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**Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic —  
Determination of adhesion to metal —  
Two-plate method**

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l'adhérence au métal — Méthode à deux plaques*



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## Foreword

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# Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of adhesion to metal — Two-plate method

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the adhesion strength of rubber-to-metal bonds where the rubber part is assembled between two parallel metal plates, using the adhesive system under investigation.

The method is applicable primarily to test pieces, prepared in the laboratory under standard conditions, such as can be used to provide data for the development of rubber compounds and control of methods of manufacture.

## 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 5893, *Rubber and plastics test equipment — Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse) — Specification*

ISO 18899:2004, *Rubber — Guide to the calibration of test equipment*

ISO 23529, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

## 3 Principle

The test consists in measuring the force required to cause the rupture of a unit of standard dimensions, comprising rubber bonded to two parallel metal plates, the direction of the force being at 90° to the bonded surface.

## 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Tensile-testing machine**, complying with the requirements of ISO 5893, capable of measuring force with an accuracy corresponding to class 2 as defined in ISO 5893, and with a rate of traverse of the moving grip of 25 mm/min  $\pm$  5 mm/min.

NOTE Inertia (pendulum) type dynamometers are apt to give results which differ because of frictional and inertial effects. An inertialess (for example, electronic or optical transducer) type dynamometer gives results which are free from these effects and is therefore preferred.

**4.2 Fixtures**, for holding the test pieces in the test machine (4.1), which permit accurate centring of the applied load during the test.

A suitable type of fixture is shown in Figure 1.

## 5 Calibration

The test apparatus shall be calibrated in accordance with Annex A.

## 6 Test piece

### 6.1 Dimensions

The standard test piece shall consist of a rubber cylinder 3 mm  $\pm$  0,1 mm thick and of diameter between 35 mm and 40 mm known to the nearest 0,1 mm, having its circular ends bonded to the faces of two metal plates of equal diameter, the determination of dimensions of the test piece being in accordance with ISO 23529. The diameter of the metal plates shall be approximately 0,1 mm less than that of the rubber cylinder. The thickness of the metal plates shall be not less than 9 mm. A typical test piece is shown in Figure 2.

### 6.2 Preparation

**6.2.1** Circular metal plates of the standard dimensions shall be prepared preferably from rolled carbon steel bar. Other metals may be used provided that the parts are in conformity with the essential dimensions. The smooth metal parts shall be prepared and treated in accordance with the adhesion system under investigation.

**6.2.2** Rubber discs shall be cut using a circular die of such size that a limited amount of flash is obtained on moulding. The surface of the rubber to be bonded to the metal shall be treated in accordance with the method being investigated.

**6.2.3** The rubber discs and metal end pieces shall then be assembled for moulding in the mould. The mould shall be constructed so that the rubber projects beyond the edges of the metal end pieces by approximately 0,05 mm in order to prevent tearing of the rubber by the edge of the metal during testing.

**6.2.4** During the preparation of the test piece, great care shall be taken to keep the exposed surfaces of the rubber and metal free from dust, moisture and other foreign matter. The surfaces shall not be touched by hand during assembly.

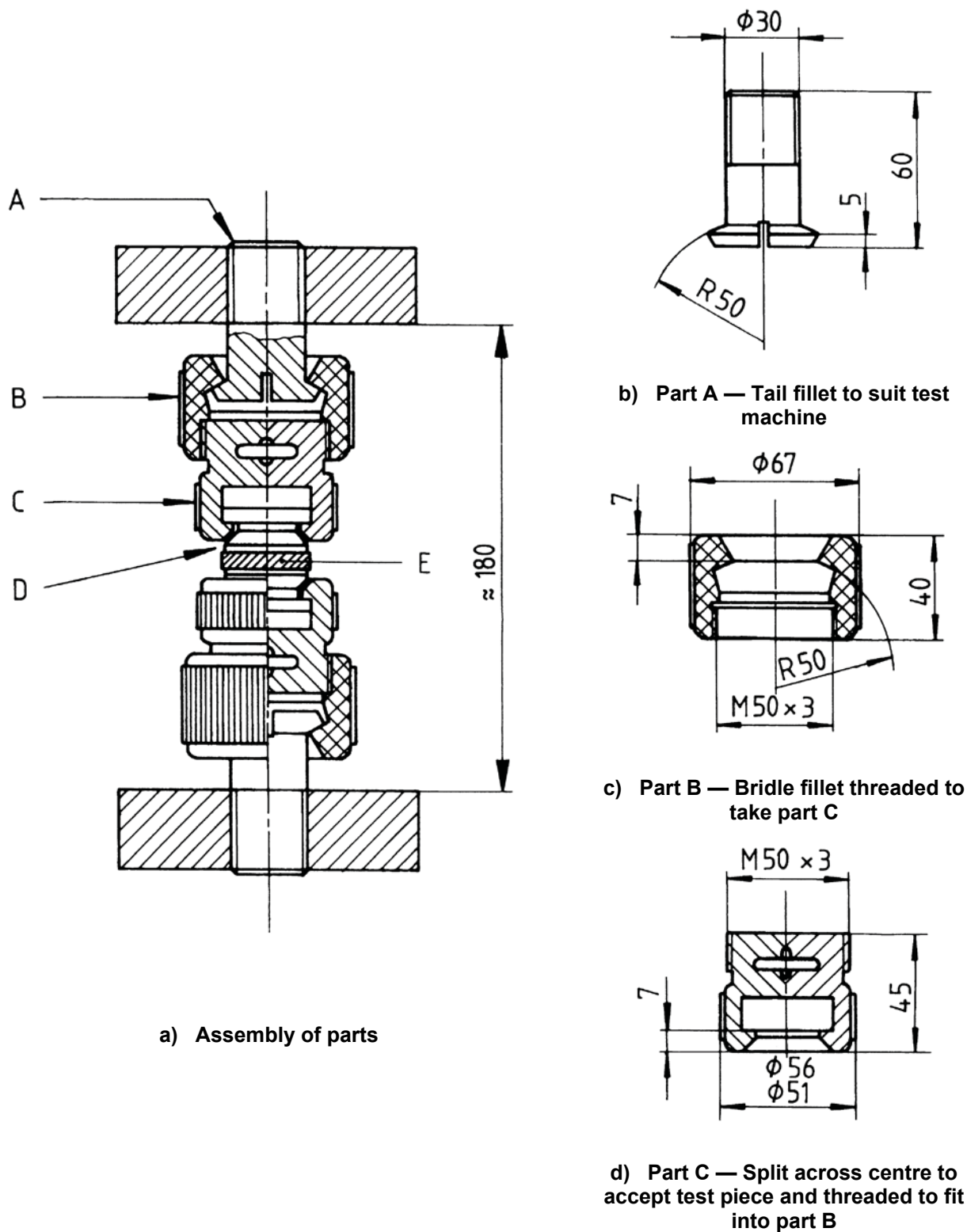
**6.2.5** Moulding shall then be carried out by heating in the mould under pressure for a definite time at a controlled temperature in a suitable press. The time and temperature of moulding shall be in accordance with the system being investigated.

**6.2.6** At the conclusion of the cure, great care shall be taken in removing the test pieces from the mould to avoid subjecting the bonded surfaces to undue stress before the test pieces have cooled.

### 6.3 Number

At least three test pieces shall be tested.

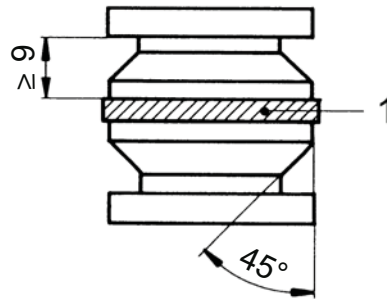
Dimensions in millimetres



#### Key

- A to C see drawings at right
- D metal part of test piece
- E rubber

Figure 1 — Example of test fixture for holding rubber-to-metal bond test pieces



### Key

1 test piece

Figure 2 — Example of standard test piece

## 6.4 Conditioning

**6.4.1** The test pieces shall be conditioned in accordance with the requirements of ISO 23529 for at least 16 h at a standard laboratory temperature ( $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $27\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) immediately before test, the same temperature being used throughout any one test or series of tests intended to be comparable.

**6.4.2** The time-interval between vulcanization and testing shall be in accordance with the requirements of ISO 23529.

## 7 Procedure

**7.1** Mount the test piece in the fixtures (4.2) in the test machine (4.1). Extreme care is necessary in centring and adjusting the test piece so that the tension is uniformly distributed over the cross-section during the test.

**7.2** Apply tension by separating the jaws at a constant rate of  $25\text{ mm/min} \pm 5\text{ mm/min}$  until the test piece breaks. Record the maximum force.

## 8 Expression of results

### 8.1 Adhesion value

The adhesion shall be calculated by dividing the maximum force by the cross-sectional area of the test piece. It shall be expressed in pascals.

### 8.2 Adhesion failure symbols

- a) R indicates that the failure is in the rubber.
- b) RC indicates that the failure is at the interface between the rubber and the cover cement.
- c) CP indicates that the failure is at the interface between the cover cement and the prime cement.
- d) M indicates that the failure is at the interface between the metal and the prime cement.



## 9 Test report

The test report shall include at least the following information:

- a) a reference to this International Standard;
- b) details of test piece:
  - 1) the time and temperature of vulcanization,
  - 2) the date of vulcanization,
  - 3) the diameter of the rubber part of the test piece,
  - 4) the metal used for the metal plates, if other than the steel specified;
- c) test details:
  - 1) the time and temperature of conditioning prior to test,
  - 2) the temperature of the test,
  - 3) any unusual features noted during the determination,
  - 4) the number of test pieces tested,
  - 5) any operation not included in this International Standard or in the International Standards to which reference is made, as well as any operation regarded as optional;
- d) test results:
  - 1) the test result for each test piece, expressed in accordance with 8.1,
  - 2) a description of the type (or types) of failure, expressed in accordance with 8.2, indicating the percentage failure of each type which occurs;
- e) the date of the test.

## Annex A (normative)

### Calibration schedule

#### A.1 Inspection

Before any calibration is undertaken, the condition of the items to be calibrated shall be ascertained by inspection and recorded in any calibration report or certificate. It shall be reported whether calibration is carried out in the “as-received” condition or after rectification of any abnormality or fault.

It shall be ascertained that the apparatus is generally fit for the intended purpose, including any parameters specified as approximate and for which the apparatus does not therefore need to be formally calibrated. If such parameters are liable to change, then the need for periodic checks shall be written into the detailed calibration procedures.

#### A.2 Schedule

Verification/calibration of the test apparatus is a mandatory part of this International Standard. However, the frequency of calibration and the procedures used are, unless otherwise stated, at the discretion of the individual laboratory, using ISO 18899 for guidance.

The calibration schedule given in Table A.1 has been compiled by listing all of the parameters specified in the test method, together with the specified requirement. A parameter and requirement can relate to the main test apparatus, to part of that apparatus or to an ancillary apparatus necessary for the test.

For each parameter, a calibration procedure is indicated by reference to ISO 18899, to another publication or to a procedure particular to the test method which is detailed (whenever a calibration procedure which is more specific or detailed than that in ISO 18899 is available, it shall be used in preference).

The verification frequency for each parameter is given by a code-letter. The code-letters used in the calibration schedule are:

- C requirement to be confirmed, but no measurement;
- N initial verification only;
- P particular procedure;
- S standard interval as given in ISO 18899;
- U in use.

Table A.1 — Calibration schedule

| Parameter                                     | Requirement  | Clause or subclause in ISO 18899:2004 | Verification frequency guide | Notes                           |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Metal plates                                  | Circular   | C                                     | U                            | Preferably rolled carbon steel. |
| Thickness                                     | 9 mm minimum   | 15.2                                  | U                            |                                 |
| Diameter                                      | measure to $\pm 0,1$ mm                                    | 15.2                                  | U                            |                                 |
| Rubber in test piece                          |  |                                       |                              |                                 |
| Diameter                                      | Approximately 0,1 mm greater than that of the metal plates | 15.2                                  | U                            |                                 |
| Thickness                                     | 3 mm $\pm$ 0,1 mm  | 15.2                                  | U                            |                                 |
| Tensile-testing machine                       | Complying with requirements of ISO 5893                    | P                                     | N                            | Inertialess machine preferred   |
| Rate of separation of grips                   | 25 mm/min $\pm$ 5 mm/min                                   | 21.2                                  | S                            |                                 |
| Force measurement                             | Class 2 as specified in ISO 5893                           | 23.4                                  | S                            |                                 |
| Fixtures                                      | To ensure accurate centring of test piece                  | C                                     |                              |                                 |
| Temperature of conditioning and test chambers | 23 °C $\pm$ 2 °C or 27 °C $\pm$ 2 °C                       | 18                                    | S                            |                                 |

In addition to the items listed in Table A.1, use of the following is implied, all of which need calibrating in accordance with ISO 18899:

- a thermometer for monitoring the conditioning and test temperatures;
- instruments for determining the dimensions of the test pieces.

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