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Standard Test Method for Wear and Friction Testing with a Pin-on-Disk or Ball-on-Disk Apparatus[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a laboratory procedure for determining the wear of materials and friction during sliding using a pin-on-disk apparatus. Materials are tested in pairs under nominally non-abrasive conditions. The principal areas of experimental attention in using this type of apparatus to measure wear are described.

1.2 This test method standard uses a specific set of test parameters (load, sliding speed, materials, etc.) that were then used in an interlaboratory study (ILS), the results of which are given here (Tables 1 and 2). (This satisfies the ASTM form in that "The directions for performing the test should include all of the essential details as to apparatus, test specimen, procedure, and calculations needed to achieve satisfactory precision and bias.") Any user should report that they "followed the requirements of ASTM G99," where that is true.

1.3 Now it is often found in practice that users may follow all instructions given here, but choose other test parameters, such as load, speed, materials, environment, etc., and thereby obtain different test results. Such a use of this standard is encouraged as a means to improve wear testing methodology. However, it must be clearly stated in any report that, while the directions and protocol in Test Method G99 were followed (if true), the choices of test parameters were different from Test Method G99 values, and the test results were therefore also different from the Test Method G99 results. This use should be described as having "followed the procedure of ASTM G99." All test parameters that were used in such case must be stated.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 *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.*

1.6 *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]

E178 Practice for Dealing With Outlying Observations

G40 Terminology Relating to Wear and Erosion

G115 Guide for Measuring and Reporting Friction Coefficients

G117 Guide for Calculating and Reporting Measures of Precision Using Data from Interlaboratory Wear or Erosion Tests (Withdrawn 2016)[3]

2.2 *DIN Standard:*[4]

DIN 50324 Testing of Friction and Wear

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this test method, refer to Terminology G40.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 For the pin-on-disk wear test, two specimens are required. One, a pin with a radiused tip, is positioned perpendicular to the other, usually a flat circular disk. A ball, rigidly held to ensure no rotation about any axis, is often used as the pin specimen. The test machine causes either the disk specimen or the pin specimen to revolve about the disk center. In either

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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.

[3] The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

[4] Available from Beuth Verlag GmbH (DIN-- DIN Deutsches Institut fur Normung e.V.), Burggrafenstrasse 6, 10787, Berlin, Germany, http://www.en.din.de.

TABLE 1 Characteristics of the Interlaboratory Wear Test Specimens

NOTE 1—See Note 5 for information.

	Composition (weight%)	Microstructure	Hardness (HV 10)	Roughness[A]	
				R_z (mean) (μm)	R_a (mean) (μm)
Steel ball (100 Cr6) (AISI 52 100)[B] Diameter 10 mm	1.35 to 1.65 Cr ← 0.95 to 1.10 C 0.15 to 0.35 Si 0.25 to 0.45 Mn	martensitic with minor carbides and austenite	838 ± 21	0.100	0.010
Steel disc (100 Cr6) (AISI 52 100)[C] Diameter 40 mm	← <0.030 P <0.030 S	martensitic with minor carbides and austenite	852 ± 14	0.952	0.113
Alumina ball, diameter = 10 mm[D]	← 95 % Al_2O_3 (with additives of TiO_2,	equi-granular alpha alumina with very minor secondary phases	1610 ± 101 (HV 0.2)	1.369	0.123
Alumina disc, diameter = 40.6 mm[D]	← MgO, and ZnO)		1599 ± 144 (HV 0.2)	0.968	0.041

[A] Measured by stylus profilometry. R_z is maximum peak-to-valley roughness. R_a is arithmetic average roughness.
[B] Standard ball-bearing balls (SKF).
[C] Standard spacers for thrust bearings (INA).
[D] Manufactured by Compagnie Industrielle des Ceramiques Electroniques, France.

TABLE 2 Results of the Interlaboratory Tests[A]

NOTE 1—See Footnote A for test conditions.

NOTE 2—Numbers in parentheses refer to all data received in the tests. In accordance with Practice E178, outlier data values were identified in some cases and discarded, resulting in the numbers without parentheses. The differences are seen to be small.

NOTE 3—Values preceded by ± are one standard deviation.

NOTE 4—Data were provided by 28 laboratories.

NOTE 5—Calculated quantities (for example, wear volume) are given as mean values only.

NOTE 6—Values labeled "NM" were found to be smaller than the reproducible limit of measurement.

NOTE 7—A similar compilation of test data is given in DIN 50324.

Results (ball) (disk)	Specimen Pairs			
	Steel-steel	Alumina-steel	Steel-alumina	Alumina-alumina
Ball wear scar diameter (mm)	2.11 ± 0.27 (2.11 ± 0.27)	NM	2.08 ± 0.35 (2.03 ± 0.41)	0.3± 0.06 (0.3 ± 0.06)
Ball wear volume (10^{-3} mm^3)	198 (198)	...	186 (169)	0.08 (0.08)
Number of values	102 (102)	...	60 (64)	56 (59)
Disk wear scar width (mm)	NM	0.64 ± 0.12 (0.64 ± 0.12)	NM	NM
Disk wear volume (10^{-3} mm^3)	...	480 (480)	...	...
Number of values	...	60 (60)	...	...
Friction coefficient	0.60 ± 0.11	0.76 ± 0.14	0.60 ± 0.12	0.41 ± 0.08
Number of values	109	75	64	76

[A] Test conditions: $F = 10$ N; $v = 0.1$ ms^{-1}, $T = 23°C$; relative humidity range 12 to 78 %; laboratory air; sliding distance 1000 m; wear track (nominal) diameter = 32 mm; materials: steel = AISI 52 100; and alumina = α-Al_2O_3.

case, the sliding path is a circle on the disk surface. The plane of the disk may be oriented either horizontally or vertically.

NOTE 1—Wear results may differ for different orientations.

4.1.1 The pin specimen is pressed against the disk at a specified load usually by means of an arm or lever and attached weights. Other loading methods have been used, such as hydraulic or pneumatic.

NOTE 2—Wear results may differ for different loading methods.

4.2 Wear results are reported as volume loss in cubic millimetres for the pin and the disk separately. When two different materials are tested, it is recommended that each material be tested in both the pin and disk positions.

4.3 The amount of wear is determined by measuring appropriate linear dimensions of both specimens before and after the test, or by weighing both specimens before and after the test. If linear measures of wear are used, the length change or shape change of the pin, and the depth or shape change of the disk wear track (in millimetres) are determined by any suitable metrological technique, such as contact profilometry. Linear measures of wear are converted to wear volume (in cubic millimetres) by using appropriate geometric relations. Linear