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ASTM E517 Test Method for Plastic Strain Ratio r for Sheet Metal

TEST METHOD SUMMARY

This special tensile testing method per ASTM E517, is used to determine the plastic strain ratio, r , of sheet metal intended for deep-drawing applications.

Uniaxial tensile force is applied to rectangular material specimens with reduced parallel sections or to parallel stripe rectangular specimens and the length and width changes are measured. For the majority of thin sheet metals, the plastic strain ratio can be calculated by the ratio of the true plastic width strain to the true plastic thickness strain up to the maximum applied tensile force, assuming constant volume.

Solutions for ASTM E517 typically include these types of components:

LOAD FRAME OPTIONS*

MTS offers electromechanical Criterion® and Exceed® universal test systems and dynamic servohydraulic Landmark® test systems that are ideal for performing accurate and repeatable monotonic tensile testing of metallic materials per ASTM E517

MTS Criterion universal testing systems are engineered to support the needs of advanced Research & Development. MTS Exceed universal testing systems are best suited for Quality Control testing by delivering the reliable performance needed to meet the uptime demands of high-volume production environments.

The MTS Criterion and the MTS Exceed universal testing machines range from tabletop to floor-standing electromechanical models with force ratings of up to 600 kN / 135 kip. Many of the models have dual-zone test spaces to reduce set-up times if you frequently change test requirements.

The MTS Landmark dynamic servohydraulic test system with its superior stiffness and alignment capabilities, is an ideal choice if additional fatigue and fracture testing capabilities are required. Systems are available in highly configurable floor-standing and tabletop models with force ratings from 5 kN / 1 kip to 500 kN / 110 kip.

As an alternative to a new load frame, you can replace outdated controls / hydraulics of existing MTS or another manufacturer's static-hydraulic, electromechanical, servohydraulic or custom test systems, including: **Instron®, **Zwick®, **Tinius Olsen™, **SATEC®, **Baldwin® and more with an MTS ReNew™ Upgrade.

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EXTENSOMETRY OPTIONS*

ASTM E517 requires that extensometers conform to ASTM E83. MTS offers a variety of extensometer types, ranging from clip-on, automatic to non-contacting optical and video extensometers, that meet or exceed requirements for calibration according to ASTM E83 Class B1 and ISO 9513 Class 0.5 standards. Factors like the specimen material, shape and dimension, the requirements for test efficiency and budget need to be considered when choosing the appropriate strain measurement solution.

		
Clip-on Extensometers	Automatic Extensometer	Non-Contacting Extensometer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Most commonly used economical strain measurement solution » Cross-sectional strain extensometer used with long gage length or enhanced travel extensometers, is ideal for determining the plastic strain ratio for sheet metal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Automatic specimen attachment and self-adjusting gage length positioning ensures test consistency and supports high-volume testing by eliminating the need for operator intervention » Optional transverse strain measurement to support the calculation of the plastic strain ratio "r-value" for sheet metals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » The MTS Advantage™ Video Extensometer is just one of many non-contacting strain solutions available for tension testing of metals » Potential options for analyzing all critical tensile properties include 1D, 2D, and 3D measurements, real-time display, post-test analysis, video replay, specimen reanalysis, and more

GRIP OPTIONS*

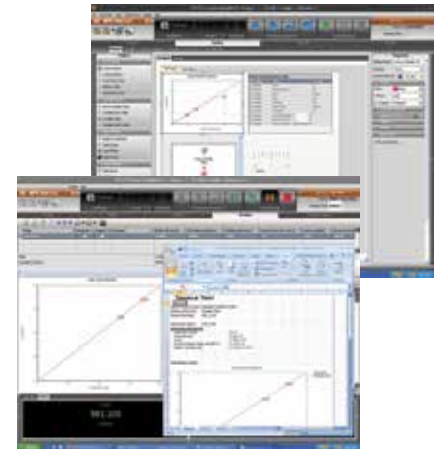
		
Mechanical Wedge Grips	Hydraulic Wedge Grip	Hydraulic Single & Double Side-Acting Grips
» Versatile, economical grip good for a variety of specimen types	» Adjustable gripping force to prevent specimen slippage or crushing	» Adjustable gripping force and centering to prevent specimen slippage or crushing

GRIP FACE OPTIONS*


Wedge Grip Faces
» MTS wedges come in a variety of surfaces to meet test requirements for flat specimens of various material types

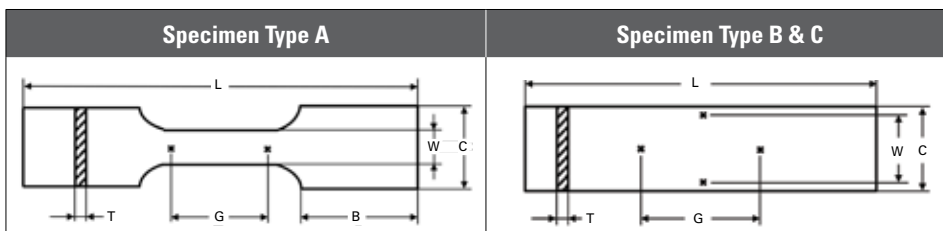
SOFTWARE & CONSULTING OPTIONS*

About MTS TestSuite™ TW	ASTM E517 Plastic Strain Ratio for Sheet Metal Test Method Template
The efficient MTS TestSuite TW software provides the versatility required to address unique and complex testing requirements.	To simplify testing to ASTM E517, MTS has developed a TestSuite TW test method template that will set-up and run the recommended tensile tests.
twe TestSuite TW Elite includes all the test definition capacity and flexibility test designers need to create and edit custom test sequences while accommodating the specific runtime needs of lab personnel.	» Crosshead/actuator or extensometers can be used for strain measurement and control
twx TW Express is designed for the test operator and is used to run tests created with TW Elite and can be used without fear of inadvertently modifying the Test Method. This application allows the operator to easily execute even the most complex tests and monitor data or calculated values in runtime views that can be tailored by both test designers and operators.	» Post-test review tab and reports show data in stress-strain plots and highlight calculated values such as plastic strain ratio, and more
	» Raw data can be exported in a variety of formats including CSV and TXT
	» Test methods, calculations, review displays, and report layouts can be customized by the user



MTS Consulting Can Enable LIMS Integration & Other Lab Efficiency Enhancement
MTS consultants are available to support seamless data integration from your TestSuite test templates to your laboratory information management system (LIMS). Lab Efficiency Enhancements could include:
» Integrating bar code scanners, reading data from micrometers and calipers, capturing video via webcam
» Automating the interface of two-way communications between TestSuite and virtually any LIMS system

*NOTE: This technical note is intended to show some of the more common solutions used for this particular application. Most often, additional options are available and necessary to accomplish more comprehensive test objectives.



APPENDIX - TEST SPECIMEN DETAIL

ASTM E517 supports three types of specimen with different dimensions ranging from rectangular specimens with reduced parallel section though machined or sheared parallel stripe rectangular specimens. Please consult ASTM E517 for more detailed information about the supported specimen geometries.

Specimen Type	Gage Length (G) mm/in	Gage Width (W) mm/in	Thickness (T) mm/in	Overall Length (L) mm/in	Width (C) mm/in	Length of Gripping Section (B) mm/in
A	50 / 2; 25 / 1	12.5 / 0.5	Material Thickness	200 / 8; 180 / 7.25	20 / 0.75	50 / 2
B				200 / 8; 175 / 7		
C	20 / 0.75	20 / 0.75		175 / 7	28.58 / 1.25	—



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