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Foreword

This document (EN 658-4:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 184 "Advanced technical ceramics", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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Annex A is informative.

EN 658 'Advanced technical ceramics – Mechanical properties of ceramic composites at room temperature' has six parts:

- *Part 1 : Determination of tensile properties*
- *Part 2 : Determination of compressive properties*
- *Part 3 : Determination of flexural strength*
- *Part 4 : Determination of interlaminar shear strength by compression loading of notched test specimens*
- *Part 5 : Determination of interlaminar shear strength by short span bend test (three-points)*
- *Part 6 : Determination of interlaminar shear strength by double-punch shearing*

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1 Scope

This part of EN 658 specifies the conditions for determination of the interlaminar shear strength of ceramic matrix composite materials with continuous fibre reinforcement at room temperature, by loading a notched test specimen in compression. This method applies to all ceramic matrix composites with a continuous fibre reinforcement unidirectional (1D) and bidirectional (2D) and tridirectional (xD, with $2 < x < 3$) as defined in ENV 13233, loaded along one principal axis of reinforcement.

Two other methods for the determination of shear strength are given in further parts of EN 658.

NOTE 1 The interlaminar shear characteristics can vary significantly depending on test specimen preparation and dimensions, rate of application of the test force, surface condition, etc.

NOTE 2 However, results obtained by this part of EN 658 cannot be compared with results obtained by the two other methods.

NOTE 3 Care should be exercised in interpreting the results of the proposed testing methods to obtain absolute values of the interlaminar shear strength of ceramic matrix composites for design purposes.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

ENV 13233:1998, *Advanced technical ceramics — Ceramic composites — Notations and symbols*.

EN ISO 7500-1:1999, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1 : Tension/compression testing machines (ISO 7500-1:1999)*.

ISO 3611, *Micrometer callipers for external measurements*.

3 Principle

The test consists of measuring the force required to fracture a transversely notched test specimen of defined shape and dimensions, subjected to compressive loading in direction 1 or 2, such that failure occurs by interlaminar shear in plane (1,2), as defined in ENV 13233. The test is performed at constant crosshead displacement rate.

4 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following terms, definitions and symbols and those given in ENV 13233:1998 apply.

4.1

shear failure force, F

maximum force required to produce interlaminar shear failure when double notched test specimen is subjected to compression under monotonic loading

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