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Foreword

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ISO 14577 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Metallic materials — Instrumented indentation test for hardness and materials parameters*:

- *Part 1: Test method*
- *Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines*
- *Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks*
- *Part 4: Test method for metallic and non-metallic coatings*

Introduction

Hardness has typically been defined as the resistance of a material to permanent penetration by another harder material. The results obtained when performing Rockwell, Vickers, and Brinell tests are determined after the test force has been removed. Therefore, the effect of elastic deformation under the indenter has been ignored.

ISO 14577 (all parts) has been prepared to enable the user to evaluate the indentation of materials by considering both the force and displacement during plastic and elastic deformation. By monitoring the complete cycle of increasing and removal of the test force, hardness values equivalent to traditional hardness values can be determined. More significantly, additional properties of the material such as its indentation modulus and elasto-plastic hardness can also be determined. All these values can be calculated without the requirement to measure the indent optically. Furthermore, by a variety of techniques, the instrumented indentation test allows to record hardness and modulus depth profiles within a, probably complex, indentation cycle.

ISO 14577 (all parts) has been written to allow a wide variety of post test data analysis.

Metallic materials — Instrumented indentation test for hardness and materials parameters —

Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks

1 Scope

This part of ISO 14577 specifies a method for the calibration of reference blocks to use for the indirect verification of testing machines for the instrumented indentation test as specified in ISO 14577-2:2015.

NOTE The reference blocks can be calibrated in accordance with the field of application of the testing machine or with the materials parameters which are being determined.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 376, *Metallic materials — Calibration of force-proving instruments used for the verification of uniaxial testing machines*

ISO 4287, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters*

ISO 14577-1:2015, *Metallic materials — Instrumented indentation test for hardness and materials parameters — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 14577-2:2015, *Metallic materials — Instrumented indentation test for hardness and materials parameters — Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines*

3 Manufacture of reference blocks

3.1 The block shall be specially prepared and the attention of the manufacturer drawn to the requirement to use a manufacturing process that gives the necessary homogeneity, uniformity, and stability of structure.

3.2 Each block being calibrated shall be of a thickness not less than 2 mm for the nano range, not less than 5 mm for the micro, and not less than 16 mm for the macro range.

If it is required by the manufacturing process, the thickness of the reference blocks can be smaller.

3.3 The reference blocks shall be free from magnetic forces. It is recommended that the manufacturers ensure that the blocks, if of steel, are demagnetized at the end of the manufacturing process.

3.4 The reference block shall be constructed such that it can be mounted in the testing machine within the tilt limits specified in ISO 14577-1:2015.

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