



Standard Test Method for Climbing Drum Peel for Adhesives¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the peel resistance of adhesive bonds between: a relatively flexible adherend and a rigid adherend; and the relatively flexible facing of a sandwich structure and its core, when tested under specified conditions.

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

B209 Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate

D907 Terminology of Adhesives

E4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines

2.2 ASTM Adjuncts:

Climbing Drum Peel Tester³

3. Terminology

3.1 **Definitions**—Many of the terms used in this test method are defined in Terminology **D907**.

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee **D14** on Adhesives and is under the jurisdiction of Subcommittee **D14.80** on Metal Bonding Adhesives.

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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 Detailed working drawings for the apparatus illustrated are available from ASTM International Headquarters. Order Adjunct No. **ADJD1781**. Original adjunct produced in 1960.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 Determine the peeling force of a conditioned adhesive bonded sandwich assembly by peeling a face skin around a circular drum. This is done by clamping the assembly in a universal test machine. The average peeling load is determined using a standard formula.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method may be used to determine comparative rather than fundamental measurements of adhesion and is particularly suitable for process control, some examples of which are listed.

5.1.1 This test method is particularly sensitive to adherend surface preparation and is of value where the adhesive is used in conjunction with a primer.

5.1.2 When a relatively brittle adhesive is used, the peel resistance can often give an indication of the degree of cure, that is, higher values than normally realized may indicate an incomplete cure. Direct comparison of different adhesives or processes can only be made when specimen design and test conditions are identical.

6. Apparatus

6.1 **Peeling Apparatus**, consisting of a flanged drum, flexible loading straps or cables, and suitable clamps for holding the test specimen. The apparatus illustrated in **Fig. 1** has been found to be satisfactory.

6.1.1 The outside radius of the drum is 51.00 ± 0.13 mm (2.000 ± 0.005 in.), and the radius of the flange, including one half of the thickness of the loading straps or cables, is 12.70 ± 0.13 mm (0.500 ± 0.005 in.) larger than the radius of the drum. This 12.70 ± 0.13 mm (0.500 ± 0.005 in.) less half the thickness of the adherend to be peeled, is the effective torque arm of the apparatus.

6.1.2 Use a suitable top clamp (**Fig. 2**) for supporting the specimen, and a drum clamp (**Fig. 3**) to hold the adherend against the face of the drum.

6.1.3 Balance the drum about the axis by the use of counterweights (as shown in **Fig. 1**) placed diametrically opposite the drum clamp to compensate for the weight of this clamp.