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**Metallic materials — Fatigue testing —  
Axial force-controlled method**

*Matériaux métalliques — Essais de fatigue — Méthode par force  
axiale contrôlée*





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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document is intended to provide guidance for conducting axial, constant-amplitude, force-controlled, cyclic fatigue tests on specimens of a metal for the sake of generating fatigue-life data (i.e. stress vs. cycles to failure) for material characterization.

Nominally identical specimens are mounted in an axial force-type fatigue-testing machine and subjected to the required cyclic force conditions that introduce any one of the types of cyclic stress as illustrated in [Figure 1](#). The test waveform should be of constant amplitude and sinusoidal unless otherwise specified.

The force being applied to the specimen is along the longitudinal axis passing through the centroid of each cross-section. The test is continued until the specimen fails or until a predetermined number of stress cycles have been exceeded (See [Clauses 4](#) and [13](#)). Tests are typically conducted at ambient temperature (ideally between 10 °C to 35 °C).

**NOTE** The results of a fatigue test can be affected by atmospheric conditions and where controlled conditions are required, ISO 554:1976, 2.1 applies.



# Metallic materials — Fatigue testing — Axial force-controlled method

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the conditions for conducting axial, constant-amplitude, force-controlled, fatigue tests at ambient temperature on metallic specimens, without deliberately introduced stress concentrations. The object of testing while employing this document is to provide fatigue information, such as the relation between applied stress and number of cycles to failure for a given material condition, such as hardness and microstructure, at various stress ratios.

While the form, preparation and testing of specimens of circular and rectangular cross-section are described, component testing and other specialized forms of testing are not included in this document.

NOTE 1 Fatigue tests on notched specimens are not covered by this document since the shape and size of notched test pieces have not been standardized. However, fatigue-test procedures described in this document can be applied to fatigue tests of such notched specimens.

NOTE 2 Throughout this document, the engineering stress is employed. Engineering stress is defined as the quotient of the axially applied force to the cross-sectional area of the test specimen,  $S = \text{Force}/\text{Area}$ , at the test temperature.

## 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 4965-1, *Metallic materials — Dynamic force calibration for uniaxial fatigue testing — Part 1: Testing systems*

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines – Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system*

ISO 23788, *Metallic materials — Verification of the alignment of fatigue testing machines*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1

#### test specimen diameter

*d*

diametric distance or width of the specimen or test piece where the stress is at a maximum

### 3.2

#### grip diameter

*D*

diameter of the specimen at grip end