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## Metallic materials — Principles and designs for multiaxial fatigue testing

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## Introduction

Structural components in industry are frequently subject to some form of multiaxial stressing. Fatigue cracks generally initiate from surface defects or discontinuities and are thus primarily influenced by the surface biaxial stress system. This can vary from equibiaxial, where surface principal stresses are equal in magnitude and sign (present under conditions of pressurization, rotation and thermal loading) to pure shear where surface stresses are equal in magnitude, opposite in sign (as in shafts and shear panels).

The majority of fatigue test data gathered worldwide have been and will continue to be under uniaxial conditions for reasons of simplicity and cost. A secondary goal of multiaxial testing is therefore to develop behavioural models which relate failure under specified multiaxial conditions to established uniaxial cases.

This document utilizes data gathered from the past 80 years spanning most multiaxial fatigue research. It can be of interest to new researchers in the field and form a basis for full International Standards as the need arises.

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