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BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 184, *Brinell Hardness Test for Grey Cast Iron*, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 25, *Cast Iron*, the Secretariat of which is held by the British Standards Institution (B.S.I.).

Work on this matter which the Technical Committee had already begun in 1955, came to an end in 1959, with the adoption of a proposal as a Draft ISO Recommendation.

On 12 June 1959, the Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 286) was distributed to all the ISO Member Bodies and was approved by the following Member Bodies:

Belgium	Greece	Romania
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Denmark	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Finland	New Zealand	U.S.A.
France	Norway	
Germany	Portugal	

No Member Body opposed the approval of the Draft.

The Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council, which decided, in February 1961, to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.

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1. SCOPE

This ISO Recommendation refers exclusively to the determination of Brinell hardness of grey cast iron, and not to the determination of hardness of chilled cast iron or of grey cast iron which has been surface-hardened, since these properties only concern specialized foundries.

2. PRINCIPLE OF TEST

The test consists in forcing a steel ball of diameter D , under a load F , into the test piece and measuring the diameter d of the indentation left in the surface after removal of the load.

The Brinell hardness HB is the quotient of the test load F (expressed in kilogrammes-force) by the curved surface area of the indentation (expressed in square millimetres) which is assumed to be spherical and of diameter D .

3. SYMBOLS AND DESIGNATIONS

Number	Symbol	Designation
1	D	Diameter of the ball, in millimetres
2	F	Test load, in kilogrammes-force
3	d	Diameter of indentation, in millimetres
4	HB	Brinell hardness
		$= \frac{\text{test load}}{\text{surface area of indentation (considered as a portion of a sphere)}}$ $= \frac{2F}{\pi D (D - \sqrt{D^2 - d^2})}$

