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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 527-4:1997), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- specimen type 4 (tapered tensile specimen) especially for testing of multidirectional, continuous fibre-reinforced thermoplastic composites has been implemented;
- gripping force or pressure (e.g. via torque or manometer depending on gripping system used) has been adjusted;
- the following new annexes have been added:
 - [Annex C](#) (Unbonded tabs or gripping condition without tabs using fine grip faces),
 - [Annex B](#) (Testing with tapered tensile specimen geometry without tabs), and
 - [Annex E](#) (Failure location related calculation of tensile strength for type 4 specimens).

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This corrected version of ISO 527-4:2021 incorporates the following corrections:

- In [Annex D](#), references to [Figure A.1](#) has been corrected to [Figure D.1](#).

Introduction

This document introduces a new test specimen, type 4, with a tapered geometry for use without end tabs. The geometry has been developed to overcome difficulties with bonding end-tabbed test specimens, especially when testing materials based on a thermoplastic matrix.

Guidance on gripping, including grip face design, is also added.

Plastics — Determination of tensile properties —

Part 4:

Test conditions for isotropic and orthotropic fibre-reinforced plastic composites

1 Scope

This document specifies the test conditions for the determination of the tensile properties of isotropic and orthotropic fibre-reinforced plastic composites, based upon the general principles given in ISO 527-1.

NOTE 1 Unidirectional reinforced materials are covered by ISO 527-5.

The methods are used to investigate the tensile behaviour of the test specimens and for determining the tensile strength, tensile modulus, Poisson's ratios and other aspects of the tensile stress-strain relationship under the defined conditions.

The test method is suitable for use with the following materials:

- fibre-reinforced thermosetting and thermoplastic composites incorporating non-unidirectional reinforcements such as mats, woven fabrics, woven rovings, chopped strands, combinations of such reinforcements, hybrids, rovings, short or milled fibres or preimpregnated materials (prepregs);

NOTE 2 Injection moulded specimens are covered by ISO 527-2.

- combinations of the above with unidirectional reinforcements and multidirectional reinforced materials constructed from unidirectional layers, provided such laminates are symmetrical;

NOTE 3 Materials with completely or mainly unidirectional reinforcements are covered by ISO 527-5.

- finished products made from materials mentioned above.

The reinforcement fibres covered include glass fibres, carbon fibres, aramid fibres and other similar fibres.

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 527-1:2019, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 1268 (all parts), *Fibre-reinforced plastics — Methods of producing test plates*

ISO 2818, *Plastics — Preparation of test specimens by machining*

ISO 16012, *Plastics — Determination of linear dimensions of test specimens*

3 Terms and definitions

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