



Standard Test Method for Ring Bendability of Pipeline Coatings (Squeeze Test)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This method covers testing the relative resistance of pipeline coatings to cracking and spalling from deformation of the pipe by observing the effects of diametral compression of ring samples. The method is limited to thin film coatings having an elongation not exceeding 5.0 %.

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

1.3 *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

G 12 Test Method for Nondestructive Measurement of Film Thickness of Pipeline Coatings on Steel

G 62 Test Methods for Holiday Detection in Pipeline Coatings

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The method consists of compressing coated pipe ring samples in a hydraulic arbor press, universal test machine, or other suitable device. The ring sample is compressed to an approximate oval shape wherein the minor diameter of the oval is produced by a bending force that elongates the coating at the metal interface. The coating elongation or stretch as produced in the test by compressing the ring to a gaged dimension can be calculated to produce the same coating elongation or stretch as would occur in actual bending of the pipe to a given radius.

Coating failure in the form of cracking or loss of adhesion is detected by electrical test for holidays while the test is in process.

3.2 Compression of coated ring samples is controlled by use of a dial indicator, micrometer, or other suitable distance-measuring device. Dimensions are then corrected to outside dimensions by subtracting the dial indicator or micrometer reading from the initial pipe diameter.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 The method will provide information on the ability of pipeline coatings to resist cracking, spalling, or other mechanical damage as a result of bending. If the test is applied to coated pipe samples from commercial production, the results can be used in the selection of similar materials for service. The test has application as a quality control method when variations in coating application or material formulation may affect bending performance.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Compression Apparatus*—An arbor press, universal test machine, or other device that can apply sufficient force at a controlled rate of movement.

5.2 *Film Thickness Gage*, as described in Test Method **G 12**.

5.3 *Holiday Detector*—A high- or low-voltage d-c holiday detector as specified in Test Methods **G 62** shall be used to locate breaks in the coating film. Low-voltage holiday detectors shall be used on coatings 0.51 mm (≤ 20 mils) thick and high-voltage holiday detectors shall be used on thicker coatings.

6. Test Specimens

6.1 The test specimens shall be coated ring samples 50 ± 5 mm (2 ± 0.20 in.) in length.

6.2 Five samples shall be cut from the same piece of coated pipe by hand saw, power saw, or lathe with care not to damage the coating in the holding device. All edges shall be visually deburred. More samples may be required depending on the testing application.

6.3 Samples shall have areas of coating removed in accordance with **Fig. 1**.

6.4 The samples shall be free of obvious coating flaws or defects.

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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.

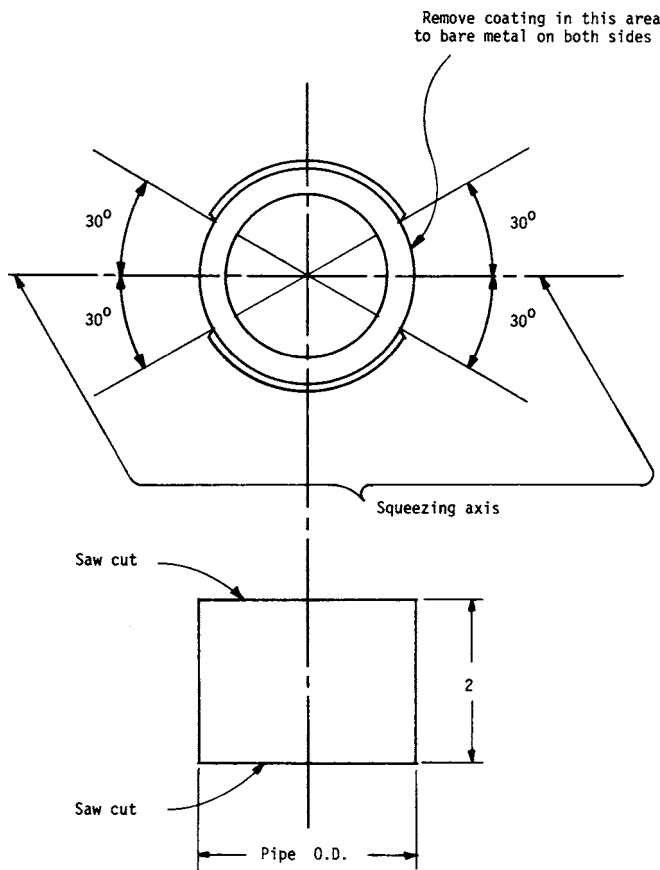


FIG. 1 Specimen

7. Conditioning

7.1 Where compression testing at room temperature is required, the specimen shall be exposed to these conditions for a sufficient time to ensure thermal equilibrium in the pipe and coating. A temperature in the range from 20 to 25°C (68 to 77°F) shall be considered room temperature. A relative humidity of 50 ± 5 % shall be considered standard.

7.2 Tests at other temperatures shall be made in such a manner as to ensure that thermal equilibrium is maintained between the specimen and its conditioning environment.

8. Procedure

8.1 Measure the outside diameter and wall thickness of each specimen using a suitable measuring instrument.

8.2 Measure the applied coating thickness of each specimen in accordance with Test Method G 12.

8.3 Place specimen between the compression surfaces and apply sufficient compressive force to barely hold the sample. The direction of compression shall be as shown in Fig. 1.

8.4 Apply compressive force by movement of the compression surfaces at a constant rate of speed.

8.4.1 The rate of movement of the compression surfaces shall be in accordance with the following guidelines:

Specimen Diameter, mm	Testing Speed, mm/min
50 to 200	2 to 20
200 to 400	20 to 40
400 to 600	40 to 60
>600	60 to 100

The rate of movement of the compression surfaces can be determined by any suitable method such as a dial indicator, micrometer, caliper, and a stopwatch.

8.5 Examine the specimen during compression with the holiday detector (Test Methods G 62) constantly to determine the point of cracking of the coating film. Note the number, size, and type of cracks present. Examine the pipe specimen for any loss of coating bond caused by the bending operation.

NOTE 1—The possibility of some coatings developing stress-induced cracks in the period following the bending operation should not be overlooked. If this is a consideration, the bent specimen should be retained for future inspection.

8.6 If a micrometer is used, measure the distance of compression of the specimen.

8.7 After finding the distance of compression, subtract this figure from the initial pipe diameter and determine the percent bend by calculation as shown in the Annex A1.

9. Report

9.1 The initial test report shall include the following (see Fig. 2):

9.1.1 Complete identification of the coated pipe tested, including: name and type of coating; average coating thickness; minimum coating thickness; maximum coating thickness; manufacturer's lot number; date of manufacture; nominal pipe diameter.

9.1.2 Rate of compression.

9.1.3 Temperature of the pipe specimen as tested.

9.1.4 Percent bend and corresponding distance of compression at which cracking first occurred.

9.1.5 Description of the type of cracking that is visible, or indicated, or both, by the holiday detector.

9.1.6 Extent of any loss in pipe-to-coating bond.

9.1.7 Number of specimens tested.

9.1.8 Any peculiar characteristics of the specimen noted during the test or after immediate removal from the test apparatus.

9.1.9 Post-bend retention time in days.

10. Precision and Bias

10.1 Precision data are limited to adjacent specimens taken from the production-coated pipe assuming that the production process was uniform with respect to pipe surface condition and coating material. Specimens that were not adjacent in the as-produced condition or were taken from different lengths of pipe may represent differing process conditions.

10.2 Repeatability—When the same instrument is used by the same operator, duplicate measurements on the same specimen shall agree within ±8 %.

10.3 Reproducibility—Different operators using different holiday detectors set at the same voltages, inspecting the same specimen shall obtain average results agreeing with each other within ±15 %.

11. Keywords

11.1 bendability; coating; compression; deformation; pipe-line; ring sample; squeeze