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Foreword

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Significant technical changes from the previous edition of this document include:

- the requirements for the maximum test surface area of the reference block have been added;
- the requirements for the maximum uncertainty of the line intervals on the stage micrometer have been revised;
- the requirements for the calibration and verification of the measuring system have been revised, as per ISO 4545-2;
- the requirements for the uniformity of the reference block hardness have been revised to account for different numbers of calibration indentations;
- the timing requirements for the approach velocity and the time duration at maximum test force have been revised to indicate a target time value;
- [Annex B](#) has been revised

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Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks

1 Scope

This document specifies the method for the calibration of reference blocks to be used for the indirect verification of Knoop hardness testing machines as specified in ISO 4545-2.

The method is applicable only for indentations with long diagonals $\geq 0,020$ mm.

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 376:2011, *Metallic materials — Calibration of force-proving instruments used for the verification of uniaxial testing machines*

ISO 4545-1, *Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 4545-2, *Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test — Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Manufacture of the reference block

4.1 General

The block shall be specially manufactured for use as a hardness-reference block using a manufacturing process that will give the necessary homogeneity, stability of structure and uniformity of surface hardness.

4.2 Thickness

Each metal block to be calibrated shall be of a thickness not less than 5 mm.

4.3 Test surface area

The test surface area of the reference block shall not exceed 40 cm².