
**Metallic materials — Sheet and strip
— Biaxial tensile testing method using
a cruciform test piece**

*Matériaux métalliques — Tôles et bandes — Méthode d'essai de
traction biaxiale sur éprouvette cruciforme*



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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard specifies the testing method for measuring the biaxial stress-strain curves of sheet metals subject to biaxial tension at an arbitrary stress ratio using a cruciform test piece made of flat sheet metals. The International Standard applies to the shape and strain measurement position for the cruciform test piece. The biaxial tensile testing machine is described in [Annex C](#), only in terms of the typical example of the machine and the requirements that the machine should comply with.

The cruciform test piece recommended in this International Standard has the following features:

- a) the gauge area of the test piece ensures superior homogeneity of stress, enabling measurement of biaxial stress with satisfactory accuracy;
- b) capability of measuring the elasto-plastic deformation behaviour of sheet metals at arbitrary stress or strain rate ratios;
- c) free from the out-of-plane deformation as is encountered in the hydrostatic bulge testing method;
- d) easy to fabricate from a flat metal sheet by laser cutting, water jet cutting, or other alternative manufacturing methods.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the method for measuring the stress-strain curves of sheet metals subject to biaxial tension using a cruciform test piece fabricated from a sheet metal sample. The applicable thickness of the sheet shall be 0,1 mm or more and 0,08 times or less of the arm width of the cruciform test piece (see [Figure 1](#)). The test temperature shall range from 10 °C to 35 °C. The amount of plastic strain applicable to the gauge area of the cruciform test piece depends on the force ratio, slit width of the arms, work hardening exponent (n -value) (see [Annex B](#)), and anisotropy of a test material.

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 10275, *Metallic materials — Sheet and strip — Determination of tensile strain hardening exponent*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

cruciform test piece

test piece which is recommended in the biaxial tensile test and whose geometry is specified in this International Standard (see [Figure 1](#))

3.2

gauge area

square area which is located in the middle of the cruciform test piece and is enclosed by the four arms of the cruciform test piece (see [Figure 1](#))

3.3

arm

generic name for all areas other than the gauge area in the cruciform test piece. The arms play a role of transmitting tensile forces in two orthogonal directions to the gauge area of the cruciform test piece (see [Figure 1](#))

3.4

biaxial tensile testing machine

testing machine for applying biaxial tensile forces to a cruciform test piece in the orthogonal directions parallel to the arms of the test piece (see [Annex C](#))

3.5

yield surface

a group of stress determined in a stress space, at which a metal starts plastic deformation when probing from the elastic region into the plastic range^[1] (see [Annex A](#))