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Standard Test Method for Measuring Abrasion Using the Dry Sand/Rubber Wheel Apparatus¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers laboratory procedures for determining the resistance of metallic materials to scratching abrasion by means of the dry sand/rubber wheel test. It is the intent of this test method to produce data that will reproducibly rank materials in their resistance to scratching abrasion under a specified set of conditions.

1.2 Abrasion test results are reported as volume loss in cubic millimetres for the particular test procedure specified. Materials of higher abrasion resistance will have a lower volume loss.

NOTE 1—In order to attain uniformity among laboratories, it is the intent of this test method to require that volume loss due to abrasion be reported only in the metric system as cubic millimetres. $1 \text{ mm}^3 = 6.102 \times 10^{-5} \text{ in.}^3$.

1.3 This test method covers five recommended procedures which are appropriate for specific degrees of wear resistance or thicknesses of the test material.

1.3.1 *Procedure A*—This is a relatively severe test which will rank metallic materials on a wide volume loss scale from low to extreme abrasion resistance. It is particularly useful in ranking materials of medium to extreme abrasion resistance.

1.3.2 *Procedure B*—A short-term variation of Procedure A. It may be used for highly abrasive resistant materials but is particularly useful in the ranking of medium- and low-abrasive-resistant materials. Procedure B should be used when the volume-loss values developed by Procedure A exceeds 100 mm³.

1.3.3 *Procedure C*—A short-term variation of Procedure A for use on thin coatings.

1.3.4 *Procedure D*—This is a lighter load variation of Procedure A which is particularly useful in ranking materials of low-abrasion resistance. It is also used in ranking materials of a specific generic type or materials which would be very close in the volume loss rates as developed by Procedure A.

1.3.5 *Procedure E*—A short-term variation of Procedure B that is useful in the ranking of materials with medium- or low-abrasion resistance.

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

D2000 Classification System for Rubber Products in Automotive Applications

D2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness

E11 Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves

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

E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method

G40 Terminology Relating to Wear and Erosion

G105 Test Method for Conducting Wet Sand/Rubber Wheel Abrasion Tests

2.2 American Foundry Society Standard:

AFS Foundry Sand Handbook, 7th Edition³

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee G02 on Wear and Erosion and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee G02.30 on Abrasive Wear.

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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 Available from American Foundry Society, 1695 North Penny Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60173, <https://www.afsinc.org>.

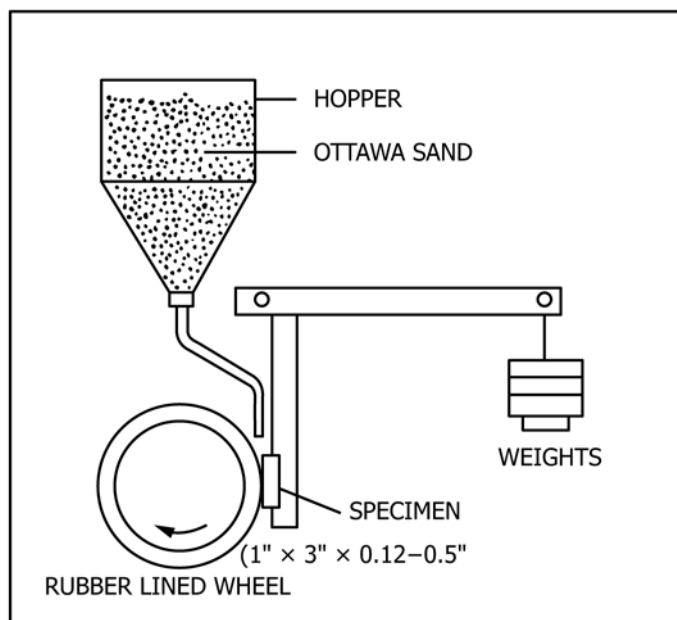


FIG. 1 Schematic Diagram of Test Apparatus

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *abrasive wear*—wear due to hard particles or hard protuberances forced against and moving along a solid surface (Terminology G40).

NOTE 2—This definition covers several different wear modes or mechanisms that fall under the abrasive wear category. These modes may degrade a surface by scratching, cutting, deformation, or gouging (1 and 2).⁴

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The dry sand/rubber wheel abrasion test (Fig. 1) involves the abrading of a standard test specimen with a grit of controlled size and composition. The abrasive is introduced between the test specimen and a rotating wheel with a chlorobutyl or neoprene rubber rim of a specified hardness. This test specimen is pressed against the rotating wheel at a specified force by means of a lever arm while a controlled flow of grit abrades the test surface. The rotation of the wheel is such that its contact face moves in the direction of the sand flow. Note that the pivot axis of the lever arm lies within a plane that is approximately tangent to the rubber wheel surface, and normal to the horizontal diameter along which the load is applied. The test duration and force applied by the lever arm is varied as noted in Procedure A through E. Specimens are weighed before and after the test and the loss in mass recorded. It is necessary to convert the mass loss to volume loss in cubic millimetres, due to the wide differences in the density of materials. Abrasion is reported as volume loss in accordance with specified procedure.

⁴ The boldface numbers in parentheses refer to a list of references at the end of this standard.

5. Significance and Use (1-7)

5.1 The severity of abrasive wear in any system will depend upon the abrasive particle size, shape, and hardness, the magnitude of the stress imposed by the particle, and the frequency of contact of the abrasive particle. In this practice these conditions are standardized to develop a uniform condition of wear which has been referred to as scratching abrasion (1 and 3). The value of the practice lies in predicting the relative ranking of various materials of construction in an abrasive environment. Since the practice does not attempt to duplicate all of the process conditions (abrasive size, shape, pressure, impact, or corrosive elements), it should not be used to predict the exact resistance of a given material in a specific environment. Its value lies in predicting the ranking of materials in a similar relative order of merit as would occur in an abrasive environment. Volume loss data obtained from test materials whose lives are unknown in a specific abrasive environment may, however, be compared with test data obtained from a material whose life is known in the same environment. The comparison will provide a general indication of the worth of the unknown materials if abrasion is the predominant factor causing deterioration of the materials.

6. Apparatus and Material⁵

6.1 Fig. 2 shows a typical design and Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 are photographs of the test apparatus which may be constructed from readily available materials. Also, see Ref (3). Several elements are of critical importance to ensure uniformity in test results among laboratories. These are the type of rubber used on the wheel, the type of abrasive and the shape, positioning and the size opening of the sand nozzle, and a suitable lever arm system to apply the required force.

6.2 *Rubber Wheel*—The wheel shown in Fig. 5 shall consist of a steel disk with an outer layer of chlorobutyl or neoprene rubber molded to its periphery. Uncured rubber shall be bonded to the rim and fully cured in a steel mold. The optimum hardness of the cured rubber is Durometer A-60. A range from A58 to 62 is acceptable. At least four hardness readings shall be taken on the rubber approximately 90° apart around the periphery of the wheel using a Shore A Durometer tester in accordance with Test Method D2240. The gage readings shall be taken after a dwell time of 5 s. The recommended composition of the rubber and a qualified molding source is noted in Table 1 and Table 2. (See 9.9 for preparation and care of the rubber wheel before and after use and see Fig. 2 and Fig. 5.)

6.3 *Abrasive*—The type of abrasive shall be a rounded quartz grain sand as typified by AFS 50/70 Test Sand (Fig. 6).⁶ The moisture content shall not exceed 0.5 weight %. Sand that has been subjected to dampness or to continued high relative humidity may take on moisture, which will affect test results. Moisture content may be determined by measuring the weight

⁵ Original users of this test method fabricated their own apparatus. Machines are available commercially from several manufacturers of abrasion testing equipment.

⁶ Available from U.S. Silica, 701 Boyce Memorial Dr., Ottawa, IL 61350. Sand from other sources was not used in the development of this test method and may give different results.