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Standard Test Methods for Security of Swinging Door Assemblies¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover door assemblies of various materials and types of construction for use in wall openings to deter unwanted intruders.

1.2 Door assemblies, covered by these test methods, also include individual components such as the hinge, lock, door, strike, and jamb.

1.3 These test methods are designed to measure the capability of a swinging door assembly to restrain or delay and frustrate the commission of “break-in” crimes.

1.4 These test methods apply primarily to typical entry door assemblies.

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses after SI units are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.6 *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.*

1.7 *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

F471 [Terminology Relating to Combination Locks](#) (Withdrawn 2011)³

¹ These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F12 on Security Systems and Equipment and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F12.50 on Locking Devices.

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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.

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *bolt, n*—any movable projection that blocks the movement of one object relative to another.

3.1.2 *bolt projection (or bolt throw), n*—distance from the edge of the door, at the bolt center line, to the farthest point on the bolt in the projected position, when subjected to end pressure.

3.1.3 *component, n*—as distinguished from a part, a subassembly that combines with other components to make up a total door assembly.

3.1.3.1 *Discussion*—The prime components of a door assembly include: door, lock, hinges, jamb, strike, and wall.

3.1.4 *cylinder, n*—complete operating unit that usually consists of the plug shell, tumblers, springs, plug retainer, a cam/tailpiece or other actuating device, and all other necessary operating parts.

3.1.5 *cylinder core (or cylinder plug), n*—central part of a cylinder, containing the keyway, that is rotated by the key to operate the lock mechanism.

3.1.6 *deadbolt, n*—bolt, which requires a deliberate action to extend, and resists end pressure in the unlocking direction when fully extended.

3.1.7 *dead latch (or dead locking latch bolt), n*—latchbolt with a deadlocking mechanism.

3.1.8 *door assembly, n*—any combination of a door, frame, hardware, and other accessories that is placed in an opening in a wall that is intended primarily for access or for human entrance or exit.

3.1.9 *jamb, n*—vertical members of a door frame (such as, those fixed members to which the door is secured).

3.1.10 *key-in-knob lockset, n*—any lockset with a key operated cylinder in one or more knobs.

3.1.11 *key-in-lever lockset, n*—any lockset with a key operated cylinder in one or more level handles.

3.1.12 *latch:*

3.1.12.1 *n*—mechanical or magnetic door fastener that can automatically keep a door, gate, and so forth, closed.

3.1.12.2 *v*—engagement of a latch when a door, gate, and so forth, is pushed or pulled closed.

3.1.13 *latch bolt*, *n*—spring-actuated bolt, normally with one or more beveled surfaces, that, when aligned with the strike, engages it automatically.

3.1.14 *lock*, *n*—any device that prevents access or use by requiring special knowledge or equipment.

3.1.15 *lock front*, *n*—outer plate through which the locking bolt projects and which is usually flush with the edge of the door.

3.1.16 *part*, *n*—as distinguished from component, a unit (or subassembly) that combines with other units to make up a component.

3.1.17 *strike*, *n*—bolt receptacle typically mounted in the door jamb or the floor.

3.1.18 *swinging door*, *n*—stile (side)-hinged door.

3.1.19 *Type A lock*, *n*—lock that uses a single bolt or separate latch and lock bolts that are mechanically interconnected.

4. Apparatus

4.1 Test equipment suitable for use in evaluating the physical security of door assemblies and components is described in this section. While certain commercial instruments are identified to adequately describe the test equipment, in no case does such identification imply recommendation or endorsement, nor does it imply that the material or equipment described is necessarily the best for the purpose.

4.2 *Door Ram*—The door ram is a pendulum system with a cylindrical weight capable of delivering horizontal impacts of 200 J (148 ft-lbf). Fig. 1 is a photograph of such a system. A sketch of the ram is shown in Fig. 2. It is a steel cylinder 152.4 mm (6 in.) in diameter, 393.7 mm (15.5 in.) long, with a hemispherical impact nose. It weighs 45 kg (99.2 lb). The impact nose used in this equipment is made from any durable impact-resistant material; examples are acetal, cast epoxypolyamide, or similar. The suspension system for the door ram consists of four flexible steel cables providing a swing radius of 1.71 m (5.61 ft), as shown in Fig. 3. These cables are adjusted to equal length with turnbuckles such that the ram swings in a straight, true arc and are attached to a steel frame that can be adjusted to be level. Fig. 1 also includes a diagram of the pendulum system when elevated and at rest, and the measurements required to calculate the impact energy of the system. Table 1 presents the potential energy of a pendulum system with a 45-kg (99.2-lb) weight as a function of various elevations of the weight.

4.2.1 Calibrated elevation stands, as shown in Fig. 1, or laser distance measurement devices are convenient means of quickly and reproducibly establishing the proper ram elevation for each required impact.

4.3 *Component Ram*—The component ram is a pendulum system capable of delivering impacts of 100 J (74 ft-lbf). A sketch of the pendulum system is shown in Fig. 4. The pendulum weight has a diameter of 56 mm (2 3/16 in.), a length of 838 mm (33 in.), and weighs 16 kg (35.3 lb). The impact nose is made from a 6-mm (1/4-in.) carriage bolt with the square shank removed. The vacuum release mechanism also shown in

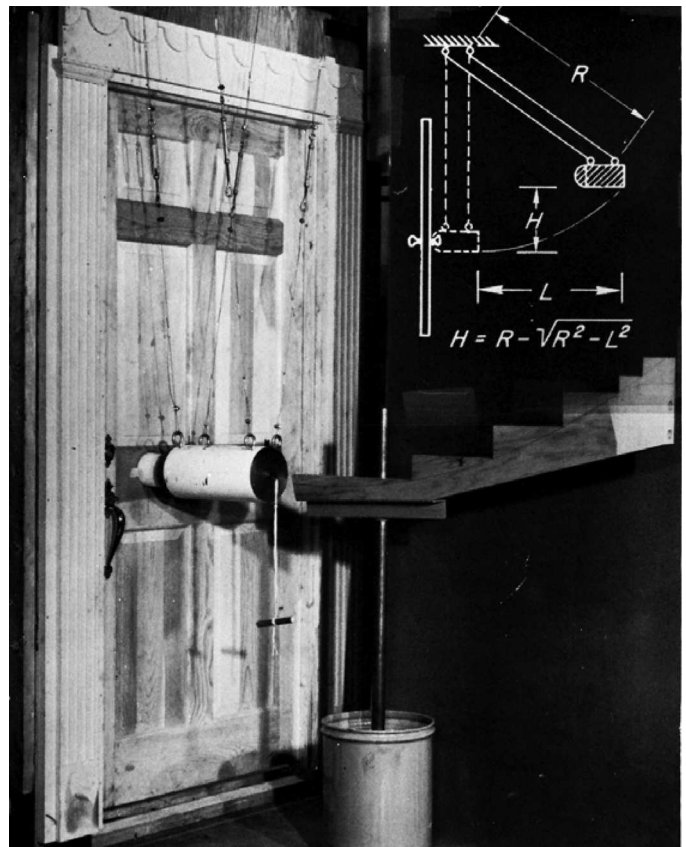


FIG. 1 Door Ram Pendulum System

Fig. 4 is a convenient means of holding the component ram in the elevated position and releasing it to deliver the required impact.

4.3.1 The height of drop of the pendulum for an impact of 100 J (74 ft-lbf) is 637 mm (2.09 ft).

4.3.2 The vertical pendulum system shall use a steel weight and be capable of delivering vertical (downward) impacts of up to 100 J (74 ft-lbf) to a door knob installed in a door assembly.

4.4 *Vertical Impactor*—The vertical impactor is a rigid pendulum system capable of delivering downward impacts of 100 J (74 ft-lbf). Fig. 5 shows a photograph of the system. The construction of the pendulum is shown in Fig. 6, and the construction of the pivot assembly is shown in Fig. 7.

4.4.1 The effective weight of the flat-nosed steel weight is 10 kg (22 lb). An impact of 100 J (74 ft-lbf) is provided by a drop height of 1.02 m (3.35 ft).

4.4.2 *Torque Applicator*—The portable torque applicator shall be capable of delivering and measuring up to 160 N·m (118 lbf-ft) of torque to both door knobs and lock cylinders. The torque loading adapters shall be designed to grip the knobs and cylinders.

4.4.3 *Tension-Loading Device*—The tension-loading device shall be capable of delivering and measuring tensile forces of up to 18 kN (4000 lbf).

4.4.4 *Compression-Loading Device*—The compression-loading device shall be capable of delivering and measuring compressive forces of up to 900 N (200 lbf).