

Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test —

Part 4: Table of hardness values

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 4545 gives a table for the calculation of Knoop hardness values for use in tests made on flat surfaces carried out in accordance with ISO 4545-1.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4545-1, *Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 4545-2, *Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test — Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines*

3 Calculation

The Knoop hardness values in Table 1 have been calculated from the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HK} &= \text{Gravitational constant} \times \frac{\text{Test force}}{\text{Projected area of indentation}} \\ &= 0,102 \times \frac{F}{cd^2} = 0,102 \times \frac{F}{0,070\,28d^2} = 1,451 \times \frac{F}{d^2} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where

HK is the Knoop hardness;

F is the test force, in newtons;

d is the length in millimetres, of the long diagonal of the indentation;

c is an indenter constant which equals $\left[\frac{\tan \frac{\beta}{2}}{2 \tan \frac{\alpha}{2}} \right]$, ideally $c = 0,070\,28$;

where α and β are the angles between the opposite edges at the vertex of the diamond pyramid, as defined in ISO 4545-2.

NOTE Gravitational constant = $\frac{1}{g_n} = \frac{1}{9,806\,65} \approx 0,102$

where g_n is the acceleration due to gravity.

Table 1 covers a range of indentation diagonals d between 0,020 mm and 0,200 0 mm.