
**Belt drives — V-belts for the
automotive industry — Fatigue test**

*Transmission par courroies — Courroies trapézoïdales pour
l'industrie automobile — Essai de fatigue*

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Foreword

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- symbols table has been added;
- cogged type has been added;
- fatigue test conditions of AV 17 type have been added;
- datum width of fatigue test pulley has been deleted.

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Belt drives — V-belts for the automotive industry — Fatigue test

1 Scope

This document specifies a fatigue test for the quality control of V-belts (sections AV 10, AV 10X, AV 13, AV 13X, AV 17 and AV 17X) intended for driving the auxiliaries of internal combustion engines used for automotive purposes.

NOTE The dimensional characteristics of these belts and of the corresponding pulleys are the subject of ISO 2790.

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 683-1, *Heat-treatable steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 1: Non-alloy steels for quenching and tempering*

ISO 2790, *Belt drives — V-belts for the automotive industry and corresponding pulleys — Dimensions*

ISO 4287, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological 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/>

4 Symbols

For the purpose of this document, the following symbols apply.

Symbol	Definition	Unit
d_{e1}	effective diameter of both the driving and driven pulleys	mm
d_{e2}	effective diameter of the idler pulley	mm
E	centre distance between the driving and driven pulleys	mm
F	belt tensioning force	N
g	additional slip	%

i_0	rotational frequency ratio at the initial	—
i_f	rotational frequency ratio at measurement of the additional slip	—
L_e	effective length of the belt	mm
K	factor for the belt tensioning force	N/kW
n_0	initial rotational frequency of the driven shaft	min ⁻¹
n_f	final rotational frequency of the driven shaft	min ⁻¹
N_0	initial rotational frequency of the driving shaft	min ⁻¹
N_f	final rotational frequency of the driving shaft	min ⁻¹
p	minimum groove depth	mm
P	transmitted power	kW
r	minimum curve radius of the sides as the top of the groove	mm
R_a	surface roughness	μm
w_e	effective width	mm
α	groove angle of the driving pulley and of the driven pulley	degree

5 Principle

Determination of the performance of a belt under specified conditions on the two- or three-pulley test machine described in [6.1](#).

The shortest V-belt that can be tested on the three-pulley test machine is approximately 800 mm. Shorter belts should be tested on the two-pulley test machine, as described in [Clauses 6](#) and [8](#).

A number of conditions shall be agreed between the manufacturer and the user, including the power to be transmitted, the effective diameter of the idler pulley and the number of times the belt can be re-tensioned, and the minimum acceptable belt life, in hours.

As a general rule, the power to be transmitted using the two-pulley test machine shall be approximately 70 % of the power transmitted using the three-pulley test machine.

Belt failure occurs when the belt no longer satisfies the agreed conditions.

6 Apparatus

6.1 Dynamic test machine

Dynamic test machine, of robust design so that all components withstand, with virtually no deflection, the stresses to which they are subjected.

6.1.1 Driving pulley and suitable mechanism for driving it.

6.1.2 Driven pulley, to which a suitable power-absorption unit is connected.

6.1.3 Power-absorption unit, accurate and capable of calibration, e.g. by dead weights.

6.1.4 Device, through which tension can be applied to the belt:

- a) in the case of the three-pulley test machine layout, an idler pulley (see [Figure 1](#));
- b) in the case of the two-pulley test machine layout, a movable pulley (see [Figure 2](#)).

6.1.5 Means of determining belt slip, to an accuracy of $\pm 1\%$.

The layout of the pulleys and the direction of rotation shall be as shown in [Figures 1](#) and [2](#).

In order to accommodate different lengths of belt, the position of the driving and driven elements, and the position of the idler pulley and its support bracket in the case of the three-pulley test machine, shall be adjustable so that the test layout of the pulleys is attainable for each belt length.

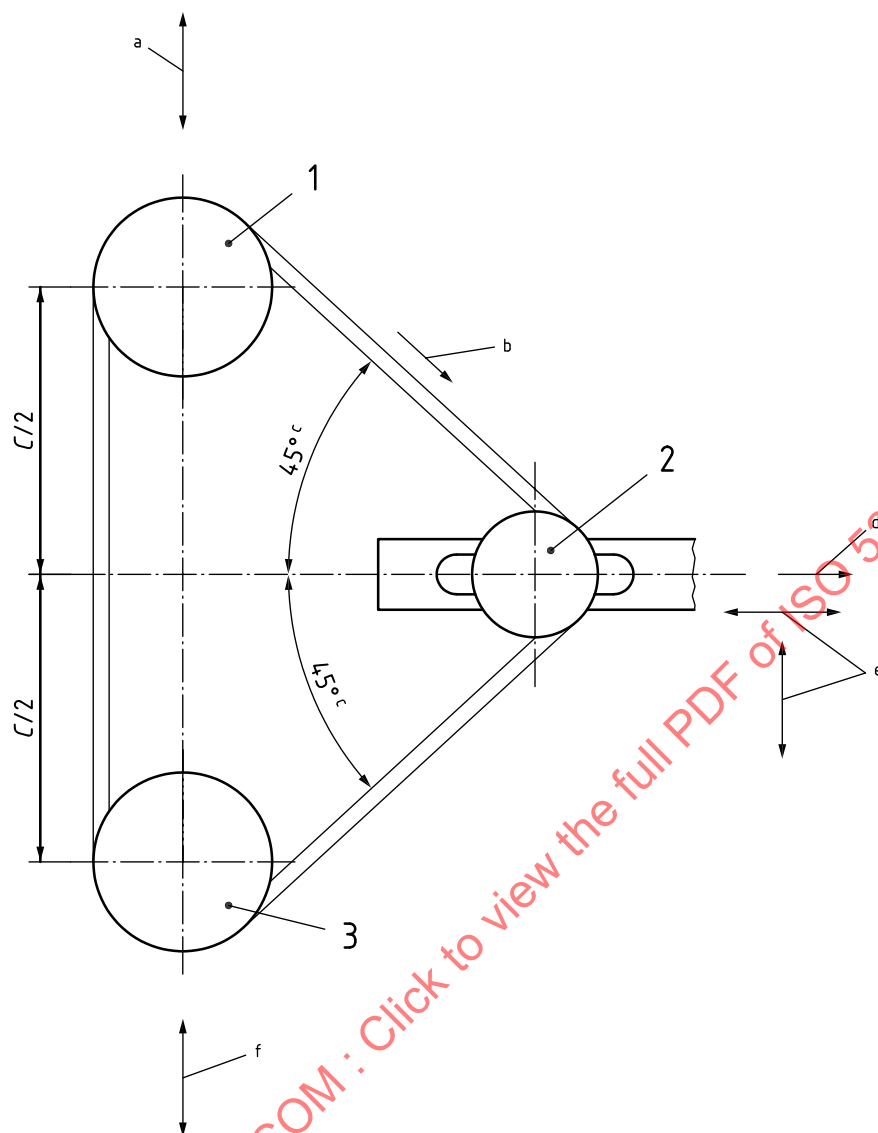
So that tension can be satisfactorily applied to the belt, and in order to allow for belt stretch, the idler pulley of the three-pulley test machine and its bearing assembly shall be free to slide, as and when necessary, in its support bracket along the line of application of the tensioning force. In such a case, the line of action of the tensioning force shall bisect the belt layout angle at the idler pulley, shall pass through the axis centre of the idler pulley, and shall lie in the plane through the centre of the groove of the idler pulley (see [Figure 1](#)).

The two-pulley test machine shall be constructed so that one of the units (driven or driving) can be moved to accommodate belt lengths up to 800 mm (see [Figure 2](#)). A method of locking the movable unit in position, with a given tension in the V-belt, shall be provided.

6.2 Test pulleys

Test pulleys, which shall comply with the following requirements: be made of steel as defined in ISO 683-1, with a surface hardness of 55 HRC, in accordance with ISO 6508-1, and the pulley groove with a surface roughness such that the arithmetical mean deviation of the evaluated profile, R_a , defined by ISO 4287 is lower than $0,8\text{ }\mu\text{m}$.

The characteristics of the test pulleys are given in [Figure 3](#) and [Table 1](#).



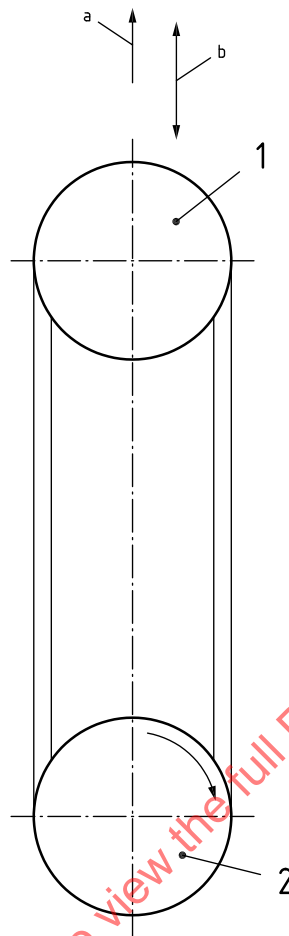
Key

- 1 driven pulley (power-absorption unit)
- 2 idler pulley — set in slide
- 3 driving pulley

The belt, mounted on the test pulleys, should be aligned to within $\pm 0,25^\circ$ in relation to the plane through the centre of each pulley groove.

- a Direction of adjustment of driven pulley.
- b Direction of rotation.
- c 45° is specified for the initial test layout, and may change slightly with retensioning during the course of the test.
- d Belt tensioning force applied to the idler pulley.
- e Directions of adjustment of idler pulley assembly and its support bracket.
- f Direction of adjustment of driving pulley.

Figure 1 — Three-pulley test machine layout

**Key**

- 1 driven pulley (power-absorption unit)
- 2 driving pulley

The belt, mounted on the test pulleys, should be aligned to within $\pm 0,25^\circ$ in relation to the plane through the centre of each pulley groove.

- a Belt tensioning force applied to the movable pulley.
- b Direction of adjustment of the movable pulley (method of locking in place).

Figure 2 — Two-pulley test machine layout

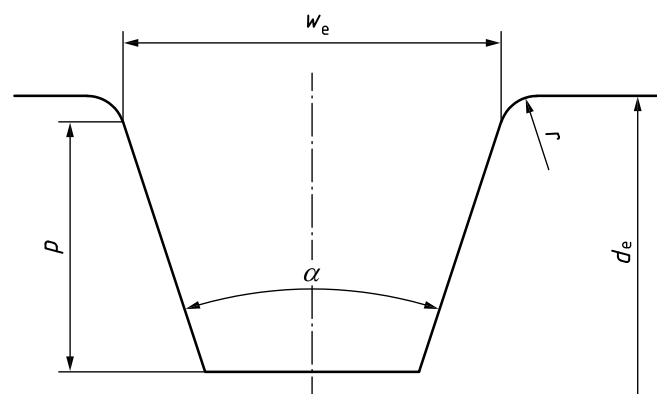


Figure 3 — Test pulley groove

Table 1 — Characteristics of test pulley groove

Dimensions in millimetres

Designation	Symbol	Section		
		AV 10	AV 13	AV 17
Effective diameter of the driving pulley and of the driven pulley (three-pulley test machine)	d_{e1}	$121 \pm 0,2$	$127 \pm 0,2$	$127 \pm 0,2$
Effective diameter of the driving pulley and of the driven pulley (two-pulley test machine)	d_{e1}	$63 \pm 0,2$	$76 \pm 0,2$	$85 \pm 0,2$
Effective diameter of the idler pulley ^a (three-pulley test machine)	d_{e2}	$57 - 63 - 76 \pm 0,2$	$70 - 76 - 89 \pm 0,2$	$90 - 100 \pm 0,2$
Effective width	w_e	9,7	12,7	16,8
Groove angle of the driving pulley and of the driven pulley	α	$36^\circ \pm 0,5^\circ$	$36^\circ \pm 0,5^\circ$	$36^\circ \pm 0,5^\circ$
Groove angle of the idler pulley (three-pulley test machine)		$36^\circ \pm 0,5^\circ$	$36^\circ \pm 0,5^\circ$	$34^\circ \pm 0,5^\circ$
Minimum groove depth	p	11	13,75	16
Minimum curve radius of the sides as the top of the groove	r	0,8	0,8	1,5

^a When the idler pulley effective diameter is reduced, it should be understood that the life of the belt is reduced too.

7 Test room condition

The ambient temperature in the test room shall be between 18 °C and 32 °C, and the mean ambient temperature for the duration of the test shall be given with the result of the test.

The atmosphere in the vicinity of the test drive shall be free of draughts from sources other than the belt drive itself.

8 Test method

8.1 Test conditions

For each test, the general layout of the pulleys relative to each other shall be as shown in [Figures 1](#) and [2](#). The centre distance between the driving and driven pulleys for the three-pulley test machine shall be within ± 2 mm of the value determined from [Formula \(1\)](#).

$$2,414 \times E = L_e - 0,785 \times (3 \times d_{e1} + d_{e2}) - (d_{e1} - d_{e2}) \quad (1)$$

where

E is the centre distance between the driving and driven pulleys;

L_e is the effective length of the belt, which shall be measured in accordance with ISO 2790;

d_{e1} is the effective diameter of both the driving and driven pulleys;

d_{e2} is the effective diameter of the idler pulley.

The rotational frequency of the driving pulley, to within ± 2 %, shall be:

- for AV 10 and AV 10X belts: 4 900 min⁻¹;
- for AV 13, AV 13X, AV 17 and AV 17X belts: 4 700 min⁻¹.

In the case of the three-pulley test machine the belt tensioning force applied to the idler pulley, and in the case of the two-pulley test machine the force applied to the driven pulley, shall be in accordance with [Formula \(2\)](#).

$$F = K \times P \quad (2)$$

where

F is the belt tensioning force, in newtons;

P is the transmitted power, in kilowatts;

K is equal to:

- 60 N/kW, in the case of the three-pulley test machine;
- 110 N/kW, in the case of the two-pulley test machine.

8.2 Procedure

8.2.1 Preparation

8.2.1.1 Three-pulley test machine

After mounting the belt on the pulleys, apply the specified belt tensioning force (see [8.1](#)) to the idler pulley while the idler pulley support bracket is moved in its slide, bring the drive up to the specified rotational frequency (see [8.1](#)). Then apply the relevant load to the driven pulley as quickly as possible. Run the drive under these conditions for $5 \text{ min} \pm 15 \text{ s}$, not including the starting and stopping time. Stop the machine and leave it to stand for at least 10 min.

Then turn the drive manually for several revolutions of the belt and, by means of a dial indicator mounted in contact with the idler pulley support bracket, note the maximum limits of travel of the idler pulley.

Immediately lock the idler pulley support bracket in the position midway between the two limits of travel.

8.2.1.2 Two-pulley test machine

Use the same procedure as in [8.2.1.1](#) with the movable unit taking the place of the idler pulley support.

8.2.2 Test

Restart the machine, bring the drive up to the specified rotational frequency, apply the test load to the driven pulley and measure the slip between the driving and driven pulleys.

The drive shall run continuously under these conditions until either the belt fails or the additional slip, g , exceeds the slip measured initially, by 4 %.