

Methods and standards for testing of composite materials

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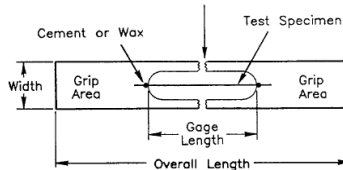
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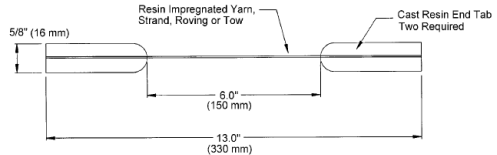
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Mechanical testing of fiber

- ASTM D 3379



- ASTM D 4018



- Fiber properties from test of UD laminate

$$\text{Property (100\%)} = \frac{\text{Property} \times 100}{V_f}$$

Mechanical properties test of matrix

- Tension **ASTM D 638**

$$F_m^{tu}, F_m^{ty}, E_m^t, \nu_m^t, \varepsilon_m^{tu}$$

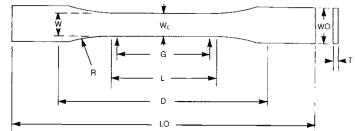
- Compression

ASTM D 695

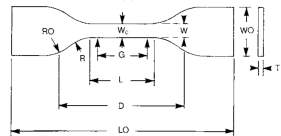
$$F_m^{cu}, F_m^{cy}, E_m^c, \nu_m^c, \varepsilon_m^{cu}$$

- Shear **ASTM E 143,**
ASTM D 5379

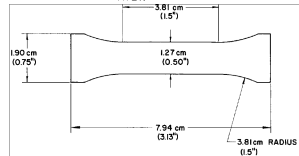
$$F_m^{su}, F_m^{sy}, G_m^s$$



TYPES I, II, III & V



TYPE IV



Mechanical testing of lamina and laminate

- Tension [ASTM D 3039](#)
- Compression [ASTM D 3410](#), [ASTM D 695](#)
- Shear [ASTM D 3518](#), [ASTM D 5379](#), ...
- Interlaminar shear [ASTM D 2344](#)

Tension properties ASTM D 3039

- Tensile strength

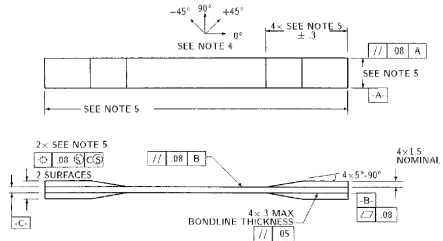
$$F^{tu} = P^{\max} / A$$

- Tensile chord modulus of elasticity

$$E_1 = \frac{\sigma_1^b - \sigma_1^a}{\varepsilon_1^b - \varepsilon_1^a},$$

a...0.1%, b...0.3%

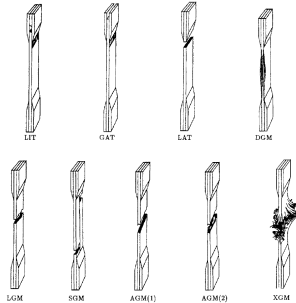
- Poisson ratio $\nu = -\frac{\Delta \varepsilon_2}{\Delta \varepsilon_1}$



Tensile Test Failure Code/ Typical Mode

ASTM D 3039

Type	Code	Area	Code	Location	Code
Angled	A	Inside grip	I	Bottom	B
edge Delam.	D	At grip	A	Top	T
Grip/tab	G	< 1W from grip	W	Left	L
Lateral	L	Gage	G	Right	R
Multi-mode	M	Multiple areas	M	Middle	M
long.-Splitting	S	Various	V	Various	V
eXplosive	X	Unknown	U	Unknown	U
Other	O				



Compression in-plane tests

- ASTM D 695 (SACMA SRM-1)
- ASTM D 3410 (Celanese, IITRI)
- ASTM D 5467

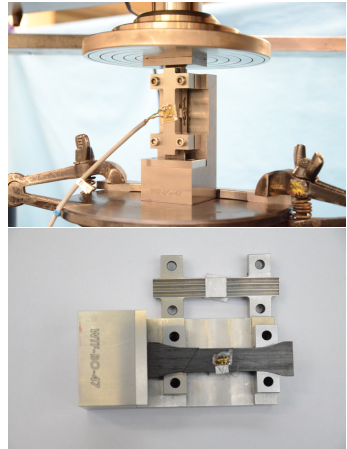
Compression properties ASTM D 695

- Compressive strength

$$F^{cu} = P^{\max} / A$$

- Compressive modulus of elasticity

$$E_1 = \frac{\Delta \sigma}{\Delta \varepsilon}$$

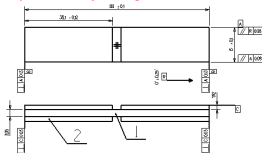


Compression ASTM D 3410

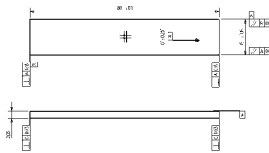
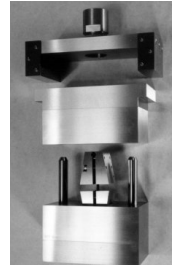
Procedure A – Celanese



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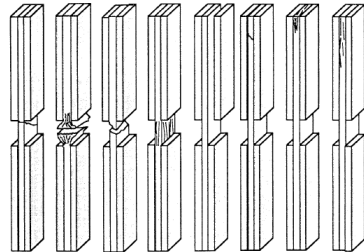


Procedure B – IITRI



Failure Code ASTM D 3410

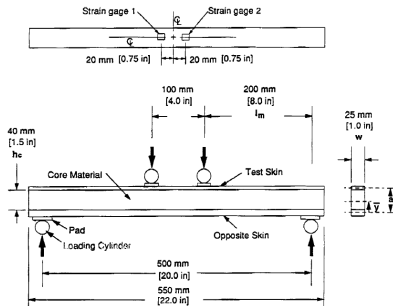
Type	Code	Area	Code	Location	Code
Angled	A	Inside grip	I	Bottom	B
Brooming	B	At grip	A	Top	T
end-Crushing	C	Gage	G	Left	L
Delamination	D	Multiple areas	M	Right	R
Euler buclng	E	Tab adhesive	T	Middle	M
tHrough-thickness	H	Various	V	Various	V
Kink bands	K	Unknown	U	Unknown	U
Lateral	L				
Multi-mode	M				
long.-Splitting	S				
Transverse shear	T				
eXplosive	X				
Other	O				



TAT BGM HAT SGV DTT HIT CIT DIT
Acceptable Failure Modes and Areas Unacceptable Failure Modes and Areas

Compression ASTM D 5467

● 4PB of sandwich beam



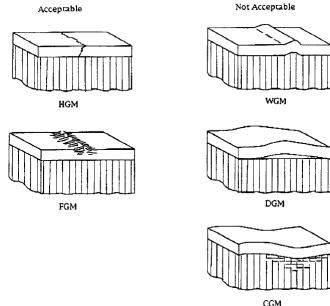
$$F_{cu} = \frac{P^{\max} I_m \left(a - \bar{y} + \frac{h_f}{2} \right)}{2w \left[h_f (a - \bar{y})^2 + \frac{E_o}{E_f} h_o \bar{y}^2 \right]}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{\sigma_1^b - \sigma_1^a}{\varepsilon_1^b - \varepsilon_1^a},$$

a...0.1%, b...0.3

Failure Code ASTM D 5467

Type	Code	Area	Code	Location	Code
Skin to core Delamination	D	At load cylinder	A	Left	L
Filament fracture	F	Gage	G	Right	R </td
through-thickness	H	Multiple areas	M	Middle	M
Layer instability	L	Outside gage	U	Various	V
local Wrinkling	W	Various	V	Unknown	U
Multi-mode	M L	Unknown	U		
core Crushing	C				
long.-Splitting	S				
Transverse shear	T				
explosive	X				
Other	O				



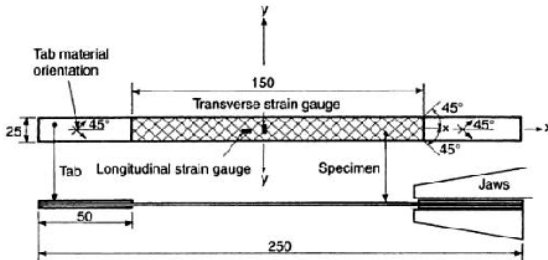
Shear in-plane tests

- $\pm 45^\circ$ tensile shear test
- Rail Shear Method
- V-Notched Beam Method
- Tube torsion test

$\pm 45^\circ$ tensile shear test

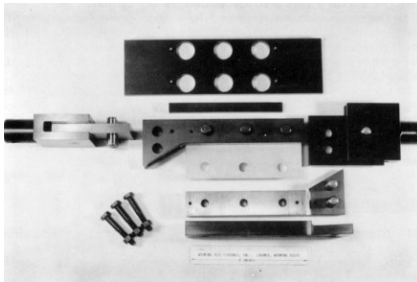
- BS EN ISO 14,129, [ASTM D 3518](#)
- Ply < 0.125 mm, 16 plies

$$\sigma_{11} = \frac{\sigma_{xx}}{2} + \tau_{xy}, \sigma_{22} = \frac{\sigma_{xx}}{2} - \tau_{xy}, \tau_{12} = \pm \tau_{xy},$$
$$\varepsilon_{11} = \varepsilon_{22} = \frac{\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy}}{2}, \gamma_{12} = \varepsilon_{xx} - \varepsilon_{yy}$$

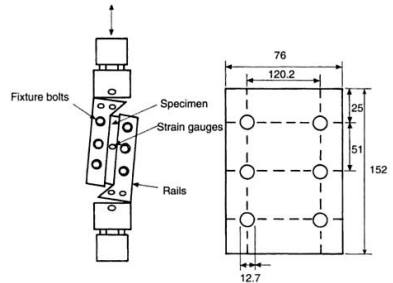


$$G_{12} = \frac{\sigma_{xx}}{2(\varepsilon_{xx} - \varepsilon_{yy})} = \frac{\tau_{12}^b - \tau_{12}^a}{\gamma_{12}^b - \gamma_{12}^a}, S_{12} = \frac{P_{\max}}{2bh}$$

Two-rail shear test ASTM D 4255

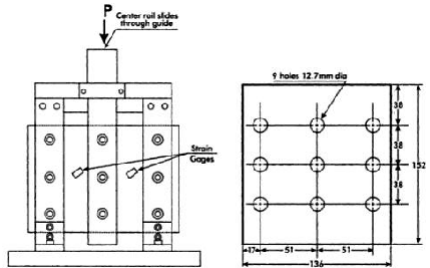
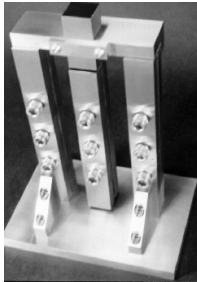


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$$S_{xy} = \frac{P_{\max}}{Lh}, \quad G_{12} = \frac{\Delta \tau_{xy}}{\Delta \gamma_{xy}} = \frac{\Delta P}{2Lh\Delta \epsilon_{45}}$$

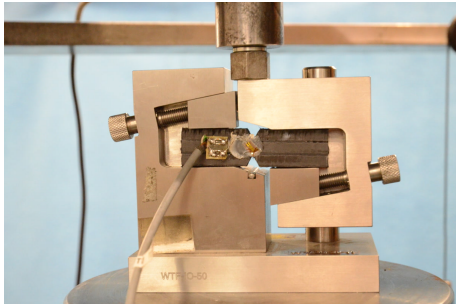
Three-rail shear test ASTM D 4255



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$$S_{xy} = \frac{P_{\max}}{Lh}, \quad G_{12} = \frac{\Delta\tau_{xy}}{\Delta\gamma_{xy}} = \frac{\Delta P}{4Lh\Delta\epsilon_{45}}$$

Shear V-Not. Beam ASTM D 5379



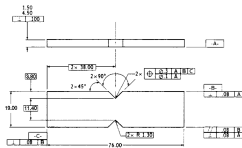
$$F^u = \frac{P_{\max}}{wh},$$

$$\tau_i = \frac{P_i}{wh},$$

$$\gamma = |\epsilon_{45^\circ}| + |\epsilon_{-45^\circ}|$$

$$G = \frac{\Delta\tau}{\Delta\gamma},$$

Shear V-Not. Beam ASTM D 5379



[0/90]ns or [90/0]ns Laminates

For G_{12}/G_{11}



For G_{12}

Unidirectional Laminates



For G_{11}



For G_{12}



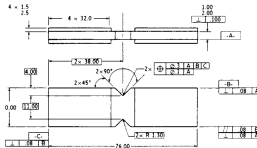
For G_{23}



For G_{31}



For G_{32}



Common Unacceptable Failure Modes
(Typically Initiated At Loading Points)



Uni Specimen
 G_{12} , G_{11} , or G_{23}

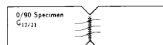


Uni Specimen
 G_{21} , G_{31} , or G_{32}

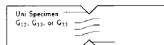


SMC Specimen

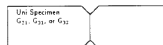
Typical Acceptable Failure Modes



0/90 Specimen
 $G_{12/23}$



Uni Specimen
 G_{12} , G_{13} , or G_{33}

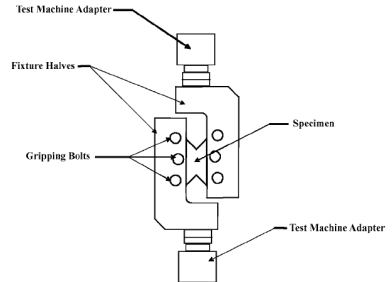
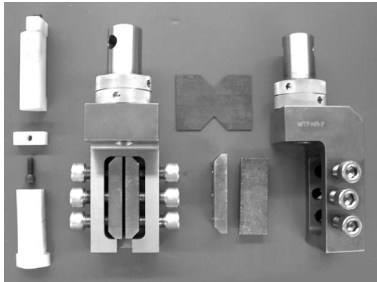


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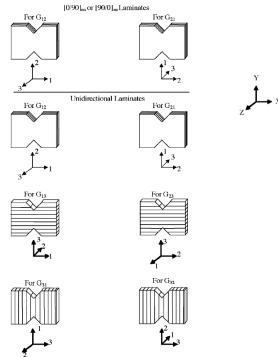
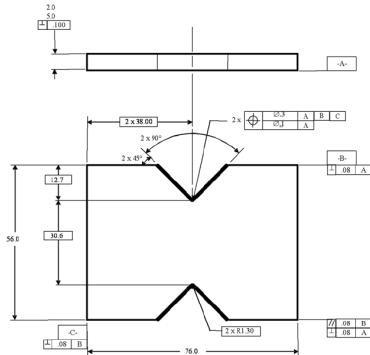
SMC Specimen

Shear V-Not. Rail ASTM D 7078



$$F^u = \frac{P_{\max}}{wh}, \tau_i = \frac{P_i}{wh}, \gamma = |\varepsilon_{45^\circ}| + |\varepsilon_{-45^\circ}| \quad G = \frac{\Delta\tau}{\Delta\gamma}$$

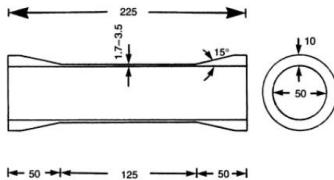
Shear V-Not. Rail ASTM D 7078



Tube torsion test ASTM D 5448

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{2TR_o}{\pi(R_o^4 - R_i^4)}$$

$$G_{12} = \frac{\Delta\tau_{xy}}{\Delta\gamma_{xy}} = \frac{\Delta\tau_{xy}}{\Delta(\varepsilon_{45^\circ} - \varepsilon_{-45^\circ})}$$



CLASSICAL

(CL)



PARTIAL

(PA)



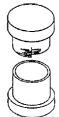
CATASTROPHIC

(CA)



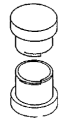
BAND
SPIRAL

(BS)



LOCAL
INSTABILITY

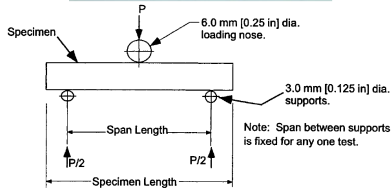
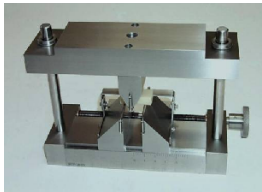
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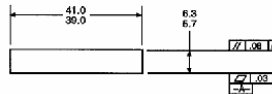
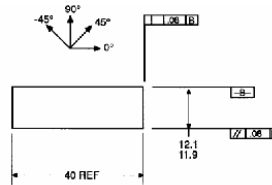
BAND
DETACHMENT

(BD)

Shear of Short-Beam ASTM D 2344



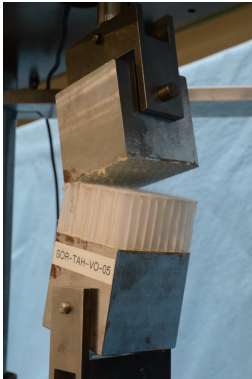
$$F^{sbs} = 0.75 \times \frac{P_{max}}{b \times h}$$



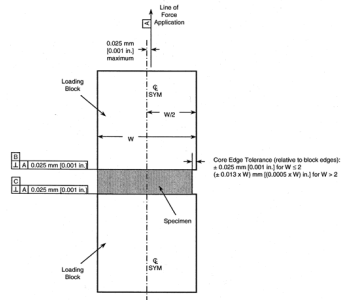
Sandwich Construction

- Tensile properties [ASTM C 297](#)
- Compression [ASTM C 364](#), [ASTM C 365](#),
[ASTM D 7336](#)
- Shear [ASTM C 273](#), [ASTM C 393](#)
- Bending [ASTM D 7249](#), [ASTM D 6457](#)

Tensile properties ASTM C 297

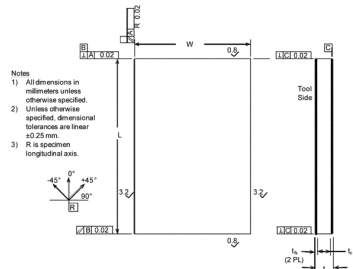
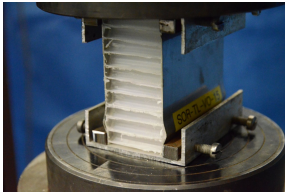


$$F_z^{ftu} = \frac{P_{\max}}{A}$$

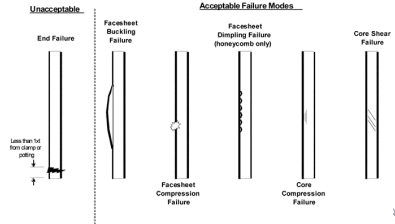


Min. Cell Size (mm)	Max. Cell Size (mm)	Min Facing Area (mm ²)
-	3	625
3	6	2500
6	9	5625

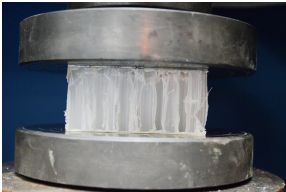
Compr. Edgewise ASTM C 364



Failure Type	Code	Area	Code	Location	Code
Facesheet compression	F	At end	A	Top	T
facesheet delam. Buckling	B	Gage	G	Bottom	B
honeycomb facesheet Dimpling	D	Various	V	Middle	M
core Compression	C	Unknown	U	Various	V
core Shear	S			Unknown	U
Multi mode	M				
overall Panel buckling	P				
eXplosive	X				

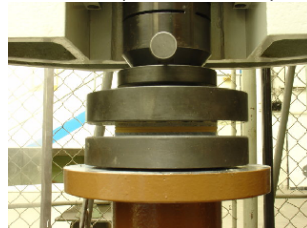


Flatwise Compr. ASTM C 365



Min. Cell Size (mm)	Max. Cell Size (mm)	Min Facing Area (mm ²)
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3	6	2500
6	9	5625

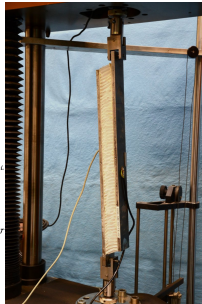
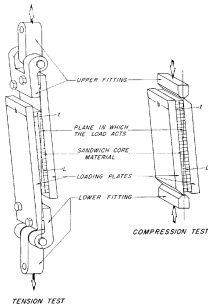
$$F_z^{fcu} = \frac{P_{\max}}{A}$$
$$E_z^{fc} = \frac{(P_{0.003} - P_{0.001}) \cdot t}{(\delta_{0.003} - \delta_{0.001}) \cdot A}$$



Shear of Core ASTM C 273

$$\tau = \frac{P}{Lb}, \gamma = \frac{u}{t},$$

$$G = \frac{(\Delta P / \Delta u)t}{Lb}$$

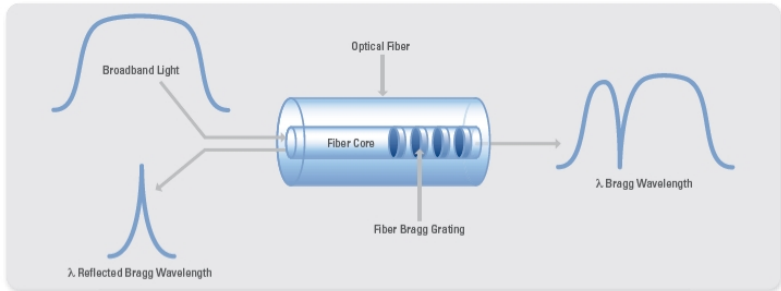


Failure Type	Code	Area	Code	Location	Code
core Shear	S	At end	A	Top	T
Interface failure	I	Gage	G	Bottom	B
eXplosive	X	one Corner	C	Middle	M
Other	O	Various	V	Entire length	E
		Unknown	U	Various	V
				Unknown	U

Resistance strain gauges

- Grid size
- Self-heating $P = U \cdot I = \frac{U^2}{R}$ $R = 350\Omega$
- Temperature compensation – half bridge
- Surface preparing
- 2 components adhesive

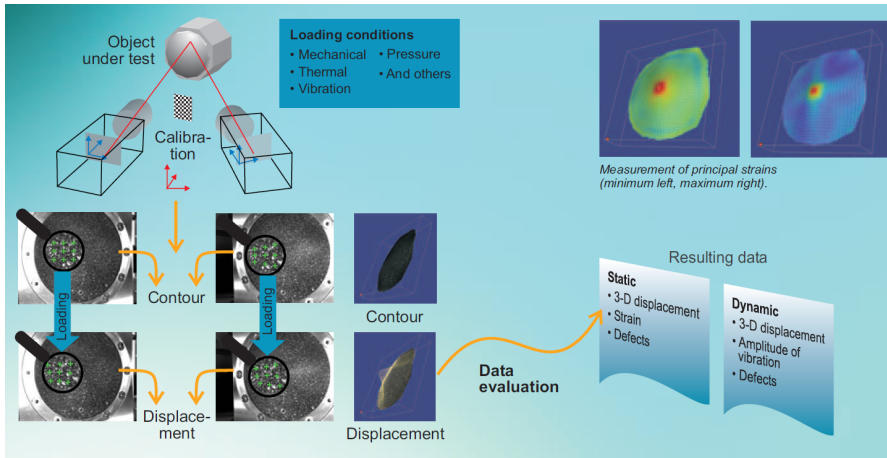
Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) Sensors



$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_0} = (1 - p_e) \cdot \varepsilon (\alpha_{\text{Lamda}} + \alpha_n) \cdot \Delta T$$

<http://www.ni.com>

DIC



<http://www.dantecdynamics.com/>

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