

EN 6031 Determination of In-Plane Shear Properties

TEST METHOD SUMMARY

The tensile test of a $\pm 45^\circ$ laminate per EN 6031 is used to determine the in-plane shear response of fiber reinforced plastics. Uniaxial tensile force is applied to a flat test specimen up to failure to investigate the in-plane shear stress/strain response, and critical mechanical materials properties including shear modulus and shear strength. Composite materials addressed in this standard include laminates manufactured from unidirectional tape or fabrics, with the fibres oriented at $\pm 45^\circ$ symmetrical to the main specimen axis.

The $\pm 45^\circ$ in-plane shear test is performed by placing a test specimen in the grips of either a servohydraulic or an electromechanical testing machine and subjecting it to controlled tension load up to failure. The specimen response can be measured with a contacting or non-contacting extensometer or strain gages.

Solutions for EN 6031 typically include these types of components:

LOAD FRAME OPTIONS*

The MTS Landmark servohydraulic test systems and MTS Criterion electromechanical universal test systems are ideal for performing accurate and repeatable monotonic testing of fibre-reinforced plastics per EN 6031.

The MTS Landmark system's innovative test frame design exhibits superior stiffness and alignment capabilities. The test system integrates the latest MTS servohydraulic technology including precision-machined columns for consistently tight alignment, fatigue-rated MTS actuators with low-friction bearings, smooth-ramping hydraulic service manifolds, and SilentFlo™ hydraulic power units that are quiet enough to be located directly in the laboratory.

The compact MTS Criterion test system features high-resolution MTS digital controls, linear motion guides for superior alignment, high-speed, low vibration MTS electromechanical drives, optional Dual Zone test space for maximizing efficiency and anti-rotation grip/fixture mounting to minimize shear stresses on the specimen.


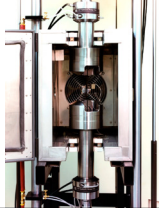


MTS Landmark®
Servohydraulic Test Systems



MTS Criterion®
Electromechanical Universal Test Systems

GRIP OPTIONS*

	
Model 647 Side-Loading Hydraulic Wedge Grips	Model 647 All-Temperature Side-Loading Hydraulic Grips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Temperature range of -40°C to 175°C (-40°F to 350°F) » Stiff mounting ensures superior alignment capabilities and repeatable gripping to minimize bending strains » Tension, Compression & Fatigue capability » Adjustable gripping force to prevent slippage and squashing of the test specimen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Temperature range of -130°C to 315°C or 540°C (200°F to 600°F or 1000°F) » Thermal gradients as low as 1.6°C (3°F) ensure reduced variability » Remotely operated grips support rapid specimen change without cooling for increased productivity

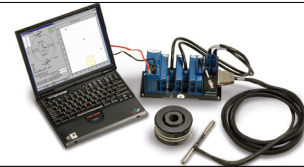
GRIP FACE OPTIONS*



Model 647 Grip Faces

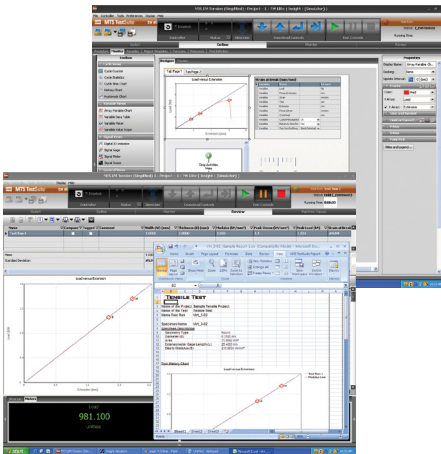
- » Surfalloy finish provides rough surface for firm gripping of composite specimen without tabs
- » Diamond-tipped for increased holding capacity of composite specimen with tabs
- » Water-cooled and extra wide options available

ALIGNMENT OPTIONS*



MTS Alignment Solutions

Specimen misalignment introduces data scatter, which forces the need to test larger batches of specimens and increases the operational cost. Both test systems can be equipped with stiff-mounted grips and an easy-to-implement load frame alignment solution to help drive test machine variability out of the material testing equation.



SOFTWARE OPTIONS*

EN 6031 Determination of In-Plane Shear Properties Test Template

MTS has developed general tensile $\pm 45^\circ$ in-plane shear test TestSuite TW test templates that can easily be modified to be in compliance with the EN 6031 requirements. The templates support the use of strain gages or extensometers for strain measurement. Reports can display all of the required calculations including in-plane shear stress / strain plot, shear modulus and shear strength.

MTS consultants are also available to support any of your composite applications, test method set-up, and data collection and integration requirements.

About MTS TestSuite™ TW

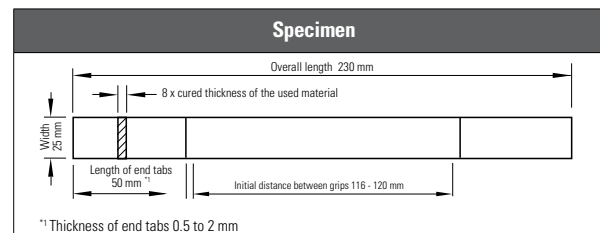
The efficient MTS TestSuite TW software provides the versatility required to address unique and complex testing requirements.

twc 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.

twx TW Express is designed for the test operator and is used to run tests created with TW Elite. 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.

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

APPENDIX - TEST SPECIMEN DETAIL



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