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**Metallic materials — Charpy  
pendulum impact test —**

**Part 2:  
Verification of testing machines**

*Matériaux métalliques — Essai de flexion par choc sur éprouvette  
Charpy —*

*Partie 2: Vérification des machines d'essai (mouton-pendule)*



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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 164, *Mechanical testing of metals*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Toughness testing — Fracture (F), Pendulum (P), Tear (T)*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 148-2:2008), which has been technically revised.

ISO 148 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test*:

- *Part 1: Test method*
- *Part 2: Verification of testing machines*
- *Part 3: Preparation and characterization of Charpy V-notch test pieces for indirect verification of pendulum impact machines*

## Introduction

The suitability of a pendulum impact testing machine for acceptance testing of metallic materials has usually been based on a calibration of its scale and verification of compliance with specified dimensions, such as the shape and spacing of the anvils supporting the specimen. The scale calibration is commonly verified by measuring the mass of the pendulum and its elevation at various scale readings. This procedure for evaluation of machines had the distinct advantage of requiring only measurements of quantities that could be traced to national standards. The objective nature of these traceable measurements minimized the necessity for arbitration regarding the suitability of the machines for material acceptance tests.

However, sometimes two machines that had been evaluated by the direct-verification procedures described above, and which met all dimensional requirements, were found to give significantly different impact values when testing test pieces of the same material.

This difference was commercially important when values obtained using one machine met the material specification, while the values obtained using the other machine did not. To avoid such disagreements, some purchasers of materials added the requirement that all pendulum impact testing machines used for acceptance testing of material sold to them are to be indirectly verified by testing reference test pieces supplied by them. A machine was considered acceptable only if the values obtained using the machine agreed, within specified limits, with the value furnished with the reference test pieces.

This part of ISO 148 describes both the original direct verification and the indirect verification procedures.



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## Part 2: Verification of testing machines

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 148 covers the verification of pendulum-type impact testing machines, in terms of their constructional elements, their overall performance and the accuracy of the results they produce. It is applicable to machines with 2 mm or 8 mm strikers used for pendulum impact tests carried out, for instance, in accordance with ISO 148-1.

It can be applied to pendulum impact testing machines of various capacities and of different design.

Impact machines used for industrial, general or research laboratory testing of metallic materials in accordance with this part of ISO 148 are referred to as industrial machines. Those with more stringent requirements are referred to as reference machines. Specifications for the verification of reference machines are found in ISO 148-3.

This part of ISO 148 describes two methods of verification.

- a) The direct method, which is static in nature, involves measurement of the critical parts of the machine to ensure that it meets the requirements of this part of ISO 148. Instruments used for the verification and calibration are traceable to national or international standards.
- b) The indirect method, which is dynamic in nature, uses reference test pieces to verify points on the measuring scale for absorbed energy. The requirements for the reference test pieces are found in ISO 148-3.

A pendulum impact testing machine is not in compliance with this part of ISO 148 until it has been verified by both the direct and indirect methods and meets the requirements of [Clause 6](#) and [Clause 7](#).

This part of ISO 148 describes how to assess the different components of the total energy absorbed in fracturing a test piece. This total absorbed energy consists of

- the energy needed to fracture the test piece itself, and
- the internal energy losses of the pendulum impact testing machine performing the first half-cycle swing from the initial position.

NOTE Internal energy losses are due to the following:

- air resistance, friction of the bearings of the rotation axis and of the indicating pointer of the pendulum which can be determined by the direct method (see [6.4.5](#));
- shock of the foundation, vibration of the frame and pendulum for which no suitable measuring methods and apparatus have been developed.

### 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 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 148-3, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 3: Preparation and characterization of Charpy V-notch test pieces for indirect verification of pendulum impact machines*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1 Definitions pertaining to the machine

##### 3.1.1

##### **anvil**

portion of the machine that serves to properly position the test piece for impact with respect to the striker and the test piece supports, and supports the test piece under the force of the strike

##### 3.1.2

##### **base**

part of the framework of the machine located below the horizontal plane of the supports

##### 3.1.3

##### **centre of percussion**

point in a body at which, on striking a blow, the percussive action is the same as if the whole mass of the body were concentrated at the point

Note 1 to entry: When a simple pendulum delivers a blow along a horizontal line passing through the centre of percussion, there is no resulting horizontal reaction at the axis of rotation.

Note 2 to entry: See [Figure 4](#).

##### 3.1.4

##### **centre of strike**

point on the striking edge of the pendulum at which, in the free hanging position of the pendulum, the vertical edge of the striker meets the upper horizontal plane of a test piece of half standard thickness (i.e. 5 mm) or equivalent gauge bar resting on the test piece supports

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 4](#).

##### 3.1.5

##### **industrial machine**

pendulum impact machine used for industrial, general or most research-laboratory testing of metallic materials

Note 1 to entry: Industrial machines are not used to establish reference values, unless they also meet the requirements of a reference pendulum (see ISO 148-3).

Note 2 to entry: Industrial machines are verified using the procedures described in this part of ISO 148.

##### 3.1.6

##### **reference machine**

pendulum impact testing machine used to determine certified values for batches of *reference test pieces* ([3.3.4](#))

Note 1 to entry: Reference machines are verified using the procedures described in ISO 148-3.

##### 3.1.7

##### **striker**

portion of the pendulum that contacts the test piece

Note 1 to entry: The edge that actually contacts the test piece has a radius of 2 mm (the 2 mm striker) or a radius of 8 mm (the 8 mm striker).

Note 2 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).