
Textiles — Tensile properties of fabrics —

Part 1:

Determination of maximum force and
elongation at maximum force using the strip
method

Textiles — Propriétés des étoffes en traction —

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maximale par la méthode sur bande*



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- *Part 2: Determination of maximum force using the grab method*

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Foreword

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Introduction

This part of EN ISO 13934 has been prepared in the context of several test methods for determination of certain mechanical properties of textiles using mainly tensile testing machines, e.g. tensile properties, seam tensile properties, tear properties, seam slippage. The procedure for these standards agree where appropriate. The results obtained by one of the methods should not be compared with those obtained by the other methods.

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- Part 1: Determination of maximum force and elongation at maximum force using a strip method
- Part 2: Determination of maximum force using a grab method

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1 Scope

This part of EN ISO 13934 specifies a procedure to determine the maximum force and elongation at maximum force of textile fabrics using a strip method.

Note: Part 2 of EN ISO 13934 describes the method known as the grab method. For informative references see annex C.

The method is mainly applicable to woven textile fabrics. It can be applicable to fabrics produced by other techniques. It is not normally applicable to woven elastic fabrics, geotextiles, nonwovens, coated fabrics, textile-glass woven fabrics and fabrics made from carbon fibres or polyolefin tape yarns (see annex C).

The method specifies the determination of the maximum force and elongation at maximum force of test specimens in equilibrium with the standard atmosphere for testing, and of test specimens in the wet state.

The method is restricted to the use of constant rate of extension (CRE) testing machines.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

EN 20139	Textiles - Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing (ISO 139:1973)
ISO 3696	Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods
EN 10002-2	Metallic materials - Tensile testing - Part 2: Verification of the force measuring system of the tensile testing machines
EN 30012-1	Quality assurance requirements for measuring equipment - Part 1: Metrological confirmation system for measuring equipment (ISO 10012-1:1992)

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of EN ISO 13934 the following definitions apply:

3.1 Constant-rate-of-extension (CRE) testing machine

Tensile-testing machine provided with one clamp which is stationary and another clamp which moves with a constant speed throughout the test, the entire testing system being virtually free from deflection.

3.2 Strip test

Tensile test in which the full width of the test specimen is gripped in the jaws of the testing machine.

3.3 Gauge length

Distance between the two effective clamping points of a testing device.

Note : The effective clamping points (or lines) of jaws can be checked by clamping a test specimen under defined pretension with carbon copy paper to produce a gripping pattern on the test specimen and/or the jaw faces.

3.4 Initial length

Length of a test specimen under specified pretension between the two effective clamping points at the beginning of certain tests (see also 3.3).

3.5 Pretension

Force applied to a test specimen at the beginning of certain tests.

Note : Pretension is used to determine the initial length of the test specimen (see also 3.4 and 3.7).

3.6 Extension

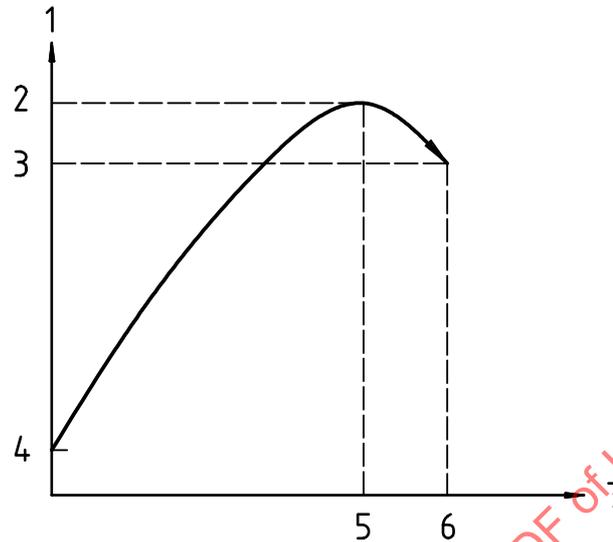
Increase in length of a test specimen produced by a force. It is expressed in units of length.

3.7 Elongation

Ratio of the extension of a test specimen to its initial length, expressed as a percentage.

3.8 Elongation at maximum force

Elongation of a test specimen produced by the maximum force (see figure 1).



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| 1. Force | 5. Elongation at max. force |
| 2. Maximum force | 6. Elongation at rupture |
| 3. Force at rupture | 7. Elongation |
| 4. Pretension | |

Figure 1 : Example of force-elongation curve

3.9 Elongation at rupture

Elongation of a test specimen corresponding to the force at rupture (see figure 1).

3.10 Force at rupture

Force recorded at the point of rupture of a test specimen during a tensile test (see figure 1).

3.11 Maximum force

The maximum force recorded when a test specimen is taken to rupture during a tensile test under the specified conditions (see figure 1).

4 Principle

A fabric test specimen of specified dimensions is extended at a constant rate until it ruptures. The maximum force and the elongation at maximum force and, if required, the force at rupture and the elongation at rupture are recorded.

5 Sampling

Select samples either in accordance with the procedure laid down in the material specification for the fabric, or as agreed between the interested parties.

In the absence of an appropriate material specification the example of a suitable sampling procedure given in annex A may be used.

An example of a suitable pattern for cutting test specimens from the laboratory sample is given in annex B. Avoid test specimens from folded or creased areas, selvages and areas not representative of the fabric.

6 Apparatus

6.1 CRE machine

Metrological confirmation system of the tensile-testing machine shall be in accordance with EN 30012-1.

The constant-rate-of-extension (CRE) machine shall have the general characteristics given in 6.1.1 to 6.1.6.

6.1.1 The tensile-testing machine shall be provided with means for indicating or recording both the force applied to the test specimen in stretching it to rupture and the corresponding extension of the test specimen. Under conditions of use, the accuracy of the apparatus shall be class 1 of EN 10002-2. The error of the indicated or recorded maximum force at any point in the range in which the machine is used shall not exceed $\pm 1\%$, and the error of the indicated or recorded jaw separation shall not exceed ± 1 mm.

6.1.2 If a class 2 tensile-testing machine according to EN 10002-2 is to be used, this shall be stated in the test report.

6.1.3 If recording of force and elongation is obtained by means of data acquisition boards and software, the frequency of data collection shall be at least eight per second.

6.1.4 The machine shall be capable of constant rates of extension of 20 mm/min and 100 mm/min, with an accuracy of $\pm 10\%$.

6.1.5 The machine shall be capable of setting the gauge length to 100 mm and 200 mm, to within ± 1 mm.

6.1.6 The clamping device of the machine shall be positioned with the centre of the two jaws in the line of applied force, the front edges shall be at right angles to the line of applied force and their clamping faces shall be in the same plane.

The jaws shall be capable of holding the test specimen without allowing it to slip and designed so that they do not cut or otherwise weaken the test specimen.

The faces of the jaws shall be smooth and flat, except that when, even with packing, the test specimen cannot be held satisfactorily with flat-faced jaws, engraved or corrugated jaws can be used to prevent slippage. Other auxiliary materials for use with either smooth or corrugated jaws to improve specimen gripping include paper, leather, plastics or rubber.

Note : If jaw breaks or slippage cannot be prevented with flat jaws, capstan jaws have often been found suitable. Extension measurement can be carried out by means of an extensometer which follows the movement of two reference points on the test specimen.

The jaws preferably should have a width of at least 60 mm but shall not be less than the width of the test specimen.

6.2 Equipment for cutting test specimens and for fraying them to obtain the required width.

6.3 Equipment in which test specimens can be immersed in water preparatory to wet testing.

6.4 Grade 3 water in accordance with ISO 3696 for wetting test specimens.

6.5 Nonionic wetting agent.

7 Atmosphere for conditioning and testing

The atmospheres for preconditioning, conditioning and testing shall be as specified in EN 20139.

Note : It is recommended that samples be conditioned for at least 24 h in the relaxed state.

Preconditioning and conditioning are not required for tests in the wet condition.

8 Preparation of test specimen

8.1 General

From each laboratory sample cut two sets of test specimens, one set in the warp direction and the other in the weft direction (or in the machine and cross-machine directions, where applicable).

Each set shall consist of at least five test specimens, except that if a higher degree of precision is required, more test specimens shall be tested. In accordance with clause 5 and annex B no test specimens shall be cut from within 150 mm of either edge of the laboratory sample. No test specimen taken from the warp direction shall contain the same longitudinal threads and no test specimen taken from the weft direction shall contain the same picks.

8.2 Dimensions

The width of each test specimen shall be $50 \text{ mm} \pm 0,5 \text{ mm}$ (excluding any fringe) and its length shall be long enough to allow a gauge length of 200 mm, except that for fabrics where it is suspected or known from previous experience that elongation at maximum force values greater than 75 % will be obtained, the gauge length may be reduced to 100 mm. Test specimens having widths other than the preferred width of 50 mm may be tested if agreed by interested parties. In this case the width of the test specimens shall be stated in the test report.

8.3 Preparation of test specimens

For woven fabrics, each test specimen shall be cut with its length parallel to the warp or the weft of the fabric and shall be sufficiently wide to allow the necessary fringes. Threads shall be removed in approximately equal numbers from each of the long edges of the cut strip until the width of the test specimen is as described in 8.2. The width of the fringes shall be such that during testing no longitudinal threads escape from the fringes.

Note : For the majority of fabrics, fringes of about 5 mm or 15 threads will be sufficient. For very closely woven fabrics a much narrower fringe may be satisfactory. Fabrics of very open weave can require up to 10 mm.

In the case of fabrics containing only a few threads per centimetre, a test specimen shall be frayed as close as possible to the required width (see 8.2). The number of threads across the width of the test specimen shall be counted and if ≥ 20 , the remaining test specimens in the set shall be frayed to the same number of threads. If the number of threads in the strip is below 20, then the width of the test specimens shall accommodate at least 20 threads. If the width of the test specimen is not $50 \text{ mm} \pm 0,5 \text{ mm}$ then the width and the number of threads shall be reported in the test report.

For fabrics which cannot be frayed in this manner, test specimens shall be cut along lines 50 mm apart and parallel to the machine or the cross-machine direction. In some woven fabrics the direction of threads cannot be determined except by tearing, but the test specimen shall not be reduced to the specified width in this way.

8.4 Wet test specimens

8.4.1 When the maximum force of the wet fabric is required in addition to the maximum force when dry, strips of the appropriate width and at least twice as long as the test specimens required for a dry test shall be cut (see annex B). Each end of each strip shall be numbered, frayed down (if relevant) and then each test specimen shall be cut crosswise into two parts, one for determining the dry maximum force and the other for determining the wet maximum force. This ensures that each pair of test specimens contains the same longitudinal yarns. For fabrics where it is suspected or known from previous experience that excessive shrinkage will occur when wet, the length of test specimens for the determination of wet maximum force shall be greater than that of test specimens for dry maximum force tests.

8.4.2 For tests in the wet condition, immerse the test specimen for a period of 1 h in grade 3 water in accordance with ISO 3696 at a temperature of $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 2 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. An aqueous solution containing not more than 1 g of a nonionic wetting agent per litre may be used instead of water.

Note : For tropical regions, temperature according EN 20139 can be applied.

9 Procedure

9.1 Gauge length

Set the gauge length of the tensile-testing machine to 200 mm \pm 1 mm for fabrics with elongation at maximum force up to 75 % or to 100 mm \pm 1 mm for fabrics having an elongation at maximum force of more than 75 % (see 8.2 and 9.2).

9.2 Rate of extension or elongation

Set the rate of extension or elongation of the tensile-testing machine as a function of the elongation at maximum force of the fabric as specified in table 1.

Table 1 : Rate of extension or elongation

Gauge length mm	Elongation at maximum force of fabric %	Rate of elongation %/min	Rate of extension mm/min
200	< 8	10	20
200	≥ 8 to ≤ 75	50	100
100	> 75	100	100

9.3 Mounting of test specimens

Test specimens can be mounted with pretension or with slack, i.e. with a pretension of just about zero force. When test specimens are mounted with pretension, verify that pretension does not produce an elongation greater than 2 %. If a specimen cannot be pretensioned to achieve elongation less than 2 %, do not apply pretension.

9.3.1 Slack mounting

Mount the test specimen slack. In this case the pretension applied during mounting of the test specimen and after closing of the jaws shall be kept below the pretension given in 9.3.2 and shall not produce an elongation greater than 2 %.

The extension of the test specimen is measured from the point of the force/extension curve that corresponds to the pretensioning force as given in 9.3.2. The extension necessary to reach the pretension shall be added to the gauge length, thus determining the initial length needed for the calculation of the elongation at maximum force.

If using electronic devices for recording the extension, ensure that the correct initial length is used for calculation of elongation.

9.3.2 Clamping with pretension

Apply the appropriate pretension specified in a), b), or c) as appropriate

for fabrics of mass per area

a)	$\leq 200 \text{ g/m}^2$:	2 N
b)	$> 200 \text{ g/m}^2$ to $\leq 500 \text{ g/m}^2$:	5 N
c)	$> 500 \text{ g/m}^2$:	10 N

9.4 Operation

Clamp a test specimen centrally so that its longitudinal centre-line passes through the centre point of the front edges of the jaws.

Engage any device for recording the maximum force and elongation at maximum force. Put the movable clamp in motion and extend the test specimen to the point of rupture. Record a) the maximum force, and, if required, the force at rupture, in newtons; and, b) the extension in millimeters, or the elongation in percent, at maximum force, and, if required, at rupture.

Record the extension or the elongation at least to the nearest

- 0,4 mm or 0,2 % for elongations < 8 %
- 1 mm or 0,5 % for elongations ≥ 8 to ≤ 75 %
- 2 mm or 1% for elongations > 75 %.

Perform the test on at least five test specimens of each fabric direction.

9.4.1 Slippage

Disregard any test results where the test specimen slips asymmetrically or by greater than 2 mm along the clamping line.

9.4.2 Jaw breaks

Record any break which occurs within 5 mm of the clamping line of the jaws and record the result as a jaw break. At the end of the five tests examine the results obtained. If any of the jaw break results falls above the lowest "normal" break result, then it can be included. If any of the jaw break results falls below the lowest "normal" break result then it shall be excluded and further tests carried out to obtain five "normal" breaks.

If all the results are jaw breaks, or if five "normal" breaks can not be obtained, then the individual results shall be reported without the coefficient of variation or confidence limits.

Jaw break results shall be indicated as such in the test report, and the results discussed between the interested parties.

9.5 Tests on wet test specimens

Perform the test according 9.1 to 9.4 immediately after removal of a test specimen from the liquid (see 8.4.2) and briefly placing it on blotting paper to remove excess water. For wet tests, apply half of the pretension specified in 9.3.2.

10 Calculation and expression of results

Calculate the arithmetic mean of the maximum force and, if required the arithmetic mean of the force at rupture, in newtons, for each direction tested.

Round the results for values

<	100 N	to the nearest	1 N
≥	100 N to < 1000 N	to the nearest	10 N
≥	1000 N	to the nearest	100 N.

Calculate the arithmetic mean of the elongation at maximum force, and, if required, at rupture, for each direction tested and round it to the nearest

0,2 %	for elongations < 8 %
0,5 %	for elongations ≥ 8 to ≤ 75 %
1 %	for elongations > 75 %

If required, calculate the coefficient of variation to the nearest 0,1 % and the 95 % confidence limits of the relevant properties tested, rounded to the same precision as the mean values.

11 Test report

The test report shall include the following information.

- a) Reference to this part of EN ISO 13934 and the date of test;
- b) identification of test sample and sampling procedure, if required;
- c) gauge length used, in millimeters;
- d) rate of elongation used, in percent per minute, or rate of extension, in millimeters per minute;
- e) pretension applied, in newtons, or slack set procedure;
- f) state of test specimens (conditioned or wet);
- g) number of test specimens, including number of tests rejected and reasons for this;

- h)** width of strip if not $50 \text{ mm} \pm 0,5 \text{ mm}$ and number of threads in the strip;
- i)** any deviation from the given procedure;
- j)** arithmetic mean of the maximum force and, if required, of the force at rupture, in newtons;
- k)** arithmetic mean of the elongation at maximum force and, if required, of the elongation at rupture, in percent;
- l)** if required, the coefficient of variation of the relevant force and of the relevant elongation, in percent;
- m)** if required, the 95% confidence limits of the relevant force, in newtons and of the relevant elongation, in percent.

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