
Road vehicles — Sheath-type glow-plugs — General requirements and test methods

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies general requirements and test methods for sheath-type glow-plugs. Detailed test condition(s) and/or requirement(s) are agreed between the glow-plug manufacturers and the engine manufacturer. It is applicable to those sheath-type glow-plugs conforming to ISO 6550-1, ISO 6550-2, ISO 6550-3 and ISO 6550-4, used in compression ignition (diesel) engines.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 6550-1, *Road vehicles — Sheath-type glow-plugs with conical seating and their cylinder head housing — Part 1: M14 × 1,25 glow-plugs*

ISO 6550-2, *Road vehicles — Sheath-type glow-plugs with conical seating and their cylinder head housing — Part 2: M12 × 1,25 glow-plugs*

ISO 6550-3, *Road vehicles — Sheath-type glow-plugs with conical seating and their cylinder head housing — Part 3: M10 glow-plugs*

ISO 6550-4, *Road vehicles — Sheath-type glow-plugs with conical seating and their cylinder head housing — Part 4: M8 × 1 glow-plugs*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing — Part 2-6: Tests — Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

nominal voltage

voltage as marked on the housing of the glow-plug

NOTE The nominal voltage of the glow-plug is generally not identical to the supply voltage of the electrical system.

3.2

test voltage

voltage(s) applied to the glow-plug under test

4 Test methods and requirements

4.1 General

If not otherwise specified, all tests shall be carried out at room temperature (RT) (23 ± 5) °C.

4.2 Gas tightness

4.2.1 Test

Mount the sample on a test assembly with the tightening torque as specified in the relevant part of ISO 6550. Subject the sample to a pressure of 4 MPa [40 bar]¹⁾ above ambient air pressure on the sheath end for a duration of 15 s. Use air, nitrogen, carbon dioxide or any other detection gas.

4.2.2 Requirements

The measured total leakage shall not exceed 2 cm³/min. If neither air nor nitrogen is used, the leakage rate shall be converted to that of air using the specific volume of the detection gas.

4.3 Thermal characteristic

4.3.1 Test sample preparation

Before the test, pre-heat the sample to oxidation at the nominal voltage of the glow-plug and then allow it to cool to RT. The time for oxidation shall be as agreed between the glow-plug manufacturer and the engine manufacturer, e.g. three times the duration of the glow cycle.

4.3.2 Test

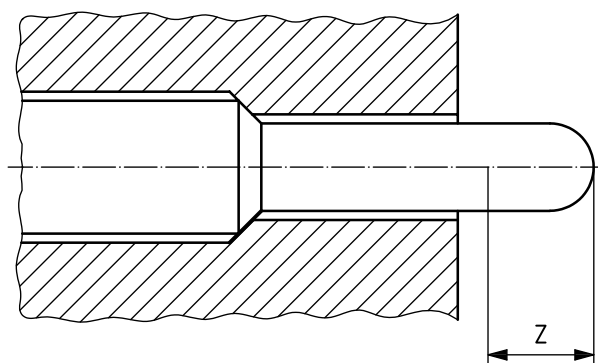
Carry out the test using a test installation in accordance with Figure 1 (see Table 1), equipped with a cooling device by which the temperature can be maintained below 30 °C, measured at the seating of the glow-plug housing.

If the thermal behaviour is measured in accordance with a specific application, this shall be by agreement between the glow-plug manufacturer and the engine manufacturer.

Carry out the test at the test voltage(s) of the glow-plug as specified in the description of the glow plug system.

Temperature measurements shall be made without direct contact.

1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm².

**Key**

Z maximum measuring zone

Figure 1 — Test installation

4.3.3 Requirements

The hottest point of standard warm-up sheath-type glow-plugs shall be within the measuring zone, Z, as shown in Figure 1. Z shall have a maximum length of 8 mm.

The temperature/time characteristic of the glow-plug shall be agreed between the glow-plug manufacturer and the engine manufacturer.

4.4 Resistance at room temperature

4.4.1 Test

Use a suitable measuring device which does not distort the resistance (e.g. 4-pole measuring device).

4.4.2 Requirement

The measured resistance shall be as agreed between the glow-plug manufacturer and the engine manufacturer.

4.5 Current characteristic

4.5.1 Test

Use the test installation as specified in 4.3.2. Record the current characteristic by measuring the initial current, its gradient and the current at thermal equilibrium.

4.5.2 Requirement

The recorded characteristics shall be as agreed between the glow-plug manufacturer and the engine manufacturer.

4.6 Higher voltage

4.6.1 Test

Use the test installation as specified in 4.3.2. Apply a test voltage of 130 % of the nominal voltage of the glow-plug for the duration (15 ± 1) s.

4.6.2 Requirement

After the test, the glow-plug shall still meet the requirements of 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5.

4.7 Vibration (sinusoidal)

4.7.1 Test method

The glow-plug, mounted as provided for and tightened as specified, shall be subjected to a vibration test of type Fc in accordance with the test method in IEC 60068-2-6, using the parameters given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Values for vibration test

Frequency f Hz	Amplitude mm	Acceleration
$50 < f \leq 160$	0,3	—
$160 < f \leq 500$	—	30 g (294 m/s ²)
Sweep rate: 1 octave/min		
Vibration directions: glow-plug axis and perpendicular		
Duration: 8 h in each direction		

4.7.2 Requirement

After the test specified in 4.7.1, the glow-plug shall show no visual damage and shall meet the requirements mutually agreed between the glow-plug manufacturer and the engine manufacturer.

4.8 Endurance

4.8.1 Test

The test conditions shall be agreed between the glow-plug manufacturer and the engine manufacturer. The agreed conditions shall include at least the following:

- number of cycles,
- voltage characteristic,
- installation (i.e. in accordance with 4.3.2 or in a simulated cylinder head),
- environmental condition (e.g. air speed and temperature),
- cooling, and
- cycle start temperature.