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**Metallic materials — Charpy  
V-notch pendulum impact test —  
Instrumented test method**

*Matériaux métalliques — Essai de flexion par choc sur éprouvette  
Charpy à entaille en V — Méthode d'essai instrumenté*



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The main changes are as follows:

- in [Clause 1](#), a sentence was added to state that results shall not be directly used in design calculations;
- in [Clause 4](#), the symbol  $K_p$  (potential energy of the pendulum hammer) was added; the symbol  $KV$  (absorbed energy) was changed to  $K_V$ ;
- in [6.1](#) and [D.2.1](#), the application of the “dynamic force adjustment” was added;
- in [6.2.3](#), a generic statement about the stiffness of the support block was removed;
- in [6.2.5](#), the possibility of directly determining characteristic values from printed graphs was removed;
- in [Clauses 7](#) and [8](#), statements referring to [Annex D](#) when testing miniature test pieces were added;
- in [9.2](#), the characteristic values of force that can be evaluated from curves of Type A and B were changed;
- in [9.3](#), it is now specified that  $F_m$  is determined after general yield;
- in [Figure 2](#), force-displacement curves in columns 3 (actual recording) were replaced with better-quality ones;

- in [Clause 10](#), a requirement to report the type of test piece (standard, subsize, or miniature) was added;
- in [Annex A](#), it was clarified that those shown are examples of instrumented strikers;
- in [Annex D](#), alternative miniature test pieces were removed;
- in [D.2.1](#), the deviation range between  $W_t$  and  $K_V$  was changed from  $\pm 0,5$  J to  $\pm 10$  % of  $K_V$ ;
- in [D.3.1](#), dimensions for the standard miniature test piece were added; test temperature requirements were removed; the test report section was removed;
- in the Bibliography, a new reference, [8], was added.

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# Metallic materials — Charpy V-notch pendulum impact test — Instrumented test method

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method of instrumented Charpy V-notch pendulum impact testing on metallic materials and the requirements concerning the measurement and recording equipment.

With respect to the Charpy pendulum impact test described in ISO 148-1, this test provides further information on the fracture behaviour of the product under impact testing conditions.

The results of instrumented Charpy test analyses are not directly transferable to structures or components and shall not be directly used in design calculations or safety assessments.

NOTE General information about instrumented impact testing can be found in References [1] to [5].

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 148-2, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 2: Verification of testing machines*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 Characteristic values of force (see [Figure 2](#))

#### 3.1.1

##### general yield force

$F_{gy}$   
force at the transition point from the linearly increasing part, discarding inertia peak(s), to the curved increasing part of the force-displacement curve

Note 1 to entry: It represents an approximation of the force at which yielding occurs across the entire test piece ligament (see [9.3](#)).

#### 3.1.2

##### maximum force

$F_m$   
maximum force in the course of the force-displacement curve