
**Metallic materials — Determination
of forming-limit curves for sheet and
strip —**

Part 1:
**Measurement and application of
forming-limit diagrams in the press
shop**

*Matériaux métalliques — Détermination des courbes limites de
formage pour les tôles et bandes —*

*Partie 1: Mesurage et application des diagrammes limites de formage
dans les ateliers d'emboutissage*





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Foreword

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- 1) The title was changed to have three elements.
- 2) [Clauses 2](#) and [3](#) were added from the previous edition, and the subsequent sections were renumbered.
- 3) The description of when to use this document (ISO 12004-1) or ISO 12004-2 was revised in the Introduction.
- 4) Throughout the document the use of engineering strain was clarified.
- 5) [Subclause 6.2](#) was extended to include what was the subsequent Clause in the previous version.
- 6) The former note was moved to part of [Clause 7](#), since it gives permission to use another method.
- 7) The text in [Annex A](#) and the figure captions in [Annex B](#) were clarified.

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Introduction

A forming-limit diagram (FLD) is a diagram containing measured major/minor strain points on a formed part.

An FLD can distinguish between safe and necked, or failed, points. The transition from safe to failed points is defined by the forming-limit curve (FLC).

To determine the forming limit of materials, two different methods are possible.

1) Strain analysis of failed press shop components to determine component and process dependent FLCs

In the press shop, strain paths to reach these points are generally not known. Such an FLC depends on the material, the component, and the chosen forming conditions. This method is described in this document and is not intended to determine one unique FLC for each material.

2) Determination of FLCs under well-defined laboratory conditions

For evaluating formability, one unique FLC for each material in several strain states can be measured. The determination of FLC must be specific and uses multiple linear strain paths. The ISO 12004-2 is intended for this type of material characterization.

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Part 1:

Measurement and application of forming-limit diagrams in the press shop

1 Scope

This document specifies a procedure for developing forming-limit diagrams and forming-limit curves for metal sheets and strips of thicknesses from 0,3 mm to 4 mm.

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 Symbols and abbreviated terms

The symbols and abbreviated terms used in forming-limit diagrams are specified in [Table 1](#), and examples of grid patterns used are given in [Annex B](#).

Table 1 — Symbols and abbreviated terms

Symbol	Definition	Unit
l_0	Original gauge length of grid pattern	mm
l_1	Final length in major strain direction	mm
l_2	Final length at 90° to major strain direction	mm
e	Engineering strain	%
e_1	Major engineering strain	%
e_2	Minor engineering strain (90° to major)	%
FLD	Forming-limit diagram	—
FLC	Forming-limit curve	—

5 Principle

A pattern of precise gauge lengths of appropriate size is applied to the flat surface of a metal sheet test piece, then the test piece is formed until fracture, and the percent change in the gauge length in the major direction and in the minor strain direction at 90° to this is measured in order to determine the