	Alternate: The number of turns of the loading bolt, which is required to produce fracture in each specimen, must be within 5 % of the average.
1d	Self-loading Notched C-Ring bend fixture, Fig. A2.6	10 ea	Alternate: The change in diameter at fracture load specimens for each specimen must be within 0.005 in. of the average.

^A If the hardness requirements of any of the sampled specimens are not satisfied, only those specimens of the lot that are individually inspected for conformance to these requirements shall be used for testing.

7.5.3 Each heat of steel shall be of suitable sensitivity only if all three specimens plated by Treatment A fracture within 24 h and none of the three specimens plated by Treatment B fracture within 200 h after applying the sustained loads specified in Table 3.

7.5.4 To verify further the quality of the manufactured lot of specimens, a minimum of five specimens plated per Treatment B shall be tensile tested per Test Methods E 8 as in Table 2 and all of the tensile test results shall be within ± 10 ksi of the mean of the ten unplated specimens. The diameter or dimensions of the bare metal specimen shall be used in the stress calculations.

7.6 *Certification*:

7.6.1 Each lot of specimens manufactured and sold shall be certified in writing to indicate that it meets the conditions found in this section, including the following information:

7.6.1.1 Manufacturer of specimen lot.

7.6.1.2 Steel supplier, heat number, and certificate for chemical composition and heat treatment response.

7.6.1.3 Test results for requirements in Table 2, 7.5.3, and 7.5.4, including the corresponding average rupture load in units of X.XX kips.

8. Testing Protocol

8.1 Plating Processes:

8.1.1 *Number*—A minimum of four specimens shall be used per test.

8.1.1.1 Test specimens produced and tested per this Test Method shall only be used once. Stripping and reuse of specimens is prohibited.

8.1.1.2 Sometimes it is necessary to plate only the notched area of the specimen to provide an escape path for hydrogen during bake.

8.1.1.3 The diameter or dimensions of the bare metal specimen shall be used in stress calculations.

8.1.2 *Load*—Sustained load specimens shall be loaded in accordance with Table 3.

8.1.3 *Time*—Sustained loads shall be maintained for a minimum of 200 h. Actual fracture times can be electronically monitored with a relay switch system.

8.1.4 An alternate rising step load (RSL) accelerated test (\leq 24 h) as described in Annex A4 of this document and as further defined in Test Method F 1624 can be used if specified by the purchaser.

8.2 Service Environments:

8.2.1 The testing protocol (number, load, and time) are specified in Annex A5.

TABLE 3 Pass/Fail Loading Requirements of Test Specimens

Type 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d	75 % of the tensile or bend notched fracture strength
Type 2a	(Table 2). 92 % of Test Method E 8, obtained by deflecting a 2.300-in. diameter O-ring specimen with a 2.525-in.
	stressing bar.

9. Interpretation

9.1 A plating process shall be considered acceptable quality if none of the plated specimens fracture within 200 h after loading as specified in Table 3.

9.2 If only one of a minimum of four specimens fractures within the sustained load exposure time, continue to step load the remaining three specimens every hour in 5 % increments to 90 % of the fracture tensile/bend load after completion of a minimum 200-h sustained load. After 1 h at 90 %, the process shall be considered nonembrittling if no fracture occurs in the three remaining specimens.

9.3 If two or more specimens fracture within the sustained load exposure time, the plating process shall be considered as having excessive embrittling characteristics.

9.4 The cause of any premature failure shall be determined and corrected before retest.

9.5 Retest the plating process with four unused specimens. If no fracture occurs within the sustained load exposure time, the material or process shall be considered acceptable quality. If any specimen fractures during retest, the plating process shall be considered embrittling.

9.6 Another retest can only be considered after a metallurgical examination of the fractured specimens indicates some defect in the processing of the specimens.

9.7 Preexisting specimen defects such as cracks, grinding burns, or nonmetallic inclusions can be considered as a basis for invalidation of rejectable test results and retest.

10. Report

10.1 A test report shall produced upon completion of testing that bears the following minimum information:

10.1.1 A lot acceptance and sensitivity certification report.

10.1.2 The type and number of specimens tested.

10.1.3 A description of the plating process and test environment (concentration, temperature, and so forth) if other than ambient air.

10.1.4 The sustained or threshold load, or percent of notched fracture strength or notch bend strength of unplated specimens, or displacement as appropriate for the type of specimen tested.

10.1.5 The time under load in the test environments.

11. Precision and Bias

11.1 No information is presented about either the precision or bias of Test Method F 519 for measuring the time to failure, since the test results are nonquantitative pass/fail measurements.

11.2 The precision and bias of this test method for measuring the threshold are essentially as specified in Test Method F 1624.

12. Keywords

12.1 cleaner; coating; delayed failure; fluids; hydrogen embrittlement; maintenance chemicals; plating; steel; stress cracking; threshold

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ANNEXES

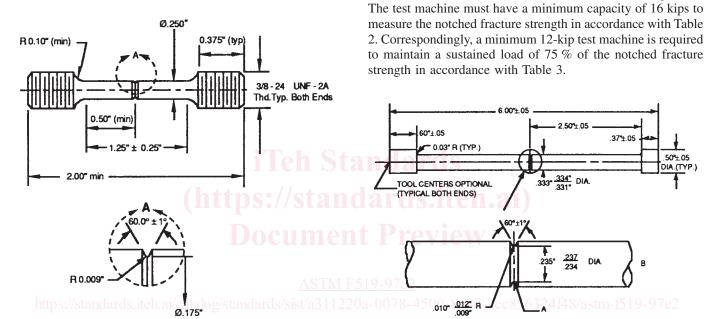
(Mandatory Information)

A1. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TESTING OF NOTCHED ROUND BAR TENSION SPECIMENS UNDER CONSTANT LOAD

accordance with Table 3.

A1.1 *Type 1a*—The notched round bar tension specimen is given in two sizes. If the specimen geometry is not called out, the Type 1a.1, standard notched round bar specimen under load control shall be used.

A1.2 *Type 1a.1 Standard*—The dimensions for the standard sized specimen for the sustained load test (SLT) is shown in Fig. A1.1. The test machine shall have a minimum load



NOTE 1—Specimen preparation must comply with Section 7.2. NOTE 2—End configuration is optional, except that external threaded ends must have the minor diameter greater than 0.25 in.

Note 3-Root radii, reduced section, and notch root radius must be concentric with centerline of specimen within 0.002 T.I.R.

FIG. A1.1 Dimensional Requirements for the Type 1a.1 Specimen

NOTE 1—Specimen preparation must comply with Section 7.2. NOTE 2—End configuration is optional, such as the use of external threaded ends, where the minor diameter must be greater than 0.35 in. NOTE 3—Root radii, reduced section, and notch root radius must be concentric with centerline of specimen within 0.002 T.I.R.

capacity of 10 kips to measure the notched fracture strength in

accordance with Table 2. Correspondingly, a test machine with a minimum load capacity of 7 kips is required to maintain a

sustained load of 75 % of the notched fracture strength in

A1.3 Type 1a.2—The dimensions for the oversized speci-

men for the sustained load test (SLT) is shown in Fig. A1.2.

FIG. A1.2 Dimensional Requirements for the Type 1a.2 Specimen

A2. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TESTING OF NOTCHED SPECIMENS IN SELF-LOADING FIXTURE

A2.1 Type 1b—Notched Bar Tension—Type 1b is a subsized specimen (d/D = 0.0895/0.188) under a constant displacement requiring a special sustained loading device for loading to 75 % of the notched ultimate tensile strength. The capacity of the testing machine for determination of the notched ultimate tensile strength in accordance with Table 2 must exceed 2.5 kips (11 kN). Consideration should also be given to Test Methods E 8 Note 5. "The use of specimens smaller than 0.250-in. diameter shall be restricted to cases where the material to be tested is of insufficient size to obtain larger specimens or when all parties agree to their use for acceptance testing. Smaller specimens require suitable equipment and greater skill in both machining and testing."

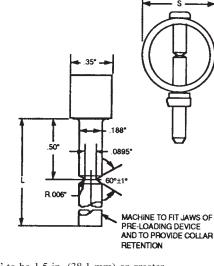
A2.1.1 The method of spring-loading notched round bars in tension uses a precalibrated ring as detailed in Fig. A2.1. The ring manufacturer calibrates each ring by determining the change in diameter of the ring when subjected to a load equivalent to that required to stress a test specimen to 75 % of its notched ultimate strength.

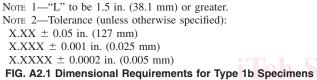
A2.1.2 Mechanisms used to load a test specimen in a stressed ring must be able to hold the test specimen at a stress level of 90 % of the maximum load applied to the specimen. A

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Assembly of Type 1b Tensile Specimens with Type 1b Stress Ring with Locking Collar.

Afexible Plastic Collar is inserted over loaded specimen for protection. See Figure A2.3.





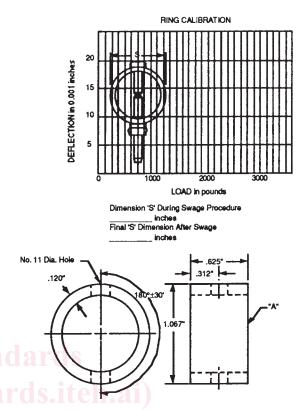
method that allows loading and locking test specimens at stress levels as high as 75 % of their notched tensile strength is described as follows.

A2.1.3 Insert the test specimen in a calibrated ring. Fit the end of the specimen extending through the ring with a stainless steel retaining collar and insert it into the jaws of a hydraulic loading device. As the load is applied, the collar is swaged to the shaft of the specimen. No torsional loads shall be introduced during loading. The change in ring diameter after removal from the hydraulic loading device indicates the actual stress level obtained (test load), and this must be at least 90 % of the change in ring diameter produced during initial loading. If the specimen has not failed by the end of the test period, the measured ring diameter must be within 0.001 in. (0.025 mm) of that measured after initiating the test. (**Warning**—To prevent possible injury from a premature failure of a loaded specimen,

mount a protective collar over the specimen and ring immedi-

ately after loading as shown in Fig. A2.2 and Fig. A2.3.)

A2.2 Type 1c—Notched Round Bar Bend—The specimen dimensions are given in Fig. A2.4. A self-loading device can be used to subject notched round bars to four-point bending loads is shown in Fig. A2.5. The device shown in Fig. A2.5 is calibrated by counting the number of turns of the loading bolt required to fracture the specimen. Start the counting at the point where the tightening of the loading bolt first eliminates all slack in the mechanism. This position of the loading bolt measures the distance between the loading bars at each end to ensure that the same starting point is used for each loading. Stress levels are then indicated as a percentage of the average number of turns required to cause fracture in the calibration process. Information card with every specimen showing deflection of Ring necessary to achieve percent of ultimate desired.



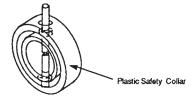
NOTE 1—No. 11 diameter holes located a true position within 0.005-in. (0.127-mm) diameter and drilled parallel to face "A" within 0.003 in. (0.076 mm).

NOTE 2—Material to be AISI 4130 steel heat treated in accordance with MIL-H-6875 to a tensile strength between 200 and 220 ksi (1380 and 1520 MPa).

Note 3—Tolerances (unless otherwise specified): $519-97e^{-2}$ X.XXX ± 0.005 in. (0.125 mm)

X.XXXX ± 0.0025 in. (0.065 mm)





Note 1—A flexible collar ($1\frac{3}{4}$ -in. outside diameter with $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. wall) is inserted over the specimen and stressing ring after loading to the required stress level.

FIG. A2.3 Protective Collar Installation on Type 1b Test Specimens and Stressing Ring

A2.3 Type 1d—Notched C-Ring Bend—The dimensions for the notched bend C-ring specimen are given in Fig. A2.6. The notched bend C-ring specimen consists of a 1¹/₄-in. long section cut from 2-in. outside diameter, ¹/₈-in. wall thickness, machined from 2-in. diameter bar stock of AISI 4340 steel. For a self-loading device, use a loading bolt to place the specimen under load. The bolt shall be oriented across the diameter of the