



Standard Test Methods for Notched Bar Impact Testing of Metallic Materials¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These test methods describe notched-bar impact testing of metallic materials by the Charpy (simple-beam) test and the Izod (cantilever-beam) test. They give the requirements for: test specimens, test procedures, test reports, test machines (see Annex A1) verifying Charpy impact machines (see Annex A2), optional test specimen configurations (see Annex A3), pre-cracking Charpy V-notch specimens (see Annex A4), designation of test specimen orientation (see Annex A5), and determining the percent of shear fracture on the surface of broken impact specimens (see Annex A6). In addition, information is provided on the significance of notched-bar impact testing (see Appendix X1), methods of measuring the center of strike (see Appendix X2), and the availability of Charpy V-notch verification specimens (see Appendix X3).

1.2 These test methods do not address the problems associated with impact testing at temperatures below –196 °C (–320 °F, 77 K).

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. Inch-pound units are provided for information only.

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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* Specific precautionary statements are given in Section 5.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

E 177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods²

E 399 Test Method for Plane-Strain Fracture Toughness of Metallic Materials³

E 604 Test Method for Dynamic Tear Energy of Metallic Materials³

E 691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method²

E 1271 Practice for Qualifying Charpy Verification Specimens of Heat-treated Steel³

E 1313 Guide for Recommended Formats for Data Records Used in Computerization of Mechanical Test Data for Metals⁴

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The essential features of an impact test are: a suitable specimen (specimens of several different types are recognized), a set of anvils, and specimen supports on which the test specimen is placed to receive the blow of the moving mass, a moving mass that has sufficient energy to break the specimen placed in its path, and a device for measuring the energy absorbed by the broken specimen.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 These test methods of impact testing relate specifically to the behavior of metal when subjected to a single application of a force resulting in multi-axial stresses associated with a notch, coupled with high rates of loading and in some cases with high or low temperatures. For some materials and temperatures the results of impact tests on notched specimens, when correlated with service experience, have been found to predict the likelihood of brittle fracture accurately. Further information on significance appears in Appendix X1.

5. Precautions in Operation of Machine

5.1 Safety precautions should be taken to protect personnel from the swinging pendulum, flying broken specimens, and hazards associated with specimen warming and cooling media.

6. Apparatus

6.1 General Requirements:

6.1.1 The testing machine shall be a pendulum type of rigid construction.

6.1.2 The testing machine shall be designed and built to conform with the requirements given in Annex A1.

6.2 Inspection and Verification

¹ These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee E28 on Mechanical Testing and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee E28.07 on Impact Testing.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol. 14.02.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol. 03.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol. 14.01.

