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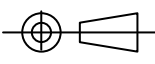
This standard sets forth standard test procedures for testing all types of structural fasteners in tension at elevated temperatures.

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1. SCOPE

1.1 Applicability. This test method outlines a procedure for testing all types of structural fasteners in tension at elevated temperatures. This procedure is intended to define the test required to determine the tensile strength of the fastener itself, not the strength of the fastener in any sheet combination.

1.2 For purposes of this test method, elevated temperatures are defined as being in the following classes:

Class	Temperature Range
I	250 °F thru 700 °F
II	701 °F thru 1,200 °F
III	1,201 °F thru 1,800 °F

2. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The issues of the documents which are indicated as DOD adopted shall be the issue in the current DoDISS and the supplement thereto, if applicable.

ASME

ASME B46.1 Surface Texture (Surface Roughness, Waviness, and Lay)

Copies can be obtained from ASME, Three Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990. www.asme.org

ASTM International

ASTM E4 Load Verification of Testing Machines
ASTM E83 Tentative Method of Verification and Classification of Extensometers
ASTM (Proposed) Preparation of Thermocouple Measuring Junctions

Copies can be obtained from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, PO Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959. www.astm.org

NCSL International

NCSL Z540.3 Requirements for the Calibration of Measuring and Test Equipment

Copies can be obtained from NCSL International, 2995 Wilderness Place, Suite 107, Boulder, CO 80301. www.ncsli.org

3. DEFINITIONS

Not applicable.

4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Test apparatus

4.1.1 Testing machine. The testing machine shall be capable of applying a tensile load at a controlled rate. The calibration system for the machine shall conform to the requirements of NCSL Z540.3. Its accuracy shall be verified every 6 months by a method complying with ASTM E4, using a calibration device calibrated by the National Bureau of Standards not more than 2 years before its use. The yield loads and structural failure loads of the fasteners tested (5.1.4 and 5.1.5) shall be within the loading range of the testing machine as defined in ASTM E4.

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- 4.1.2 Extension measuring device. The extension measuring device shall be an averaging differential transformer extensometer or equivalent preferably of the separable type. It shall conform to the requirements of Class B-2 in ASTM E83 when used in conjunction with an autographic recorder. The extensometer shall be capable of installation so as to measure the extension of only the fastener. Load and extension ranges shall be used which give the initial portion of the load-extension curve a slope between 45 and 60 degrees.
- 4.1.3 Test fixtures. Fixtures shall be designed and fabricated to withstand the test loads without permanent deformation at the test temperature. Fixtures shall conform to all of the following provisions:
- a. Hole size for installation formed fasteners shall be as specified in Figure 7. Where fastener type is not specified, the hole size shall be the maximum shank diameter of the fastener to be tested plus .001 inches (.00254 cm) with a +.004/-.000 inch (+.010/-.000 cm) tolerance. Alternatively, the hole shall conform to the diameter and limits specified by the fastener manufacturer.
 - b. The hole shall be perpendicular to the fixture surfaces within 1 degree. When countersinking is required, the countersink shall be concentric with the hole within .002 FIM, and the depth shall be such that the installed fastener is not above flush.
 - c. Where applicable, the hole shall be chamfered, or radiused to provide clearance for the head-to-shank fillet of the fastener.
 - d. The fixture shall be capable of applying an axial tensile load through the centerline of the fastener by means of suitable supporting fixtures.
- 4.1.3.1 Fixture construction. The recommended test fixture is the cup or insert type as defined and described in Figures 1 through 6. Hole sizes shall comply with Figure 7 if fastener is specified therein or 4.1.3a if fastener type is not covered in Figure 7. In any case the hole in the fixture shall not reduce the bearing area by more than 10 percent. The bearing area shall be considered as the area between minimum bearing face outer diameter and the maximum diameter at the point of tangency of the head-to-shank fillet. The fixture design shall provide clearance for the head-to-shank fillet.
- 4.1.3.2 Tension plate fixture. The tension plate type fixture may be used for short grip length fasteners. The fixture configuration shall be as shown on Figures 7 and 8 or Figures 9 and 10. The upper and lower plates shall be parallel within .25 degrees.
- 4.1.3.3 Angularity. When tests evaluate the effect of angularity under the head or nut (collar) end of the fastener, the angularity shall be applied by the use of tapered spacers of the required angularity. The spacers shall be made of material as strong as, or stronger than, the test fixture at the test temperature. The outside diameter of the spacer shall be greater than the head size of the fastener. Unless otherwise specified, the hole diameter shall be the maximum diameter of shank or thread, whichever is greater, plus .005 inches (.0127 cm) with a +.003/-.000 inch (+.0076/-.000 cm) tolerance. The grip of the angle washer being used shall be measured at the centerline of the hole as shown in Figure 13.

CAUTION: Hole size shall take into consideration temperature expansion to prevent shearing of the fastener.

- 4.1.4 Furnace. The furnace construction is optional as long as requirements of this test method are met.
- 4.1.5 Controls. Controls and thermocouples used to indicate and control the temperature within the furnace shall be capable of determining, indicating and controlling the temperature within ± 4 °F for Class I and within ± 5 °F for Classes II and III. Thermocouples are to be installed on the test specimen so as to indicate the temperature of the specimen and to exclude indications of the radiant heat from the furnace walls. Thermocouples shall meet ASTM (Proposed), Preparation of Thermocouple Measuring Junctions.

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- 4.1.5.1 Thermocouples. Elevated test temperature must be sensed by thermocouples made from selected and calibrated wire certified by the producer. Wire gage is dictated by the temperature range and service life. However, the smallest diameter possible should be used in order to obtain reliable measurement in each range.
- 4.1.5.2 Thermocouple attachment and location. Thermocouples should be mechanically attached at the top, bottom, and center of the fastener except for relatively short fasteners where the center thermocouple may not be considered necessary or not possible to attach in order to maintain a constant record of temperature level and gradient throughout the testing period.
- 4.1.5.3 Gradient. The temperature gradient of specimens under test shall not exceed 10 °F. Long specimens for which this gradient cannot be maintained may deviate from the 10 °F gradient requirement. However, this deviation must be so noted prior to testing and in test reports.
- 4.2 Test specimens
- 4.2.1 General. When specific bolt-nut combinations, pin and collar fasteners, or internally threaded fasteners supplied complete in one assembly are being evaluated, the tests shall be performed on the entire fastener assembly. Tests resulting in failure of any component of the assembly shall be considered a test of the fastener.
- 4.2.2 Externally threaded fasteners. The nut used for testing an externally threaded fastener shall be of sufficient strength to ensure externally threaded fastener failure. The nut portion can be an integral part of the test fixture. Tests resulting in nut failure shall not be considered a valid test of the bolt.
- 4.2.3 Internally threaded fasteners. The bolt used for testing an internally threaded fastener shall be of sufficient strength to ensure internally threaded fastener failure. The bolt portion can be an integral part of the test fixture. Tests resulting in bolt failure shall not be considered a valid test of the nut.
- 4.2.4 Grip length
- 4.2.4.1 Fasteners having a specific grip range (such as lockbolts, hi-shear pins, blind rivets, and blind bolts) shall be tested in such grip conditions as required by applicable specifications or procurement documents.
- 4.2.4.2 Threaded fasteners having no specified grip range shall be tested at the grip length where two to three bolt threads (complete and incomplete) extend below the bearing face of the nut. The incomplete threads should extend beyond the top of the nut.
- 4.2.4.3 The grip length of the test fixture for fasteners which are installed with installation preload shall be adjusted with washers or shims located between the test fixtures, not under nuts, collars, or heads.
- 4.2.5 Washer or spacers. The use of washers under fastener heads, nuts, or collars is prohibited unless the use of such washers is required in the production application.
- 4.2.6 Preload. Unless otherwise specified, fasteners that normally exert tension preload shall have that preload released prior to testing. Preload may be released by the melting of a Cerrowal spacer or equivalent.

5. DETAIL REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Test procedures

5.1.1 Test setup

- 5.1.1.1 Assembly. The specimen shall be installed in the holding fixture at the proper grip using normal installation procedures. Preload shall not be used except on those fasteners where preload is necessary to maintain structural integrity of fastener. The assembly of specimen and fixtures shall be placed between the machine tension heads.

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- 5.1.1.2 Tension plate fixture. The specimens shall be installed in the fixture at the proper grip using normal installation procedures. Preload shall not be used except for those fasteners where preload is necessary to maintain structural integrity of fastener. The assembly of specimen and plates shall be installed in a suitable testing as shown on Figures 8 and 10 and placed between the compression heads of the testing machine. Care shall be exercised to locate the jig at the center of the piston when hydraulic testing machines are used.
- 5.1.2 Loading rate. Tension load shall be applied to the fastener slowly and evenly. Unless otherwise specified by the fastener manufacturer or by applicable detail specification or procurement document, the rate of loading shall be in accordance with Table I. Larger or smaller fasteners than those shown in Table I shall be tested at rates producing 100,000 pounds per minute (± 10 percent) per square inch of nominal shank area.

TABLE I – TENSION LOAD RATES

Nominal fastener diameter	Load rate lb/min (kg/min)	Nominal fastener diameter	Load rate lb/min (kg/min)
.125	1,240 (562)	.563	24,800 (11,200)
.156	1,920 (871)	.625	30,600 (13,900)
.164	2,100 (953)	.750	44,000 (19,900)
.190	2,800 (1,270)	.875	60,000 (27,200)
.250	5,000 (2,270)	1.000	78,000 (35,400)
.313	7,700 (3,490)	1.125	100,000 (45,400)
.375	11,000 (4,990)	1.250	122,000 (55,300)
.438	15,000 (6,800)	1.375	148,000 (67,100)
.500	19,600 (8,890)	1.500	176,000 (79,800)

- (a) As an alternate loading method, the rate of loading can be determined as a constant head travel that gives strain rates consistent with the above load rates in the elastic range.

CAUTION: When loading, assure that lag between actual and indicator has been taken into account.

- 5.1.3 Load-deflection curves. Load-deflection curves shall be made by autographic recording. The extensometer shall be so installed as to measure the deflection of the fastener only. This measurement shall be accomplished by placing the extensometer adjacent to the fastener between the facing surfaces of the fastener holding fixtures per Figures 1 through 6 or on the external opposed surfaces of the tension plate. The fixture shall have the capability of withstanding the ultimate load without yielding.
- 5.1.4 Structural failing load determination. When a structure failure occurs before the ultimate or fracture load, it may be detected on the load-deflection curve as a peak load followed by severe permanent deformation without increase in load or with a decrease in load. A sample load-deflection curve illustrating a "structural failure" is shown on Figure 11. The first peak load shall be designated as the "structural failure load" and the highest peak shall be the "ultimate" load.
- 5.1.5 Yield load determination. The yield load shall be determined by the Johnson two-thirds approximate method as shown on Figure 12. On the load-deflection plot of 5.1.3, draw a line with two-thirds the slope of the elastic portion of the curve. Parallel to this line and tangent to the load-deflection curve, draw another line. The point of tangency represents the yield load.
- 5.1.6 Temperature. The maximum time for heating the specimens to temperature shall be specified in the procurement document. The minimum time shall be 60 minutes per inch of specimen diameter. Unless otherwise specified, the test setup shall be maintained at the test temperature 30 minutes prior to load application and throughout the test load application. Do not heat the specimen to a temperature higher than the test temperature.

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