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# Standard Test Method for Holding Strength of Prong-Ring Attached Snap Fasteners<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the holding strength of a prong-ring to the socket or stud of a snap fastener using a tensile testing machine (Option 1) or a manual test stand and force-measuring gage (Option 2).

1.2 This test method is applicable to prong-ring type snap fasteners in garments or to be attached to fabrics intended for use in apparel (see [Annex A1](#)).

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in parentheses. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

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:*<sup>2</sup>

[D76/D76M Specification for Tensile Testing Machines for Textiles](#)

[D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles](#)

[D1776/D1776M Practice for Conditioning and Testing Textiles](#)

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

2.2 *Federal Document:*

[16 CFR Parts 1500.48-1500.53 and 1501.4 Engineering Test Manual for Children's Toys](#)<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *force, n*—a physical influence exerted by one body on another which produces acceleration of bodies that are free to move and deformation of bodies that are not free to move.

3.1.2 *holding strength, n*—in snap fasteners, the force required to separate the prong-ring from its attached mating part (socket or stud).

3.1.2.1 *Discussion*—In this test method, a diametric force is applied which simulates the diametric biting or pinching of a child; however, in practice, the disengaging force used to unsnap a snap fastener is usually applied at the edge of the fastener.

3.1.3 *prong-ring type fastener, n*—generic name for snap fasteners which use a multi-pronged ring to penetrate through fabric to mechanically set a matching socket on one side of a closure and to set a matching stud on the facing closure allowing the outer and inner closure facings to be snapped together. (See [Fig. 1](#).)

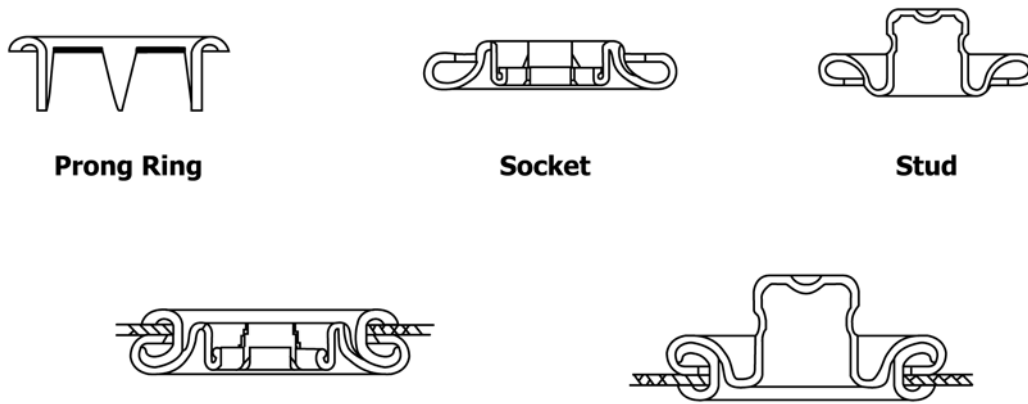
3.1.4 *socket, n*—in snap fasteners, the female functional part of the fastener which engages with the stud part of the fastener to form the closure of two parts of the item on which the fastener is used. (See [Fig. 1](#).)

3.1.4.1 *Discussion*—Prong-ring attached socket or stud snap fasteners are designed to be mechanically attached to garments or other items through the deformation interaction of the prong-ring with the socket or stud. Other forms of snap fasteners exist which may be attached to the foundation of the garment or other item by means of sewn threads or adhesive bonding.

3.1.5 *strength, n*—the property of a material that resists deformation induced by external forces.

3.1.5.1 *Discussion*—In this standard, the deformation is the separation of the prong-ring from the socket or stud of a snap fastener.

<sup>3</sup> Available from Federal Register, Vol 44, No. 117, June 1979, Consumer Product Commission, 16 CFR Parts 1500 and 1501.



**Prong Ring Attached to socket or stud**

**FIG. 1 Prong-ring Attached Fastener Parts**

3.1.6 *stud, n*—in snap fasteners, the male functional part of a snap fastener which engages with, or snaps into, the mouth of the socket to form a closure of two parts of the item, or garment on which the fastener is used. (See Fig. 1.)

3.1.6.1 *Discussion*—See discussion for socket.

3.1.7 For definitions of other textile terms used in this standard, refer to Terminology D123.

**4. Summary of Test Method**

4.1 *Option 1*—A specimen, consisting of a fastener socket or stud attached to fabric by a prong-ring, is mounted in a special test fixture on a tensile testing machine. A force is applied diametrically until the prong-ring separates from the socket or stud, or the fabric is torn. The force at separation is reported as the holding strength. If the fabric tears, the force at fabric failure is recorded and the data is reported and it is considered as a different category and is reported separate from the holding strength of the fasteners.

4.2 *Option 2*—A specimen, consisting of a fastener socket or stud attached to fabric by a prong-ring, is mounted in a special test fixture on a manual pull test stand which is fitted with a portable force gage. A force is applied until the prong-ring separates from the socket or stud, or the fabric is torn. The force at separation is reported as the holding strength. If the fabric tears, the force at fabric failure is recorded and the data is reported and it is considered as a different category and is reported separate from the holding strength of the fasteners.

**5. Significance and Use**

5.1 Both test methods are considered satisfactory for acceptance testing of commercial shipments of garments with prong-ring type snap fasteners.

5.1.1 In case of dispute arising from differences in reported test results when using this test method for acceptance of commercial shipment, the purchaser and the supplier should conduct comparative tests to determine if there is a statistical bias between their laboratories. Competent statistical assistance is recommended for the investigation of bias. As a minimum, the two parties should take a group of test speci-

mens that are as homogeneous as possible and that are from a lot of material of the type in question. The test specimens should then be randomly assigned in equal numbers to each laboratory for testing. The average results from the two laboratories should be compared using appropriate statistical analysis and an acceptable probability level chosen by the parties before testing is begun. If a bias is found, either the cause must be determined and corrected, or the purchaser and supplier must agree to interpret future test results with consideration to the known bias.

5.2 Comparison of results from test equipment operating on different principles is not recommended. In cases of conflict between the test results achieved with manual test equipment (Option 2) and motorized CRE (constant rate of extension) tensile testing machine (Option 1), the results from the motorized equipment shall take precedence.

5.3 This test method may be used to determine the compatibility of prong-ring type snap fasteners and fabrics for use in apparel. In which case, the fasteners are attached to the fabric in the manner in which they will be used and the combined units tested. See Annex A1.

**6. Apparatus**

6.1 *For Option 1:*

6.1.1 Tensile Testing Machine, CRE type, meeting Specification D76/D76M. (See Figs. 2 and 3.)

6.1.2 Upper Snap Fixture Attachment 4, Fig. 4, designed to diametrically attach to the socket or stud of the snap fastener, which is attached to the fabric specimen or garment being tested.

6.1.3 Lower Snap Fixture Attachment 4, Fig. 4, designed to secure the fabric and thereby the socket or stud attached to it in a horizontal plane.

6.2 *For Option 2:*

6.2.1 Force Measuring Gage 5, modified with an attachment to be fastened on to the upper arm of a test stand with the upper test fixture suspended from it. (See Fig. 3.)



FIG. 2 CRE-Type Tensile Testing Machine Setup with Test Fixtures For Option 1

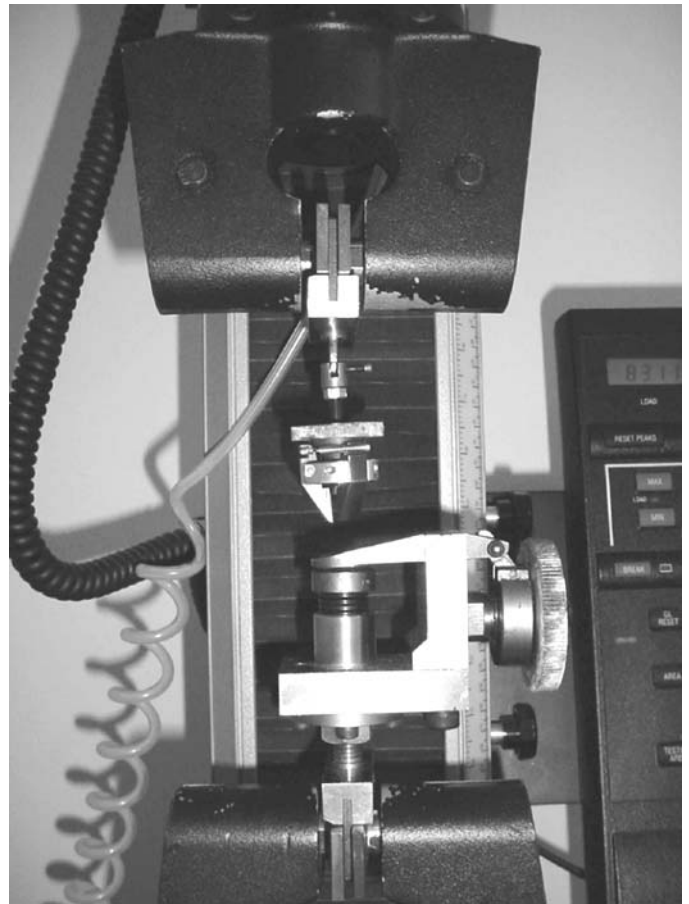


FIG. 3 Closeup of CRE-Type Tensile Testing Machine Fixture Setup

6.2.2 Upper Snap Fixture Attachment 4, Fig. 4, designed to diametrically attach to the socket or stud of the snap fastener which is attached to the fabric specimen or garment being tested.

6.2.3 Lower Snap Fixture Attachment 4, Fig. 4, designed to secure the fabric and thereby the socket or stud attached to it in a horizontal plane.

6.2.4 Test Stand, see Fig. 5.

## 7. Sampling

### 7.1 Lot Sample:

7.1.1 For acceptance testing, randomly select the number of shipping cartons or other containers of garments as directed in an applicable material specification, contract or other agreement between the purchaser and the supplier. Consider the cartons or containers to be the primary sampling units.

NOTE 1—An adequate specification or other agreement between the purchaser and the supplier requires taking into account the variability between shipping units, between sampling units within a shipping unit and between specimens to provide a sampling with a meaningful producer's risk, consumer's risk, acceptable quality level and limiting quality level.

### 7.2 Laboratory Sample:

7.2.1 For acceptance testing, take one garment from each lot sampling unit provided that it has ten snap fasteners. If the garment contains fewer than ten snap fasteners, take a number

of garments from each laboratory sampling unit to obtain the ten snap fasteners. If garment has snaps attached to multiple locations; that is, collar, shoulder, placket, front, crotch, leg cuff, and the like, take appropriate number of garments that will provide ten snaps per location.

### 7.3 Test Specimens:

7.3.1 Test ten specimens from each garment. A test specimen consists of the assembled prong-ring, fabric and a socket or a stud. The locations of the specimens must allow for secure clamping in the fixtures. Specimens need not be cut from the garment provided that the garment does not interfere with the test.

## 8. Preparation of Apparatus

### 8.1 For Option 1:

#### 8.1.1 Preparation:

8.1.1.1 Set up and verify the tensile testing machine according to the manufacturer's instructions and 8.1.1.2 – 8.1.1.4.

8.1.1.2 Attach the upper and lower snap fixtures to the testing machine and check the alignment. (See Figs. 2 and 3.)

8.1.1.3 Select a force range for separation to occur between 10 % and 90 % of full scale force.

8.1.1.4 Set the loading rate for 300 mm/min  $\pm$  10 mm/min (12.0 in./min  $\pm$  0.5 in./min).