



Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method determines the in-plane tensile properties of polymer matrix composite materials reinforced by high-modulus fibers. The composite material forms are limited to continuous fiber or discontinuous fiber-reinforced composites in which the laminate is balanced and symmetric with respect to the test direction.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not 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.

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:

- 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 Methods for Constituent Content of Composites Materials⁴
- D 3878 Terminology for Composite Materials⁴
- D 5229/D 5229M Test Method for Moisture Absorption

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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.

Properties and Equilibrium Conditioning of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials⁴

E 4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines⁵

E 6 Terminology Relating to Methods of Mechanical Testing⁵

E 83 Practice for Verification and Classification of Extensometers⁵

E 111 Test Method for Young's Modulus, Tangent Modulus, and Chord Modulus⁵

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

E 132 Test Method for Poisson's Ratio at Room Temperature⁵

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

E 251 Test Methods for Performance Characteristics of Metallic Bonded Resistance Strain Gages⁵

E 456 Terminology Relating to Quality and Statistics⁶

E 691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method⁶

E 1012 Practice for Verification of Specimen Alignment Under Tensile Loading⁵

E 1237 Guide for Installing Bonded Resistance Strain Gages⁵

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terminology D 3878 defines 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 terms, Terminology D 3878 shall have precedence over the other standards.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

NOTE—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

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 03.01.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.