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Standard Test Methods for Rubber Properties in Compression or Shear (Mechanical Oscillograph)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover the use of the Yerzley mechanical oscillograph for measuring mechanical properties of rubber vulcanizates in the generally small range of deformation that characterizes many technical applications. These properties include resilience, dynamic modulus, static modulus, kinetic energy, creep, and set under a given force. Measurements in compression and shear are described.^{2,3}

1.2 The test is applicable primarily, but not exclusively, to materials having static moduli at the test temperature such that forces below 2 MPa (280 psi) in compression or 1 MPa (140 psi) in shear will produce 20 % deformation, and having resilience such that at least three complete cycles are produced when obtaining the damped oscillatory curve. The range may be extended, however, by use of supplementary masses and refined methods of analysis. Materials may be compared either under comparable mean stress or mean strain conditions.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are 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.* For specific precautionary statement see Note 2.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 832 Practice for Rubber Conditioning for Low-Temperature Testing⁴

¹ These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D-11 on Rubber and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D11.14 on Time and Temperature Dependent Physical Properties.

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² A survey of some aspects of hysteresis and modulus in dynamic performance of polymers is available in a paper by Payne, A. R., "The Role of Hysteresis in Polymers," *Rubber Journal*, January 1964, p. 36.

³ One method of correlating fundamental data from the Yerzley oscillograph with dynamic tests at constant amplitude is described by Baldwin, F. P., in his paper, "Determination of the Dynamic Properties of Rubberlike Materials by Means of a Modified Yerzley Oscillograph," *The Rubber Age*, April 1950.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 09.01.

D 1207 Recommended Practice for Classifying Elastomeric Compounds for Resilient Automotive Mountings⁵

D 4483 Practice for Determining Precision for Test Method Standards in the Rubber and Carbon Black Industries⁴

2.2 SAE Standard:

SAE J16 Classification of Elastomer Compounds for Automotive Resilient Mountings^{6,7}

3. Terminology

3.1 Descriptions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2 *effective dynamic modulus*—calculated from the formula for simple harmonic motion in a damped free oscillation. It is a composite index which includes the effect of such diverse factors as nonlinearity of stress-strain, changing molecular energies, and heat losses.

3.3 *point modulus*—ratio of total stress (force/area) to total strain (change in dimension/unstressed dimension) at one point of the stress-strain curve. Sometimes called the "secant modulus," it is equal to the slope of a line from the origin to the chosen point.

3.4 *static modulus*—synonymous with "tangent modulus" and is the slope of the tangent to the stress-strain curve at a chosen point. It can provide a reference for comparison with the effective dynamic modulus at that point.

4. Summary of Test Methods

4.1 Specimens are loaded by an unbalanced lever and the resultant deflections are recorded on a chronograph. This permits calculations to be made of static modulus at any stage of a stepwise loading or unloading schedule. Creep and recovery rates, including set under prescribed conditions, can be obtained. Since the lever is supported on a knife edge, the system can be impact-loaded to produce a damped free oscillation trace. This trace yields a dynamic modulus, a resilience index, an oscillation frequency, and a measurement of stored energy.

⁵ *Discontinued*—see 1971 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Part 28.

⁶ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

⁷ The Yerzley oscillograph was originally described in detail in the paper by Yerzley, F. L., "A Mechanical Oscillograph for Routine Tests of Rubber and Rubber-Like Materials," *Proceedings, ASTM*, Vol 39, 1939, p. 1180; also *Rubber Chemistry and Technology*, Vol XIII, No. 1, January 1940, p. 149.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 The rubber properties that are measurable by these test methods are important for the isolation and absorption of shock and vibration. These properties may be used for quality control, development and research.

5.2 Measurements in compression are influenced by specimen shape. This shape factor may be described as the ratio of the loaded surface area to the unloaded surface area. In applying data from a compression specimen, shape factor must be incorporated into the mathematical transferral to the application.

6. Apparatus

6.1 The essential features of the apparatus,^{7,8} (illustrated in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2) are as follows:

6.1.1 The beam shall be supported at its center by a knife-edge, *A*, and shall be so designed that a test specimen placed beneath the micrometer can be loaded by placing standard masses alternatively on front and back portions of the cross-rod, *F*, at the pen end of the beam. A second knife-edge, *B*, and a stabilizing arm, *B'*, (as shown in Fig. 2), shall be used to apply load to the test specimen and to maintain parallelism of the loading platens. Optional knife-edges, *C* and *D*, may be used to extend the range of the oscillograph.

6.1.2 A pen shall extend lengthwise from the beam to record deflections on the oscillogram automatically. From Fig. 2, it is apparent that the deflection of the specimen under test will be magnified by the travel of the pen in proportion to the lever ratio which will be 10:1 when the sample is on the inner test

position, *B*. Therefore, a deformation of 2.5 mm, for example, will be registered on the oscillogram as a vertical displacement of 25 mm.

6.1.3 The masses, M_F , M_G , and M_H , derive from the mass of accurately machined disks, 99.06 mm in diameter with a central hole 12.7 mm in diameter. Standard masses shall be an integral or fractional multiple either of 641.252 g (1.41372 lbf) for convenience of testing in inch-pound units or of 489.464 g for greater convenience of testing in SI units. The lever ratio for the masses is 6.25:1 for the outer mass position in reference to the inner specimen position. Using the 6.25:1 ratio, each unbalanced mass on the pen end of the beam therefore will produce the following forces on the specimen on the inner position at W_{5r} :

	Mass Value	Force Resulting From 6.25:1 Ratio
SI units	489.46 g	30.0000 N
Inch-pound units	1.4137 lbf	8.8357 lbf

6.1.4 It follows that positioning the masses on the inner mass position, M_G , will reduce the load values to half of the foregoing values.

PART A—MEASUREMENTS IN COMPRESSION

7. Test Specimens

7.1 Solid Rubber Specimens:

7.1.1 At least two specimens shall be tested, except that at least three shall be required if measurement of creep is to be included. The test specimens for measurements in compression shall be right circular cylinders chosen from the following alternatives:

⁸ Available from Tavdi Co., Inc., P.O. Box 298, Barrington, RI 02806.

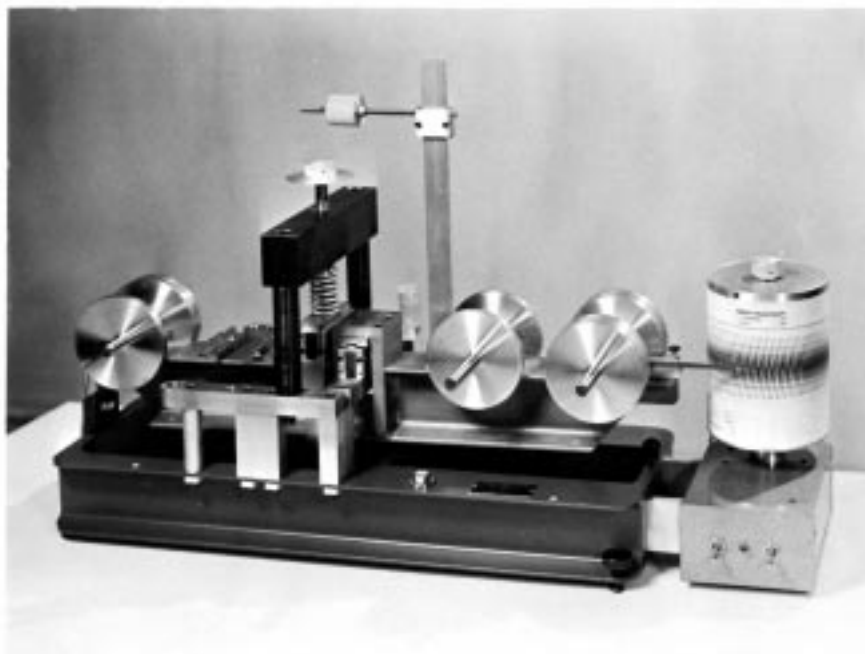


FIG. 1 Advanced Yerzley Oscillograph

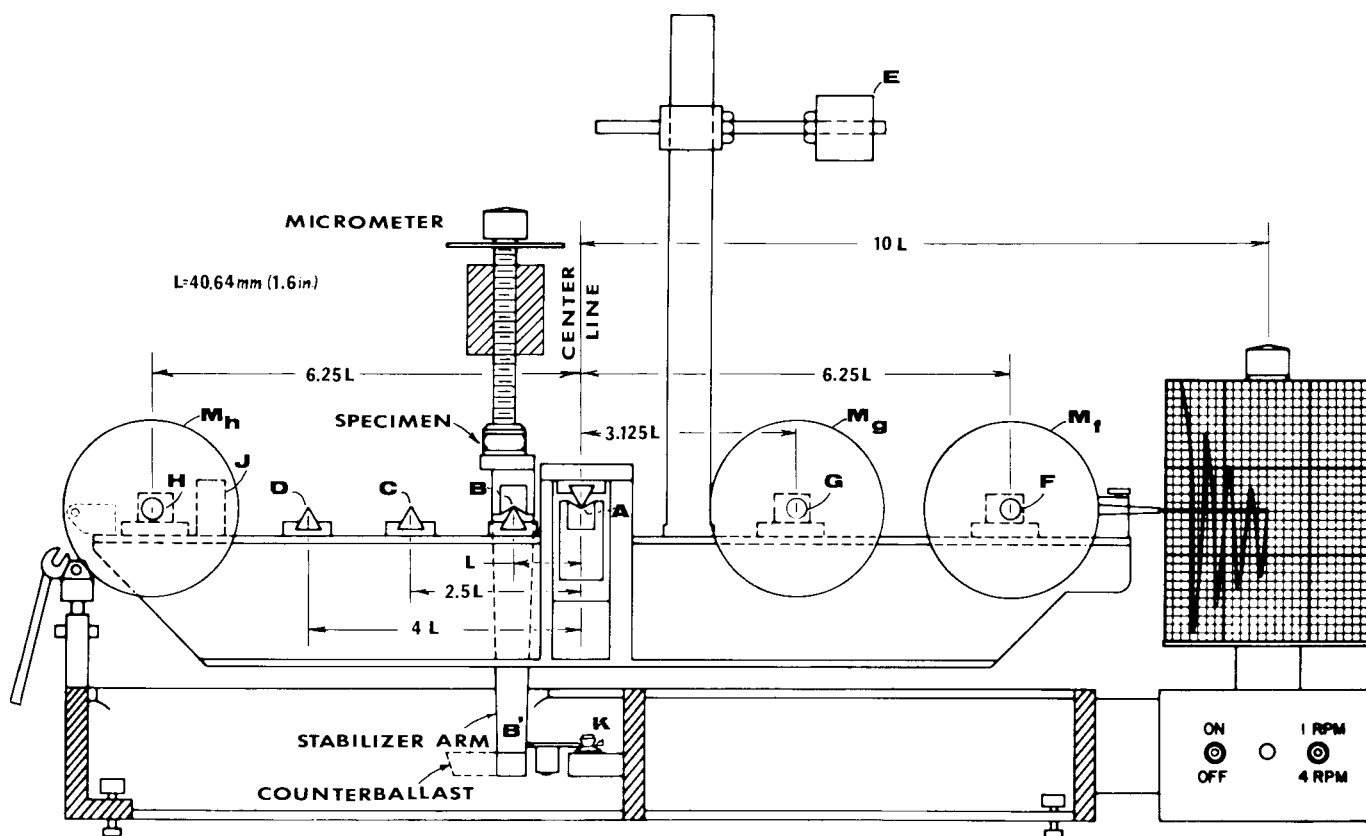


FIG. 2 Diagrammatic Sketch of Advanced Yerzley Oscillograph

Shape Factor	Primary Practice	Diameter
0.390	SI units	19.5 ± 0.13 mm
0.375	Inch-pound units	0.75 ± 0.005 in.

Shape Factor	Height	Reference Area of Nominal Circle
0.390	12.5 ± 0.25 mm	300 mm ²
0.375	0.5 ± 0.010 in.	0.442 in. ²

7.1.2 The specimens may be molded, or cut from finished products and buffed to the specified dimensions. Test specimens shall be free from porosity, nicks, and cuts. (Molded specimens are preferred for dimensional accuracy and consistency.)

7.2 Cellular Test Specimens:

7.2.1 Specimens of cellular rubber shall be prepared as follows: The specimen shall be a circular cylinder cut with a circular metal die 43.70 ± 0.01 mm (1.720 ± 0.001 in.) in inside diameter for cutting the specimen in a drill press or similar device for rotating the die. The pressure applied to the die shall be sufficiently small to keep "cupping" of the cut surfaces to a minimum. In some cases, it may be necessary to freeze the cellular rubber before cutting the specimen in order to obtain parallel cut surfaces. To facilitate cutting of the specimen with smooth-cut surfaces and square edges, the die may be lubricated with water containing a wetting agent and a corrosion inhibitor such as 0.5 % sodium chromate or with silicone mold release emulsion before each specimen is cut. If a lubricant is used, the specimen shall be permitted to dry before testing. The circular bases of the specimens shall be

parallel to each other and at right angles to the axis of the cylinder. The area of the circular bases is 15.00 cm² (2.323 in.²).

7.2.2 The specimen shall be not less than 6.4 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in.) and not more than 29 mm ($1\frac{1}{8}$ in.) in thickness. If the material is too thick, it shall be sliced to the required thickness.

7.2.3 Unless otherwise specified in the detail specification, materials thinner than 6.4 mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in.) shall be plied up to obtain the required thickness, in which case the report is to include the number of plies.

8. Conditioning

8.1 Expose the test specimens and the apparatus to the temperature of the test for sufficient time to ensure temperature equilibrium. For testing at low temperatures (below room temperature), the section of the oscillograph to be enclosed shall be one of those shown by broken lines in Fig. 3. The enclosure shall be equipped with a shelf for storing test specimens and supplied with a circulating atmosphere at the temperature of test. Unless otherwise specified, the cold chamber and testing conditions shall conform to the conditions specified in Practice D 832. After the test specimens have been conditioned at the test temperature, proceed in accordance with Section 9. Similar conditioning requirements apply also to tests at elevated temperatures.

9. Procedure

9.1 This procedure for solid rubber specimens includes

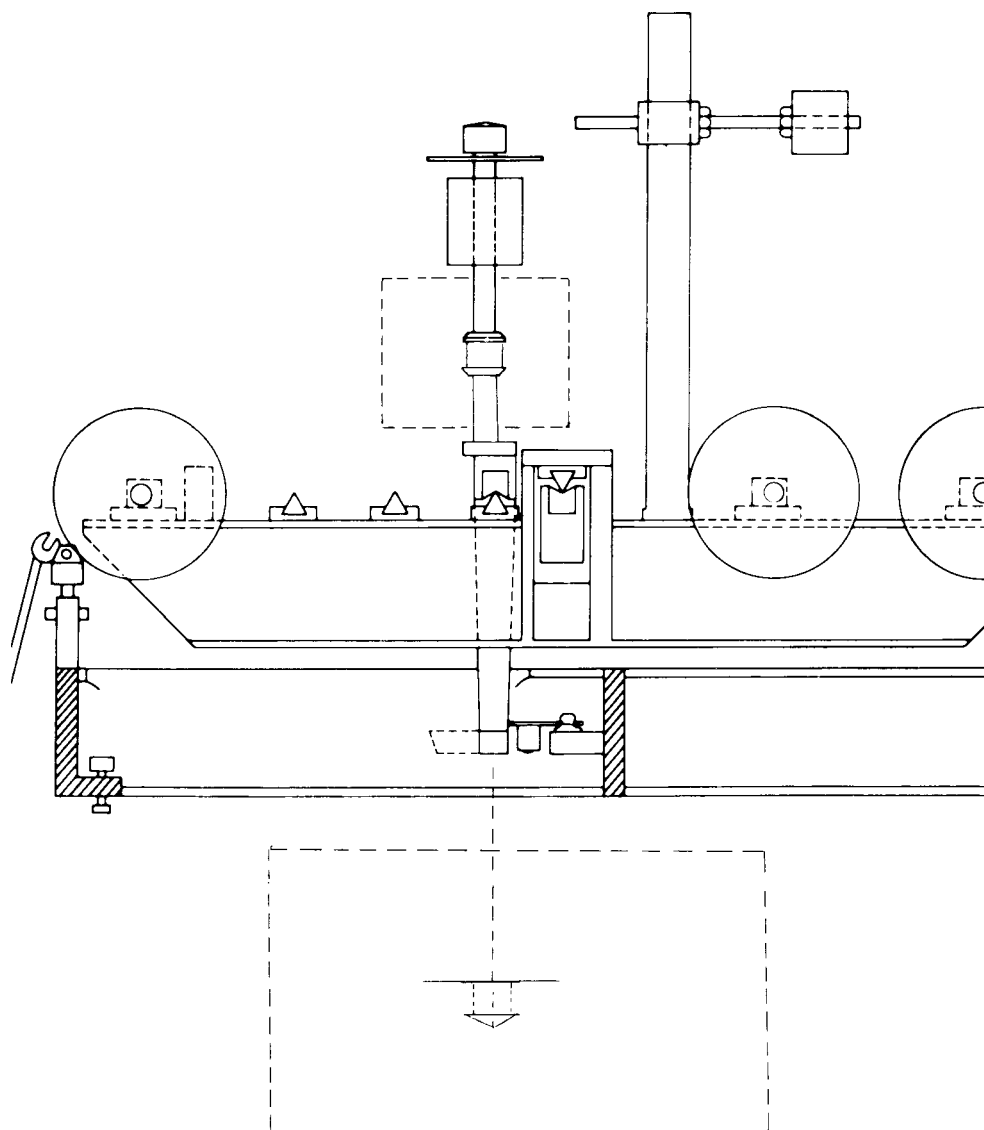


FIG. 3 Section of Oscillograph to be Enclosed for Tests at Other than Room Temperature

three categories of test operation which for clarity are described separately under subsequent section headings to provide data for purposes as follows:

9.1.1 In 9.4-9.6 for initial creep and set under a given load.

9.1.2 In 9.7-9.9 for Yertzley resilience and hysteresis, point modulus, frequency in hertz, effective dynamic modulus, and maximum impact energy absorbed at a given test load value.

9.1.3 In 9.10-9.14 for stepwise loading and unloading and hysteresis loop, and stresses in pascals or in pounds-force per square inch at any deformation.

9.1.4 Depending on the purpose of any test program, primary reliance may be placed on any one of the foregoing categories, on a combination of two categories, or upon all three. It is important, however, to record adequately all data required to identify the test conditions fully.

9.2 Lock the beam of the oscillograph in position by means of the release hook at the left end of the machine and remove all masses. Place the test specimen centrally on the lower platen between the grit sides of two pieces of 400 grit A sandpaper (Note 1). Adjust the micrometer until the upper

platen rests snugly against the sandpaper without deforming the test specimens; then lock the micrometer by means of the set screw or lock nut. This setting can be verified as follows:

NOTE 1—Silicon carbide particles have an average size of $22 \pm 2 \mu\text{m}$.

9.2.1 Upon disengaging the release hook the pen end should retain its position. If it falls noticeably (even 0.02-mm or 0.001-in. change may be seen), the micrometer must be readjusted downward.

9.2.2 When this adjustment is completed and verified, reengage the hook. Now apply a small downward force by hand on the pen end of the beam. If the added force depresses the pen, the micrometer platen is too low. Readjust the micrometer until the micrometer setting is correct. Opening and closing the release hook should then have no effect on the pen position.

9.3 Place the graph paper on the chronograph drum and adjust its position so that the zero position of the pen point is on one of the horizontal lines of the paper. An engineering grade of graph paper ruled in 1-in. squares and then subdivided