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The main changes are as follows:

- [subclause 6.2.3](#) has been modified to allow the manufacturer to choose to utilize built-up ends on the samples, independent of the grips holding the test piece (see [6.2.3](#)).

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1 Scope

This document specifies two test methods (method A and method B) for determining the longitudinal tensile properties of glass-reinforced thermosetting plastics (GRP) pipes. The properties which can be determined are:

- the longitudinal tensile strength, and
- the percentage ultimate elongation.

Method A uses, for the test piece(s), a longitudinal strip cut from a pipe.

Method B uses a specified length of the full cross-section of the pipe.

Method A is applicable to pipes with a nominal size of DN 50 or greater with circumferentially-wound filaments, with or without chopped glass and/or woven rovings and/or fillers, and to centrifugally-cast pipes. It is applicable to pipes with helically wound filaments with a nominal size of DN 200 or greater.

Method B is applicable to all types of GRP pipe. It is usually used for pipes with a nominal size up to and including DN 150.

Results from one method are not necessarily equal to the results derived from any of the alternative methods. However, all methods have equal validity.

[Annex A](#) describes additional considerations for method B that have been found useful for the testing of thin-walled helically-wound pipes and can be used to supplement the basic text.

NOTE This document does not address the determination of longitudinal tensile modulus. Due to the multi-layer construction of many GRP pipes, the accurate measurement of strain, necessary for modulus determination, can be very difficult. If it is desired to determine longitudinal modulus, see ISO 527-4 and/or ISO 527-5.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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/>

3.1

helically filament-wound

cross wound

filament-wound pipes made with a balanced winding angle

3.2

longitudinal tensile strength

σ_{LA}^*
 σ_{LB}^*

maximum tensile force in the longitudinal direction per unit mean circumference at failure

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in newtons per millimetre of the circumference (N/mm).

Note 2 to entry: The subscripts A and B denote the method of test used.

3.3

mean circumference

circumference corresponding to the mean diameter multiplied by π

Note 1 to entry: $\pi \approx 3,141\ 6$.

Note 2 to entry: It is expressed in millimetres (mm).

3.4

mean diameter

d_m

diameter of the circle corresponding with the middle of the pipe wall cross-section

Note 1 to entry: It is given by any of the following:

- a) the average of the external diameter of the pipe minus the average of the wall thickness;
- b) the external circumference of the pipe divided by π ($\pi \approx 3,141\ 6$) minus the average of the wall thickness;
- c) the average of the internal diameter of the pipe plus the average of the wall thickness.

Note 2 to entry: It is expressed in millimetres (mm).

3.5

ultimate elongation

ε_L

elongation coincident with the ultimate longitudinal tensile strength.

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, the measurement of elongation is limited to measurement of the movement of the tensile testing machine cross-heads.

Note 2 to entry: It is expressed as a percentage of an initial gauge length or free length of a test piece.

4 Principle

Test pieces comprising of either strips cut longitudinally from a pipe wall segment (method A) or a specified length of pipe (method B) are subjected to extension in the longitudinal direction at a constant speed such that fracture occurs within a specified time.

The tensile properties are determined using the initial dimensions of the test piece, the tensile force, and the cross-head movement.

It is assumed that the following test parameters are set by the standard making reference to this document:

- a) the methods to be used, i.e. method A or method B;
- b) the number of test pieces (see [6.4](#));
- c) if applicable, the requirements for conditioning, e.g. temperature, humidity, time and associated tolerances (see [Clause 7](#));
- d) the test temperature and its tolerance (see [Clause 8](#));

- e) the properties to be measured (see [Clause 9](#)).

5 Apparatus

5.1 Tensile-testing machine

The tensile-testing machine of the constant rate of cross-head movement type incorporates the following features:

- a fixed part, fitted with a grip to hold one end of the test piece without permitting any longitudinal movement thereof, and a moveable part, incorporating a grip to hold the other end of the test piece during extension [the fixed and moving parts and their associated grips (see [5.2](#)) shall enable the test piece to be aligned when a force is applied so that its longitudinal axis coincides with the direction of this force];
- a drive mechanism, capable of imparting a constant speed (see [9.3](#)) to the moving part;
- a force indicator, capable of measuring the force applied to a test piece which is held in the grips (the mechanism shall be free from significant inertia lag at the necessary speed of testing and shall indicate or record force, or consequent stress, with an accuracy of within ± 1 % of the value to be measured);
- a means to measure the cross-head movement as a function of the applied load.

5.2 Grips

Each of the two grips shall be capable of holding one end of the test piece without slip or crushing to an extent that will affect the results obtained. Grips which tighten automatically might be suitable. Typical grips for a pipe section test piece (see [6.3](#)) are shown in [Figure 1](#).

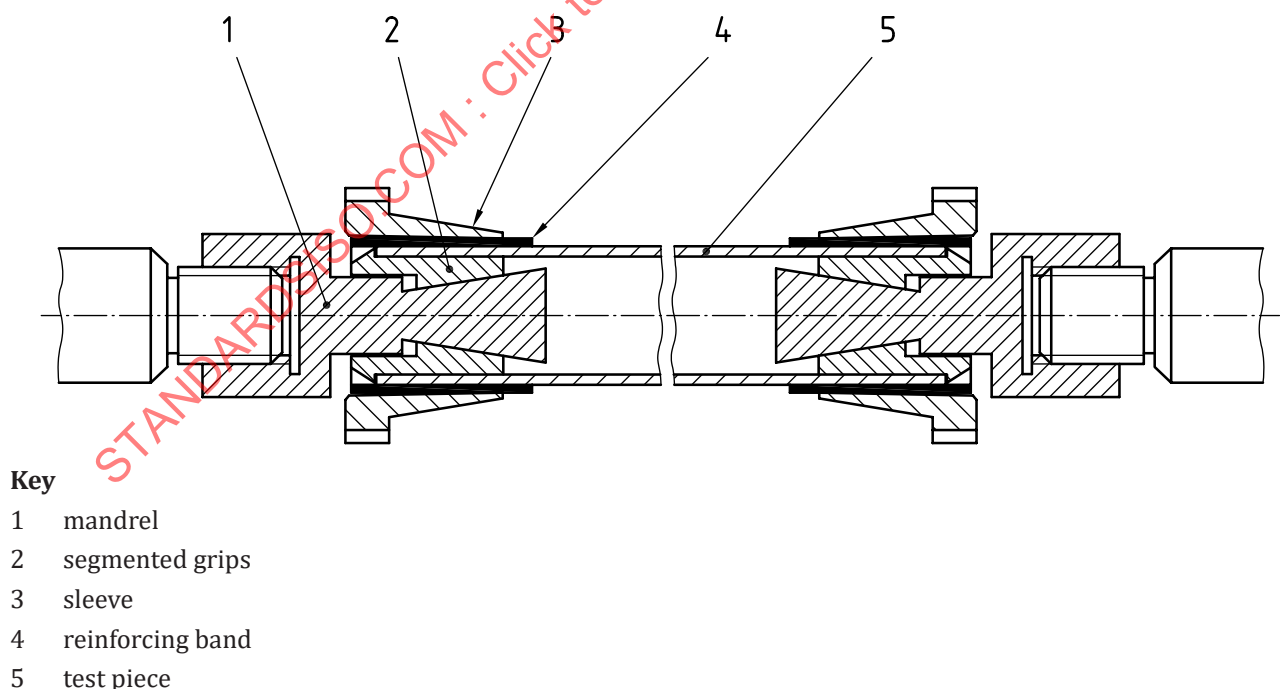


Figure 1 — Typical grips for a pipe section test piece (method B)

5.3 Dimension measurement devices

Dimension measurement devices shall be capable of measuring the necessary dimensions of the test piece (e.g. length, width, wall thickness) to an accuracy of half the accuracy required in [Clause 9](#) for measurements, e.g. a measuring accuracy of $\pm 0,1$ mm requires a device accuracy of $\pm 0,05$ mm.

6 Test pieces

6.1 General

The test piece shall be a strip or dumbbell conforming to [6.2](#), or a pipe section conforming to [6.3](#).

The test piece shall be obtained in such a way that it is not damaged.

The test piece width guidelines can sometimes need to be altered to smaller values for thick wall pipes to reflect the testing machine capacity. This is due to some GRP pipes being made in very high thickness to address high pressure and large diameter applications. The testing of such narrower samples will lead to a more conservative indication of strength for thick wall pipes.

For thick wall test pieces, it can also be necessary to clamp the specimen on the cut cross-section sides to allow the specimen to fit into the testing grips.

For pipes with a layered wall construction, it can also be necessary to reinforce the gripped ends to obtain a more even distribution of tensile force.

For pipes reinforced in the axial direction with tapes, fabrics, or mats of a fixed width, it can be necessary to increase the test sample length to ensure that a cross-section with the minimum number of layers of reinforcement (the apparent lowest strength area) falls within the gauge length.

NOTE The test pieces for method A can be cut from a ring previously used for the determination of the initial ring stiffness.

6.2 Strip test piece (method A)

6.2.1 Shape

Each test piece shall be a strip cut in the longitudinal direction of the pipe and either shaped to the dimensions of the applicable dumbbell as shown in [Figure 2](#) or a parallel-sided (rectangular) test piece as shown in [Figure 3](#).

6.2.2 Dimensions

6.2.2.1 Length

The length, l , of the test piece shall be (300 ± 15) mm (see [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#)).

6.2.2.2 Shaped strip

The gauge length, l_G , of the test piece shall be as shown in [Formula \(1\)](#), in mm. See [Figure 2](#).

$$100 \leq l_G \leq 150 \quad (1)$$

The radius, R , shall be machined to conform to the limits expressed in [Formula \(2\)](#), in mm. See [Figure 2](#).

$$50 \leq R \leq 70 \quad (2)$$

The width, b_G , of the test piece within the gauge length shall conform to the requirements expressed in [Formulae \(3\)](#) and [\(4\)](#), in mm. See [Figure 2](#) and [6.2.1](#).

$$b_G = (10 \pm 1) \text{ for } DN \leq 150 \quad (3)$$

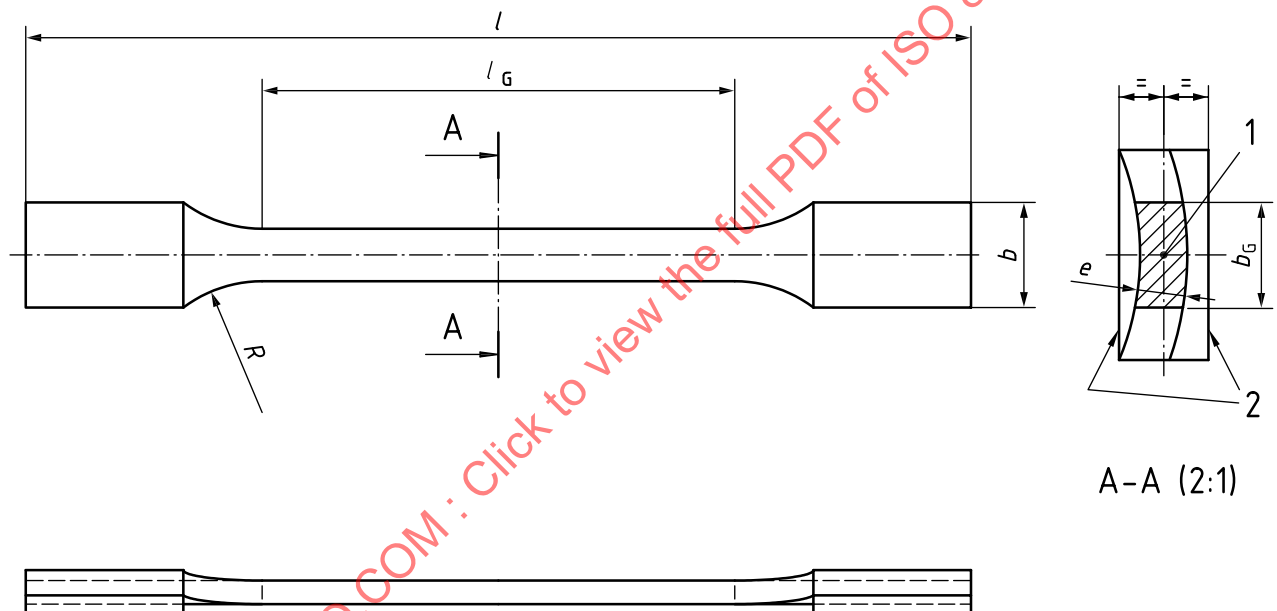
$$b_G = (25 \pm 1) \text{ for } DN > 150 \quad (4)$$

The total width, b , of the test piece shall conform to the requirements expressed in [Formulae \(5\)](#) and [\(6\)](#), in mm. See [Figure 2](#).

$$b = (18 \pm 2) \text{ for } DN \leq 150 \quad (5)$$

$$b = (40 \pm 2) \text{ for } DN > 150 \quad (6)$$

It can be necessary to reduce the above width parameters to accommodate thick wall pipes (see [6.1](#)).



Key

- 1 centroid of gauge length cross-section
- 2 ends built up with plain or reinforced thermoset resin and trimmed flat and parallel, if required
- e wall thickness
- l test sample length
- l_G gauge length
- b total test sample width
- b_G width of gauge length
- R radius

Figure 2 — Shaped test piece dimensions (method A)

6.2.2.3 Parallel-sided strip

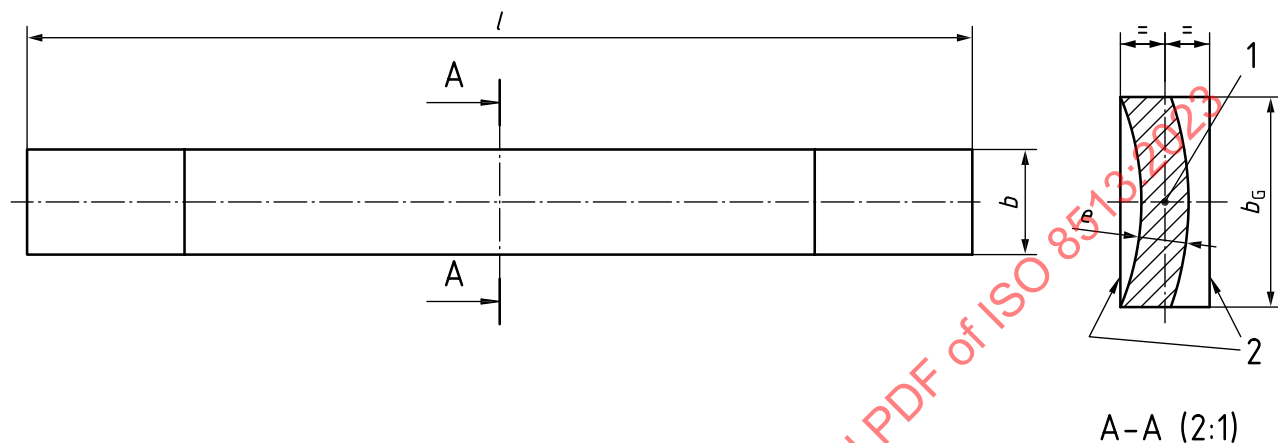
The width, b_G , of the test piece within the gauge length shall conform to the following requirements (see [Figure 3](#)). The gauge length, l_G , shall be the non-built up area between the grips.

The width, b (equal to the gauge width b_G), of the test piece shall be as shown in [Formulae \(7\)](#) and [\(8\)](#), in mm. See [Figure 3](#).

$$b_G = (10 \pm 1) \text{ for } DN \leq 150 \quad (7)$$

$$b_G = (25 \pm 1) \text{ for } DN > 150 \quad (8)$$

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Key

- 1 centroid of gauge length cross-section
- 2 ends built up with plain or reinforced thermoset resin and trimmed flat and parallel, if required
- e wall thickness
- l test sample length
- b_G width of gauge length
- b test sample width = width of gauge length, b_G

Figure 3 — Parallel-sided strip test piece dimensions (method A)

6.2.3 Use of built-up ends

If the manufacturer elects to utilize built-up ends, build up the thickness of the test piece ends over the grip length with a suitable thermosetting resin with or without reinforcement.

When cured, machine the built-up ends flat and parallel and ensure that the centroid of the gauge length cross-section (see [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#)) will lie on the loading centreline of the testing machine when gripped.

6.3 Pipe section test pieces (method B)

Each test piece (see [Figure 1](#)) shall be a full section of the pipe with a minimum length of 450 mm.

6.4 Number of test pieces

The number of test pieces shall be as specified in the referring standard.

7 Conditioning

Unless otherwise specified in the referring standard, store the test pieces at the test temperature (see [Clause 8](#)) for at least 0,5 h prior to testing.

8 Test temperature

Conduct the applicable procedure given in [Clause 9](#) at the temperature specified in the referring standard.

9 Procedure (methods A and B)

9.1 For a strip test piece (method A), measure and record to the nearest 0,1 mm the wall thickness e and the widths b and b_G , as applicable, of the test piece, at the centre of the gauge length.

For a pipe test piece (method B), measure and record either the internal or the external diameter and the average wall thickness of the test piece by taking three measurements, equally spaced around the circumference at both ends of the pipe section.

9.2 Place the test piece in the tensile-testing machine ([5.1](#)) so that the axial alignment coincides with the direction of pull. Clamp the grips ([5.2](#)) uniformly and sufficiently tightly to prevent slipping of the test piece.

9.3 Load the test piece by separating the grips at a constant speed of between 2 mm/min to 5 mm/min and record forces and corresponding elongations at appropriate intervals. Record the maximum force sustained by the test piece, in newtons.

9.4 Discard any test pieces which have slipped in the grips and those for which rupture has occurred outside the gauge length, and repeat the test(s) on a corresponding number of test pieces conforming to [6.2](#), [6.3](#) or [6.4](#).

NOTE If failures occur outside the gauge length, it is permitted to include such failures if the resulting average strength is increased.

10 Calculation

10.1 For strip test pieces (method A)

10.1.1 For each test piece, calculate the initial longitudinal tensile strength, $\sigma_{LA,i}^*$, in N/mm of the circumference, using [Formula \(9\)](#):

$$\sigma_{LA,i}^* = \frac{F}{b_G} \quad (9)$$

where

F is the maximum force in N;

b_G is the gauge width of the test piece, in mm;

i is the number of the test piece.

Calculate the average initial longitudinal tensile strength, $\sigma_{LA,i}^*$, of the test pieces and, if applicable, the standard deviation.

10.1.2 For each test piece, calculate the percentage ultimate elongation. For all the test pieces, determine the average percentage ultimate elongation and the standard deviation, if applicable.

10.2 For pipe test pieces (method B)

10.2.1 For each test piece, calculate the initial longitudinal tensile strength, $\sigma_{LB,i}^*$, in N/mm of the circumference, using [Formula \(10\)](#):

$$\sigma_{LB,i}^* = \frac{F}{\pi \times d_m} \quad (10)$$

where

F is the maximum force, in N;

d_m is the mean diameter (see [3.4](#)), in mm;

i is the number of the test piece.

Calculate the average initial longitudinal tensile strength, σ_{LB}^* , of the test pieces and, if applicable, the standard deviation.

10.2.2 For each test piece, calculate the percentage ultimate elongation, $\varepsilon_{L,i}$. For all the test pieces, determine the average percentage ultimate elongation, ε_L , and the standard deviation, if applicable.

11 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) a reference to this document, i.e. ISO 8513:2023, and the referring standard;
- b) all details necessary for full identification of the pipe tested;
- c) the test method used, i.e. method A or method B;
- d) in the case of a strip test piece: whether it was parallel-sided or shaped and whether or not the ends were built-up;
- e) the average wall thickness and the length of each test piece and other relevant dimensions, as applicable;
- f) the number of test pieces;
- h) the temperature during the test;
- i) the rate of loading;
- j) the elapsed time to failure;
- k) the individual value(s) for the initial longitudinal tensile strength and the average value and, if applicable, the standard deviation;
- l) the individual percentage ultimate elongation and the gauge length over which the elongation was measured and the average percentage ultimate elongation and, if applicable, the standard deviation;
- m) the results of any load/elongation in either graphical or numerical form;
- n) a description of the appearance of the test pieces after testing;

- o) any deviation from the procedure or unusual features observed.
- p) the date of the test.

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Annex A (informative)

Determination of longitudinal properties for helically filament-wound thin wall pipe

This annex can be useful for the determination of longitudinal tensile properties of helical filament wound small-diameter thin wall pipe tested by method B.

Testing of thin wall pipe can lead to buckling of the pipe before longitudinal tensile failure. Therefore, an internal “core” support can be used to prevent buckling failure (see [Figure A.1](#)).

Obtaining a tight grip on a thin wall pipe can be difficult and reinforcing the gripped area with metallic tabs cut from a section of aluminium pipe has been found effective in preventing grip failures. The tabs are bonded to the test specimen using glass fibre fabric tape and thermosetting resin. A typical example to illustrate the preparation of metal tabs is shown in [Figure A.2](#). An example of the application of the fabric tape is shown in [Figure A.3](#). The suggested boundary configuration, which is to taper the tape build up over approximately 30 mm, is shown in [Figure A.4](#).

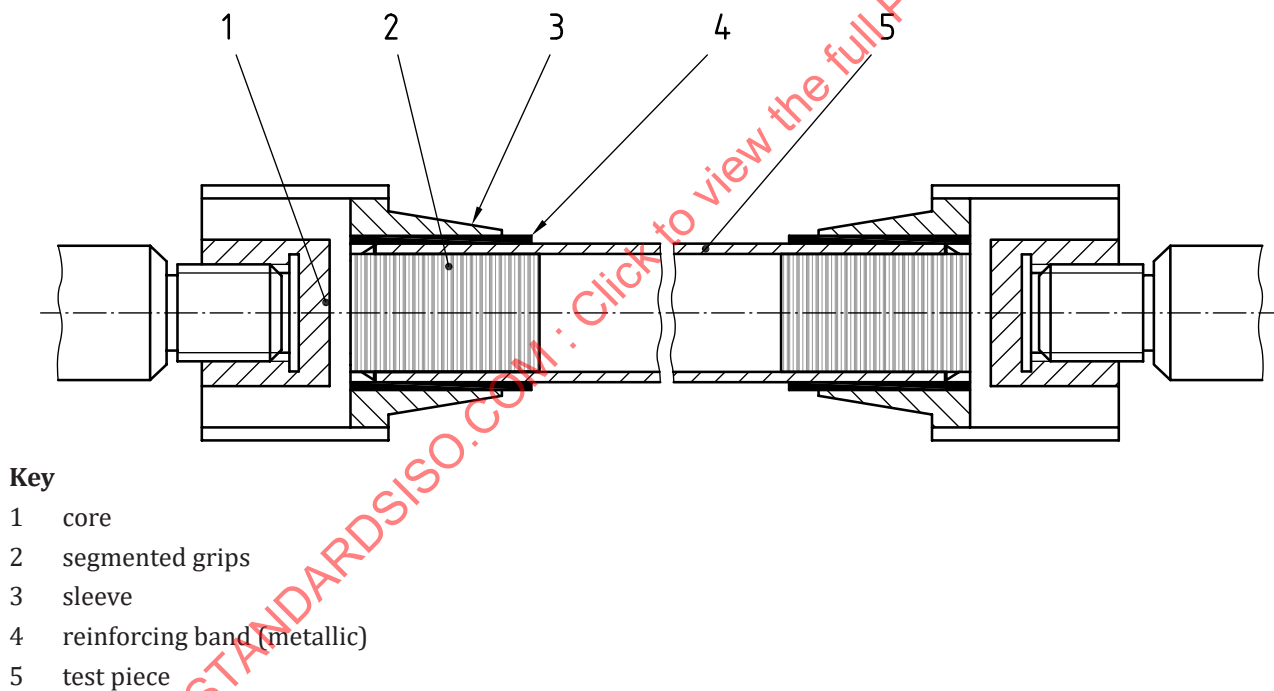


Figure A.1 — Typical grips for a pipe section test piece