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torsion test**

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## Foreword

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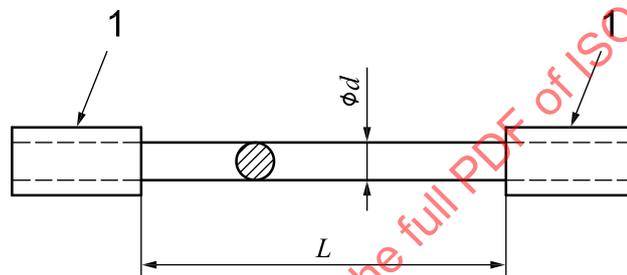
# Metallic materials — Wire — Simple torsion test

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the ability of metallic wire of diameter or characteristic dimension from 0,1 mm to 14 mm to undergo plastic deformation during simple torsion in one direction.

## 2 Symbols and designations

The symbols and designations used in the simple torsion test of round wire and shaped wire are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2, respectively, and listed in Table 1.



### Key

1 grip

Figure 1 — Round wire

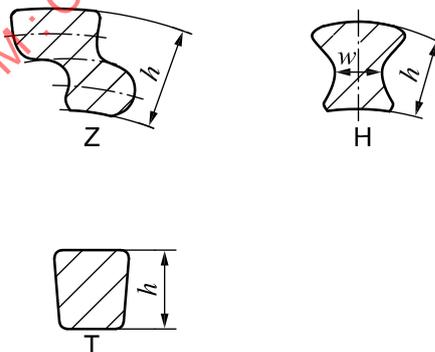


Figure 2 — Typical shaped wire section

Table 1 — Symbols and designations

Symbol	Designation	Unit
$d$	Diameter of a round wire	mm
$h$	Characteristic dimension for a shaped wire <sup>a</sup>	mm
$w$	Minimum narrowing width for a shaped wire	mm
$L$	Free length between grips	mm
$N_t$	Number of turns	—

<sup>a</sup> For example, the characteristic dimension for some shaped wires is the height of the cross-section and is usually specified in the relevant standard, as shown in Figure 2.

### 3 Principle

The test consists of twisting a test piece of wire around its own axis in one direction.

### 4 Testing equipment

4.1 The jaws shall have a minimum hardness of 55 HRC in jaws, and parallel faces.

The recommended types of jaws are given in Annex A.

4.2 The testing machine shall be constructed so that a change of length between the grips, caused by contraction of the test piece during the test, is not prevented and that an appropriate tensile stress (see 7.1) may be applied to the test piece.

The grips shall be placed in the testing machine in such a way that during testing they remain on the same axis and do not apply any bending force to the test piece.

One of the grips shall be capable of being rotated around the axis of the test piece while the other shall not be subject to any angular deflection, except for such deflection as may be necessary to measure the torque.

The distance between the grips shall be capable of adjustment and measurement for different test piece lengths.

The testing speed shall be adjusted and controlled within 10 % of its nominal value, and the number of turns shall be recorded.

A protective shield shall be provided to protect the operator from flying fragments in cases when the wire breaks into more than two pieces.

### 5 Test piece

5.1 The length of wire to be used as the test piece shall be as straight as possible.

5.2 If straightening is necessary, it shall be done by a suitable method.

During straightening, the surface of the wire shall not be damaged and the test piece shall not be subjected to any twisting.

Wire with sudden sharp curvature towards the longitudinal neutral axis of cross-section shall not be tested.

Unless otherwise specified, the nominal free length between the grips of round wire and shaped wire shall be as given in Table 2 and Table 3, respectively.

**Table 2 — Free length between the grips depending on the nominal diameter of the round wire**

Nominal diameter, $d$ , mm	Free length between grips mm, (nominal) <sup>a</sup>
$0,1 \leq d < 1$	$200 d$
$1 \leq d < 5$	$100 d$
$5 \leq d \leq 10$	$50 d$
$10 < d \leq 14$	$25 d^b$

<sup>a</sup> The free length between the grips shall be a maximum of 500 mm.

<sup>b</sup> Only for steel wires.

**Table 3 — Free length between the grips depending on the nominal characteristic dimension of the shaped wire<sup>a</sup>**

Type of profile of typical shaped wires	Nominal dimension, $h$ , mm	Free length between grips mm, (nominal)
Z	$2 \leq h < 5$	$100 h$
	$5 \leq h < 8$	500
H	$2 \leq h < 5$	$100 h$
	$5 \leq h < 8$	500
T	$2 \leq h < 5$	$100 h$
	$5 \leq h < 6$	500

<sup>a</sup> Only for steel wires.

## 6 Testing conditions

In general, the test is carried out at ambient temperature between 10 °C and 35 °C. Tests carried out under controlled conditions, where required, shall be made at a temperature of  $(23 \pm 5)$  °C.

## 7 Procedure

**7.1** Place the test piece in the testing machine in such a way that its longitudinal axis coincides with the axis of the grips and so that it remains straight during the test. Unless otherwise specified, this may be ensured by applying to the test piece a constant tensile stress not exceeding 2 % of the nominal tensile strength of the wire. For steel wire over 10 mm diameter, the application of tensile stress is not necessary.

**7.2** After placing the test piece in the testing machine, rotate one grip at the nominal value of testing speed  $\pm 10$  % until the test piece breaks or until a specified number of turns is reached. Count the number of complete turns imparted to the wire by the rotating grip.

For the verification of number of turns, a coloured surface line should be drawn.

**7.3** Unless otherwise specified in the relevant standard, the nominal values of the testing speed shall be as given in Table 4 for steel, copper and copper alloys, aluminium and aluminium alloys of the diameters given.

Because the simple torsion test is an isothermal test, an essential increasing of temperature of the test piece should be avoided. For wires sensitive to strain rate and wires for which there is a little knowledge of its strain rate behaviour, the temperature increase should be controlled, for example, it should not be higher than 60 °C. For some steel wires which are not sensitive to strain rate, a higher testing speed can be used to increase testing efficiency.

Table 4 — Nominal testing speed for round and shaped wire

Diameter, $d$ , or characteristic dimension, $h$ mm	Number of turns per second		
	Steel	Copper and copper alloys	Aluminium and aluminium alloys
$0,1 \leq d (h) < 1$	1 or 3 <sup>a</sup>	5	1
$1 \leq d (h) < 1,5$	0,5 or 1 <sup>a</sup>	2	
$1,5 \leq d (h) < 3$		1,5	
$3 \leq d (h) < 3,6$		1	
$3,6 \leq d (h) < 5$			
$5 \leq d (h) \leq 10$	0,25 or 0,5 <sup>a</sup>	0,5	
$10 < d (h) \leq 14$	0,1	—	—

<sup>a</sup> Only for steel wires which are not sensitive to strain rate.

7.4 If the number of turns,  $N_t$ , meets the requirements of the relevant standard, the test piece shall be considered as having passed the test, irrespective of the position of failure. If the number of turns,  $N_t$ , reached does not meet the requirements of the relevant standard and the failure is within a distance of  $2 d$  or  $2 h$  from the grips, the test shall be considered invalid and shall be repeated.

NOTE A tested wire often breaks into more than two parts, subsequent fractures resulting from the rapid springback of the twisted wire following the initial fracture. In many cases, the initial fracture will have a smooth surface perpendicular to the wire axis. The above criterion for the test validity only applies to the location of this initial break. The evaluation of fractures occurring during the test in 7.5, if required, is only for the initial fracture.

7.5 Where the fracture in the torsion test is required to be characterized, it should be done on the basis of Annex B.

NOTE 1 Round wire is used to demonstrate the evaluation of fracture type in Annex B, but it applies to both round and shaped wires.

NOTE 2 For wires of smaller diameter or characteristic dimension, it may not be possible to make a distinction between some of the classes in Annex B (e.g. 2b versus 3b).

### 8 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) reference to this International Standard;
- b) identification of the test piece (type of the material, heat number, etc.);
- c) diameter,  $d$ , or characteristic dimension,  $h$ , of the test piece;
- d) details regarding the test piece preparation (method of straightening, etc.);
- e) testing conditions (free length between the grips, testing speed, application of tensile stress, etc.);
- f) number of turns.

The test report may include an evaluation of the fracture.

**Annex A**  
(informative)

**Recommended types of jaws depending on the diameter  $d$  or  
characteristic dimension  $h$  of the wire**

$d$ ( $h$ ) mm	Type of jaws
$0,1 \leq d$ ( $h$ ) $< 0,3$	Smooth
$0,3 \leq d$ ( $h$ ) $\leq 3$	Lightly serrated
$3 < d$ ( $h$ ) $\leq 10$	V-grooved
$10 < d$ ( $h$ ) $\leq 14$	Smooth <sup>a</sup> or other types of jaws

<sup>a</sup> Only for steel wires.

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