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Standard Test Method for Inplane Shear Properties of Hoop Wound Polymer Matrix Composite Cylinders¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method determines the inplane shear properties of wound polymer matrix composites reinforced by high-modulus continuous fibers. It describes testing of hoop wound (90°) cylinders in torsion for determination of inplane shear properties.

1.2 The technical content of this test method has been stable since 1993 without significant objection from its stakeholders. As there is limited technical support for the maintenance of this test method, changes since that date have been limited to items required to retain consistency with other ASTM D30 Committee standards, including editorial changes and incorporation of updated guidance on specimen preconditioning and environmental testing. The test method, therefore, should not be considered to include any significant changes in approach and practice since 1993. Future maintenance of the test method will only be in response to specific requests and performed only as technical support allows.

1.3 *Units*—The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.3.1 Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in brackets.

1.4 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the*

Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

D792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement

D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics

D2584 Test Method for Ignition Loss of Cured Reinforced Resins

D2734 Test Methods for Void Content of Reinforced Plastics

D3171 Test Methods for Constituent Content of Composite Materials

D3878 Terminology for Composite Materials

D5229/D5229M Test Method for Moisture Absorption Properties and Equilibrium Conditioning of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials

D5449/D5449M Test Method for Transverse Compressive Properties of Hoop Wound Polymer Matrix Composite Cylinders

D5450/D5450M Test Method for Transverse Tensile Properties of Hoop Wound Polymer Matrix Composite Cylinders

E6 Terminology Relating to Methods of Mechanical Testing

E111 Test Method for Young's Modulus, Tangent Modulus, and Chord Modulus

E122 Practice for Calculating Sample Size to Estimate, With Specified Precision, the Average for a Characteristic of a Lot or Process

E177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods

E251 Test Methods for Performance Characteristics of Metallic Bonded Resistance Strain Gages

E456 Terminology Relating to Quality and Statistics

E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

Determine the Precision of a Test Method
E1237 Guide for Installing Bonded Resistance Strain Gages

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terminology **D3878** defines terms relating to high-modulus fibers and their composites. Terminology **D883** defines terms relating to plastics. Terminology **E6** defines terms relating to mechanical testing. Terminology **E456** and Practice **E177** define terms relating to statistics. In the event of a conflict between terms, Terminology **D3878** shall have precedence over other standards.

NOTE 1—If the term represents a physical quantity, its analytical dimensions are stated immediately following the term (or letter symbol) in fundamental dimension form, using the following ASTM standard symbology for fundamental dimensions, shown within square brackets: $[M]$ for mass, $[L]$ for length, $[T]$ for time, $[\theta]$ for thermodynamic temperature, and $[nd]$ for non-dimensional quantities. Use of these symbols is restricted to analytical dimensions when used with square brackets, as the symbols may have other definitions when used without the brackets.

3.2 Description of Terms Specific to This Standard:³

3.2.1 *hoop wound, n*—a winding of a cylindrical component where the filaments are circumferentially oriented.

3.2.2 *inplane shear modulus, G_{12} $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$, n*—the elastic shear modulus of a unidirectional material in the plane defined by axes parallel and perpendicular to the reinforcing fibers.

3.2.3 *inplane shear strain at failure, γ_{12}^u $[nd]$, n*—the value of inplane shear strain at failure when an inplane shear force is applied to the material.

3.2.4 *inplane shear strength, τ_{12} , $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$, n*—the strength of a unidirectional material when an inplane shear force is applied to the material.

3.2.5 *specimen, n*—a single part cut from a winding that meets the specifications of Fig. 1; each winding may yield several specimens.

3.2.6 *winding, n*—an entire part completed by one winding operation and then cured.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A thin walled hoop wound cylinder nominally 100 mm [4 in.] in diameter and 140 mm [5½ in.] in length is bonded into two end fixtures. The specimen/fixture assembly is mounted in the testing machine and monotonically loaded in inplane shear while recording force. The inplane shear strength can be determined from the maximum force carried prior to failure. If the cylinder strain is monitored with strain gages, then the stress-strain response, the inplane shear strain at failure, and the inplane shear modulus can be derived.

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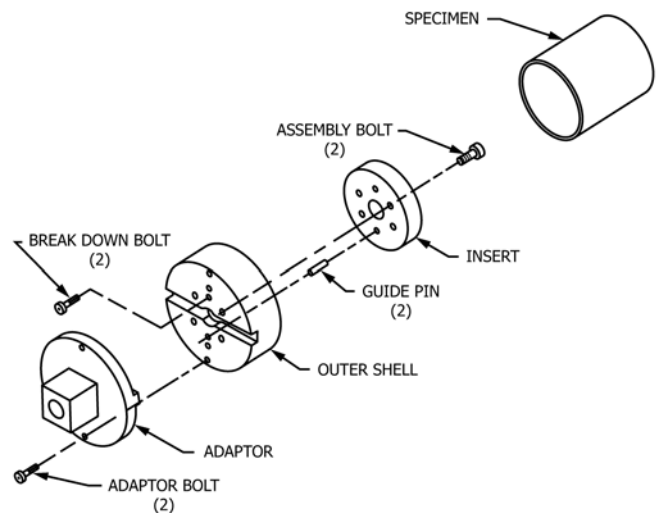


FIG. 1 Assembly Drawing for the Shear Fixture and Specimen

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method is designed to produce inplane shear property data for material specifications, research and development, quality assurance, and structural design and analysis. Factors that influence the inplane shear response and should therefore be reported are material, method of material preparation, specimen preparation, specimen conditioning, environment of testing, specimen alignment and gripping, speed of testing, void content, and fiber volume fraction. Properties, in the test direction, that may be obtained from this test method are as follows:

- 5.1.1 *Inplane Shear Strength, τ_{12}^u ,*
- 5.1.2 *Inplane Shear Strain at Failure, γ_{12}^u , and*
- 5.1.3 *Inplane Shear Modulus, G_{12} .*

6. Interferences

6.1 *Material and Specimen Preparation*—Poor material fabrication practices, lack of control of fiber alignment, and damage induced by improper specimen machining are known causes of high material data scatter in composites.

6.2 *Bonding Specimens to Test Fixtures*—A high percentage of failures in or near the bond between the test specimen and the test fixture, especially when combined with high material data scatter, is an indicator of specimen bonding problems. Specimen-to-fixture bonding is discussed in **11.5**.

6.3 *System Alignment*—Excessive bending or axial loading will cause premature failure, as well as highly inaccurate shear modulus determination. Every effort should be made to eliminate excess bending and axial loading from the test system. Bending and axial loading may occur due to misaligned grips, misaligned specimens in the test fixtures, or from departures of the specimens from tolerance requirements. The alignment should always be checked as discussed in **13.2**.

7. Apparatus

7.1 *Micrometer and Calipers*—A micrometer with a 4 to 8 mm [0.16 to 0.32 in.] nominal diameter ball-interface or a flat anvil interface shall be used to measure the specimen wall

thickness, inner diameter, and outer diameter. A ball interface is recommended for these measurements when at least one surface is irregular (for example, a coarse peel ply surface, which is neither smooth nor flat). A micrometer or caliper with a flat anvil interface shall be used for measuring the overall specimen length, the gage length (the free length between the fixtures), and other machined surface dimensions. The use of alternative measurement devices is permitted if specified (or agreed to) by the test requestor and reported by the testing laboratory. The accuracy of the instruments shall be suitable for reading to within 1 % of the sample dimensions. For typical specimen geometries, an instrument with an accuracy of ± 0.0025 mm [± 0.0001 in.] is adequate for wall thickness measurements, while an instrument with an accuracy of ± 0.025 mm [± 0.001 in.] is adequate for measurement of the

inner diameter, outer diameter, overall specimen length, gage length, and other machined surface dimensions.

7.2 *Inplane Shear Fixture*—The inplane shear fixture consists of a steel outer shell, insert, and adaptor. An assembly drawing for these components and the test fixture is shown in Fig. 1.

7.2.1 *Outer Shell*—The outer shell (SI units, see Fig. 2; inch-pound units, see Fig. 3) is circular with a concentric circular hollow in one face, a groove along the diameter of the other face, and a center hole through the thickness. Along the diameter perpendicular to the groove, three pairs of small eccentric holes are placed at three radial distances. The two outer pairs of holes are threaded. Four additional threaded holes are placed at the same radial distance as the innermost

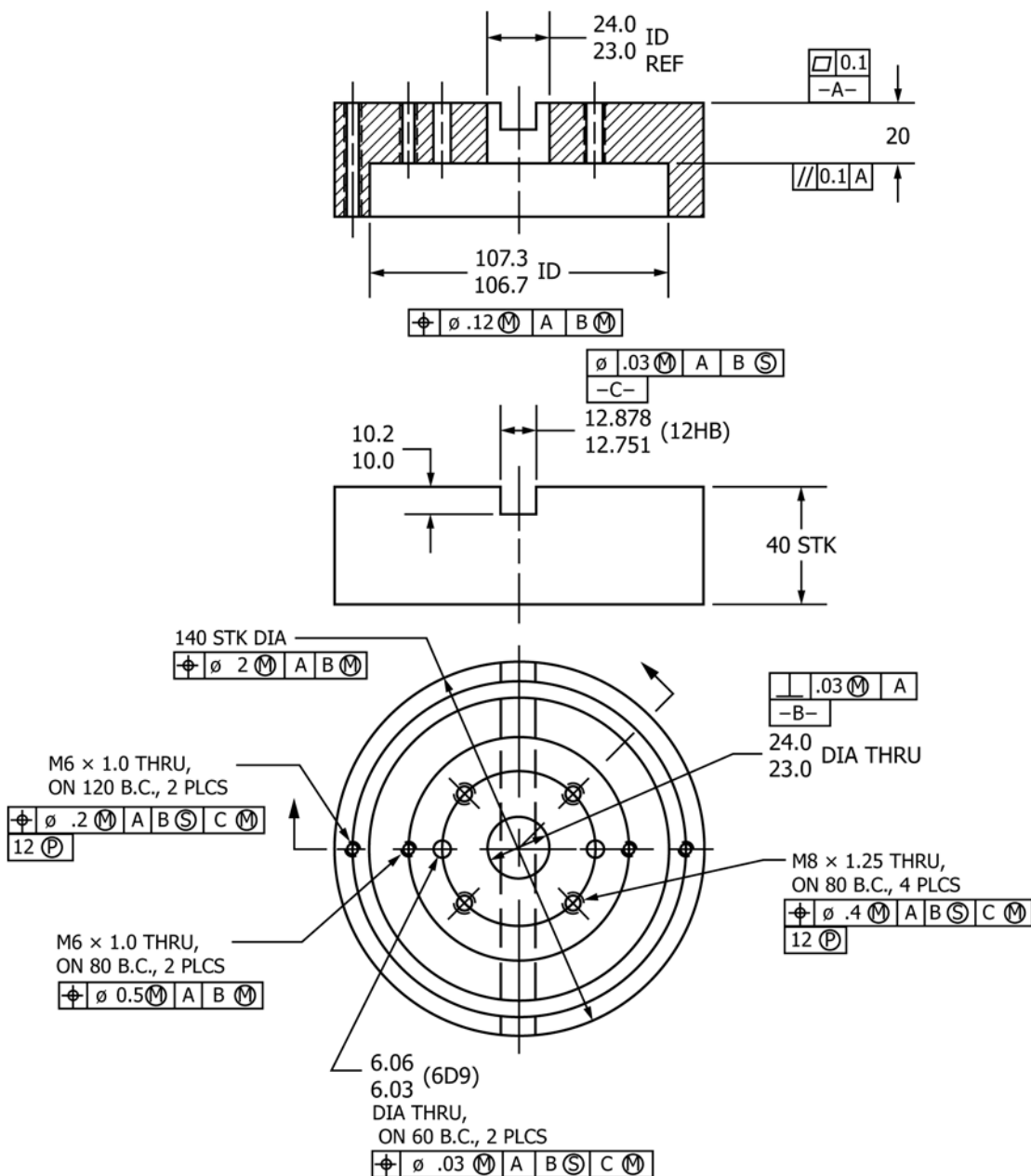


FIG. 2 Outer Shell of the Shear Fixture in SI Units