



Standard Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 These test methods cover the tension testing of metallic materials in any form at room temperature, specifically, the methods of determination of yield strength, yield point elongation, tensile strength, elongation, and reduction of area.

1.2 The gauge lengths for most round specimens are required to be 4D for E8 and 5D for E8M. The gauge length is the most significant difference between E8 and E8M test specimens. Test specimens made from powder metallurgy (P/M) materials are exempt from this requirement by industry-wide agreement to keep the pressing of the material to a specific projected area and density.

1.3 Exceptions to the provisions of these test methods may need to be made in individual specifications or test methods for a particular material. For examples, see Test Methods and Definitions [A370](#) and Test Methods [B557](#), and [B557M](#).

1.4 Room temperature shall be considered to be 10 to 38°C [50 to 100°F] unless otherwise specified.

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as separate from inch/pound units. 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 non-conformance with the standard.

1.6 *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 These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [E28](#) on Mechanical Testing and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [E28.04](#) on Uniaxial Testing.

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

- [A356/A356M](#) Specification for Steel Castings, Carbon, Low Alloy, and Stainless Steel, Heavy-Walled for Steam Turbines
- [A370](#) Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
- [B557](#) Test Methods for Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products
- [B557M](#) Test Methods for Tension Testing Wrought and Cast Aluminum- and Magnesium-Alloy Products (Metric)
- [E4](#) Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines
- [E6](#) Terminology Relating to Methods of Mechanical Testing
- [E29](#) Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
- [E83](#) Practice for Verification and Classification of Extensometer Systems
- [E345](#) Test Methods of Tension Testing of Metallic Foil
- [E691](#) Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method
- [E1012](#) Practice for Verification of Testing Frame and Specimen Alignment Under Tensile and Compressive Axial Force Application
- [D1566](#) Terminology Relating to Rubber
- [E1856](#) Guide for Evaluating Computerized Data Acquisition Systems Used to Acquire Data from Universal Testing Machines
- [E2658](#) Practices for Verification of Speed for Material Testing Machines

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Common to Mechanical Testing—*

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.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard