
**Plain bearings — Metallic multilayer
plain bearings —**

Part 2:

**Destructive testing of bond for bearing
metal layer thicknesses greater than
or equal to 2 mm**

Paliers lisses — Paliers lisses métalliques multicouches —

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Foreword

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- Adjustment to the ISO Directives, including the implementation of [Clause 3 Terms and definitions](#).

A list of all parts in the ISO 4386 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

Long years of experience with bond tests led to an adaptation of this document. The test apparatus has been modified to reduce the negative local bending stress influence on the specimen. The geometry of the test specimen has been modified to avoid negative influence due to tolerances. A description of the specimen machining sequence has been added to get a more uniform specimen. A subclause on the application for quality control has been added.

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Part 2: Destructive testing of bond for bearing metal layer thicknesses greater than or equal to 2 mm

1 Scope

This document specifies a tensile test method for determination of the bond strength between the bearing metal and the backing. The test can be applied to multilayer plain bearings with bearing metals based on lead, tin, copper or aluminium. For tested layer thicknesses ≥ 2 mm, a raw lining thickness of a minimum additional 1 mm is necessary.

The backings are from steel, cast steel or copper alloys. The bond strength test does not apply to bearings with cast iron backing.

The test applies to all thrust bearings and to journal bearings with an inner diameter of backing ≥ 90 mm.

The test can be used for comparative investigations into the influence on the bond strength of various processes and types of material. In addition, the test is suitable for production control and for process qualification of bearing production.

For non-destructive ultrasonic testing of the bond between bearing metal and backing for bearing metal layer thicknesses ≥ 2 mm, see ISO 4386-1.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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 <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principle

During the tensile testing carried out vertically to the bond surface, the bond strength, R_{Ch} , in newtons per square millimetre, is the quotient of the maximum force, F_{max} , in newtons and the bond surface, A , in square millimetres, of the specimen (see [Table 2](#)), as given by [Formula \(1\)](#).

NOTE The subscript "Ch" refers to the test method proposed by Chalmers.

$$R_{Ch} = \frac{F_{max}}{A} \quad (1)$$

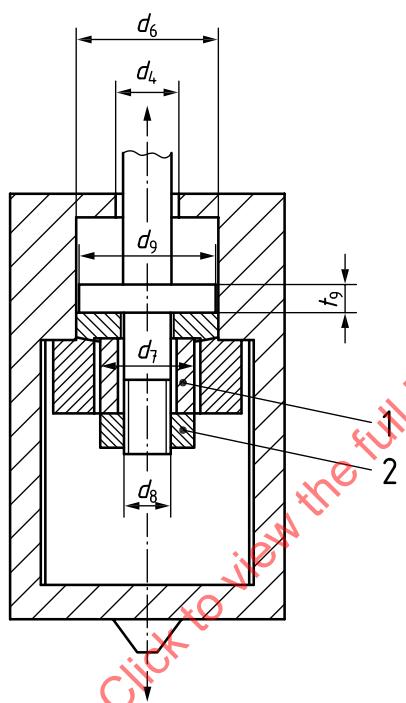
5 Test equipment

5.1 General

A calibrated tensile testing machine shall be used with apparatus in accordance with [Table 1](#).

By means of careful adjustment of the apparatus, it shall be ensured that the force is acting vertically to the bond surface in order to avoid incorrect measurements.

5.2 Testing apparatus



Key

1 distance tube
2 nut

Figure 1 — Main dimensions of apparatus

NOTE Details not indicated in this document are expected to be chosen accordingly.

Table 1 — Dimensions and tolerances for test apparatus

Dimensions in millimetres

Type of specimen	Apparatus geometry data					
	d_4	d_6	d_7	d_8	d_9	t_9
	$+0,1$ 0	$+0,1$ 0	0 $-0,1$	NA	NA	NA
T 100	8,1	19,8	15,9	M 8	19	4
T 200	12,1	29,1	23,9	M 12	28	4

NA: not applicable

6 Specimen

6.1 General

Tin casting alloys for multilayer plain bearings are specified in ISO 4381.

For selection of the type of specimen in the case of journal bearings, the inner diameter, d_1 , of the bearing has to be considered.

Specimen T 100 is valid from the minimum diameter $d_1 = 90$ mm up to $d_1 = 200$ mm.

Specimen T 200 is valid for all diameters $d_1 > 200$ mm.

For the thrust bearing specimens, T 100 and T 200 may be used. Whenever possible, T 200 should be preferred.

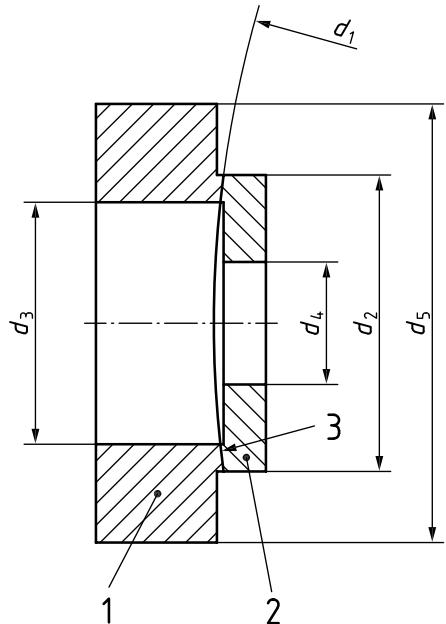
Both bearing metal faces shall be machined as a precondition for fixing the bearing metal layer on the test apparatus to avoid bending deformation of the bearing metal during test procedure. Use test apparatus in accordance with [Table 1](#).

Specimens shall be manufactured in accordance with [Table 2](#), [Figure 2](#) and [5.1](#).

Table 2 — Dimensions and tolerances for specimens (see [Figure 2](#))

Dimensions in millimetres

Type of specimen	Bond surface A mm ²	Inner diameter of the backing of journal bearing d_1	Specimen geometry data			
			d_2	d_3	d_4	d_5
			h8	H8	${}^{+0,1}_0$	
T 100	100	90-200	19,60	16	8,1	29
T 200	200	>200	28,85	24	12,1	38

**Key**

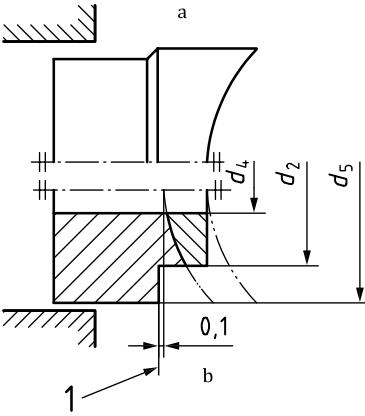
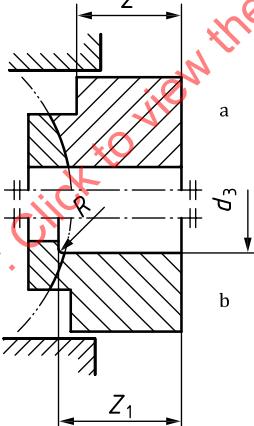
1 backing
 2 bearing metal
 3 bond surface equal to test surface

Figure 2 — Specimen (from a journal bearing) for bond testing**6.2 Specimen machining sequence****Table 3 — Specimen machining sequence**

Step 1:	a) Tighten raw specimen with bearing metal towards chuck. b) Machine d_5 . c) Machine backing front plane to thickness Z.		T 100	T 200
			Key a Before machining. b After machining.	$d_5 = 29$ $Z = 8 - 10$

Figure 3 — Step 1

Table 3 (continued)

<p>Step 2:</p> <p>a) Reverse specimen and tighten with backing towards chuck.</p> <p>b) Drill d_4.</p> <p>c) Machine d_5. Machine d_2. Machine the reference plane 0,1 mm deep into the steel, referred to the deepest point of bond surface.</p> <p>d) Machine bearing metal front face plane. The raw lining thickness shall be min. 3 mm.</p>	 <p>Key</p> <p>a Before machining. b After machining.</p>	<p>Figure 4 — Step 2</p>	$d_4 = 8,1^{+0,1}_0$ $d_5 = 29$ $d_2 = 19,60 \text{ h8}$ $d_4 = 12,1^{+0,1}_0$ $d_5 = 38$ $d_2 = 28,85 \text{ h8}$
<p>Step 3:</p> <p>a) Reverse specimen and tighten with bearing metal towards chuck.</p> <p>b) Machine d_3 with depth Z_1. Radius $R = 0,1$ mm.</p>	 <p>Key</p> <p>a Before machining. b After machining.</p>	<p>Figure 5 — Step 3</p>	$d_3 = 16,0 \text{ H8}$ $Z_1^{+0,1}_0 = Z + 0,9$ $d_3 = 24,0 \text{ H8}$ $Z_1^{+0,1}_0 = Z + 0,9$

7 Procedure

The apparatus, as shown in [Figure 1](#), is mounted on the calibrated tensile testing machine. Subsequently, the specimen is locked into the apparatus, whereas the bearing metal surfaces are fixed to avoid local bending. For that purpose, hand tighten the nut (see [Figure 1](#)).

The force is steadily increased until the specimen fractures.

The increase in stress should be at about 10 N/mm² per second.

The force of the specimen fracture is read from the testing machine.

8 Evaluation

8.1 General

With the aid of the force of failure, F_{\max} , found necessary to tear the bearing metal away from the backing in the region of the bond surface, the bond strength, R_{Ch} , is to be determined according to [Formula \(1\)](#). Previous existing local bond defects on the surface of failure shall be noted.

The characteristic limiting value of layer thickness for the absolute bond strength is a property of the bearing metal. It is 6 mm for Pb and Sn alloys. For other than Pb and Sn alloys, the value shall be determined in a series of tests with different thicknesses of the bearing material layers. Above the limit, the results are independent of the layer thickness.

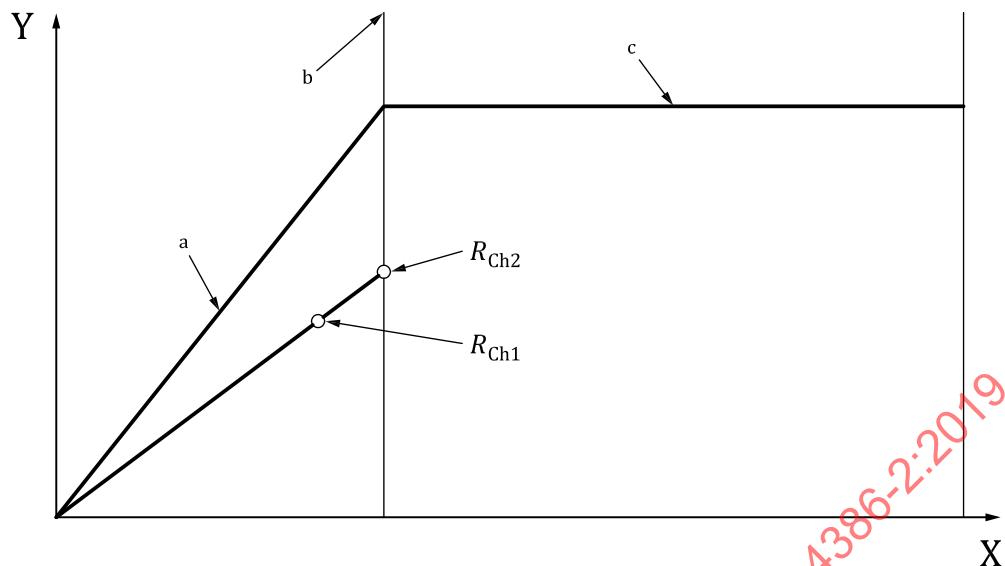
Absolute bond strength is given when the layer thickness is greater than or equal to the characteristic limiting value of thickness. The result is independent of the layer thickness of the bearing metal.

Relative bond strength is given when the layer thickness is less than the characteristic limiting value of thickness. For layer thicknesses below the limiting value of thickness, it has been established experimentally that the relative bond strength drops linearly to the value zero (see [Figure 6](#)).

The evaluation procedure is as follows:

- a) layer thickness greater than or equal to characteristic limiting value of thickness: the value found is the absolute bond strength value;
- b) layer thickness less than characteristic limiting value of thickness: the value found is the relative bond strength value and has to be converted into the value of the absolute bond strength as shown in [Figure 6](#) (as an example).

All results of absolute bond strength shall be limited to the tensile strength, R_m , of the tested bearing metal.

**Key**

X thickness of bearing metal layer
 Y bond strength
 a Relative bond strength.
 b Limiting value.
 c Absolute bond strength.
 R_{Ch1} measured value in the range of the relative bond strength
 R_{Ch2} value of the absolute bond strength determined graphically

Figure 6 — Principle curve of the bond strength as a function of the thickness of the bearing metal layer

8.2 Designation

With reference to this document, the tensile test (represented by T) shall be indicated as follows:

Test ISO 4386-2 followed by "T" and test surface

EXAMPLE A test surface of 200 mm² is designated as follows: **Test ISO 4386-2 - T 200**

8.3 Test report

A test report on the result of the test shall be drawn up (by agreement).

In the test report, the following shall be indicated:

- reference to this document, i.e. ISO 4386-2:2019;
- reference to the tested plain bearing;
- dimensions, layer thickness and materials of the plain bearing;
- type of specimen, for example T 200;
- number of specimens;
- for each specimen:
 - maximum force applied until fracture of the specimen;

- relative and absolute bond strength determined;
- description of the condition of the fractured surface inclusive of detected local bond defects or porosities;

g) summary of a test series:

- mean value of absolute bond strength;
- maximum absolute bond strength;
- minimum absolute bond strength;

h) test personnel and date of test.

9 Application for quality control and process qualification

9.1 General

The bond strength depends on many influences, such as backing material quality, heat treatment of backing material, preparation of bond surface, bearing metal composition, casting temperature, backing temperature, backing geometry, cooling conditions, specimen machining tolerances and the test procedure itself.

Because of all these influences, in practice, bond strength results can vary. Less variation of results of a tested series is an indication for high uniformity in processing.

A sufficient number of specimens shall be taken from the test bearing. Specimens should be taken from the centre area of the bearing as well as from the area near the border and should be marked accordingly.

A test with a single specimen gives no quality indication. For a quality indication, the mean value of a series of tests shall be taken.

9.2 Quality control

Through this test procedure, the bearing is usually destroyed. Therefore, this test procedure is not applicable to continuous quality control. In mass production, a single bearing can be immolated each time.

In single-part production, a separate bearing of the same materials and same geometry shall be produced in sequence with the original bearing, and specimens are to be taken from this separate bearing. Only this approach ensures comparable bond conditions on both bearings.

A mean value of absolute bond $\geq 0,6 R_m$ (tensile strength) of the bearing metal is a sufficient bond for plain bearings.

9.3 Process qualification

A process qualification can be carried out on a typical bearing of the production range.

The mean value of an absolute bond $\geq 0,8 R_m$ (tensile strength) of the bearing metal is a desirable bond for process qualification.

The associated processing data shall be documented and shall be used in the future for the tested bearing type. When dimensions, geometry or materials are to be modified, the process qualification shall be repeated under the new conditions.

NOTE A frequent reason for low bond is a processing temperature that is too low due to local temperature losses.