



Standard Test Method for Short-Beam Strength of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials and Their Laminates¹

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^{ε1} NOTE—The title has been editorially corrected in November 2000.

1. Scope

1.1 This test method determines the short-beam strength of high-modulus fiber-reinforced composite materials. The specimen is a short beam machined from a curved or a flat laminate up to 6.00 mm [0.25 in.] thick. The beam is loaded in three-point bending.

1.2 Application of this test method is limited to continuous- or discontinuous-fiber-reinforced polymer matrix composites, for which the elastic properties are balanced and symmetric with respect to the longitudinal axis of the beam.

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.*

1.4 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 must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement²
- D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics²
- D 2584 Test Method for Ignition Loss of Cured Reinforced Resins³
- D 2734 Test Method for Void Content of Reinforced Plastics³
- D 3171 Test Method for Fiber Content of Resin-Matrix Composites by Matrix Digestion⁴
- D 3878 Terminology for High-Modulus Reinforcing Fibers and Their Composites⁴

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.02.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.03.

D 5229/D 5229M Test Method for Moisture Absorption Properties and Equilibrium Conditioning of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials⁴

D 5687/D 5687M Guide for Preparation of Flat Composite Panels with Processing Guidelines for Specimen Preparation⁴

E 4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines⁵

E 6 Terminology Relating to Methods of Mechanical Testing⁵

E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials⁵

E 122 Practice for Choice of Sample Size to Estimate a Measure of Quality for a Lot or Process⁶

E 177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods⁶

E 456 Terminology Relating to Quality and Statistics⁶

E 1309 Guide for Identification of Composite Materials in Computerized Material Property Databases⁴

E 1434 Guide for Development of Standard Data Records for Computerization of Mechanical Test Data for High-Modulus Fiber-Reinforced Composite Materials⁴

E 1471 Guide for Identification of Fibers, Fillers, and Core Materials in Computerized Material Property Databases⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terminology D 3878 defines the terms relating to high-modulus fibers and their composites. Terminology D 883 defines terms relating to plastics. Terminology E 6 defines terms relating to mechanical testing. Terminology E 456 and Practice E 177 define terms relating to statistics. In the event of a conflict between definitions, Terminology D 3878 shall have precedence over the other documents.

NOTE 1—If the term represents a physical quantity, its analytical dimensions are stated immediately following the term (or letter symbol) in fundamental dimension form, using the following ASTM standard symbology for fundamental dimensions, shown within square brackets: [M] for mass, [L] for length, [T] for time, [Θ] for thermodynamic temperature, and [nd] for nondimensional quantities. Use of these symbols is restricted to analytical dimensions when used with square brackets, as the symbols may have other definitions when used without the brackets.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.