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Standard Test Method for Facing Properties of Sandwich Constructions by Long Beam Flexure¹

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^{ε1} NOTE—Equation 4 was corrected editorially in April 2017.

1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers determination of facing properties of flat sandwich constructions subjected to flexure in such a manner that the applied moments produce curvature of the sandwich facing planes and result in compressive and tensile forces in the facings. Permissible core material forms include those with continuous bonding surfaces (such as balsa wood and foams) as well as those with discontinuous bonding surfaces (such as honeycomb).

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.2.1 Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in brackets.

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.*

NOTE 1—Alternate procedures for determining the compressive strength of unidirectional polymer matrix composites materials in a sandwich beam configuration may be found in Test Method [D5467/D5467M](#).

1.4 *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.*

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D30](#) on Composite Materials and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [D30.09](#) on Sandwich Construction.

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

- [C393 Test Method for Flexural Properties of Sandwich Constructions](#)
- [D3878 Terminology for Composite Materials](#)
- [D5229/D5229M Test Method for Moisture Absorption Properties and Equilibrium Conditioning of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials](#)
- [D5467/D5467M Test Method for Compressive Properties of Unidirectional Polymer Matrix Composite Materials Using a Sandwich Beam](#)
- [D7250/D7250M Practice for Determining Sandwich Beam Flexural and Shear Stiffness](#)
- [E6 Terminology Relating to Methods of Mechanical Testing](#)
- [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](#)
- [E251 Test Methods for Performance Characteristics of Metallic Bonded Resistance Strain Gages](#)
- [E456 Terminology Relating to Quality and Statistics](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terminology [D3878](#) defines terms relating to high-modulus fibers and their composites. Terminology [E6](#) defines terms relating to mechanical testing. Terminology [E456](#) and Practice [E177](#) define terms relating to statistics. In the event of a conflict between terms, Terminology [D3878](#) shall have precedence over the other terminologies.

3.2 *Symbols*:

- b = specimen width
- c = core thickness
- CV = coefficient of variation statistic of a sample population for a given property (in percent)

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.