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PART 10 FLEXURAL STRENGTH

0. FOREWORD

- 0.1 This Indian Standard (Part 10) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 30 December 1985, after the draft finalized by the Thermal Insulation Materials Sectional Committee had been approved by the Chemical Division Council.
- 0.2 The procedure specified in this standard may be used for assessing the flexural behaviour of rigid cellular materials. It is carried out using a 3-point loading on a bar-shaped test specimen. Since the loading is not a pure flexural loading, it does not permit calculation of apparent flexural modulus. The test cannot be used for determining absolute properties of rigid cellular material since the value of flexural stress and flexural strength are valid only for the loading conditions specified in the test. The test, however, does provide useful information on the flexural behaviour of rigid cellular materials.
- **0.3** In reporting the result of a test made with this standard, if the final value, observed or calculated, is to be rounded off, it shall be done in accordance with IS: 2-1960*.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard (Part 10) prescribes the method for the determination of flexural stress and flexural strength of rigid cellular thermal insulation materials.

^{*}Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised).

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2. TERMINOLOGY

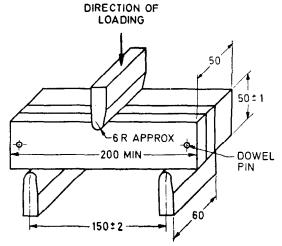
- 2.1 For the purpose of this standard, the definitions given in IS: 3069-1965* and the following shall apply:
- 2.1.1 Limiting Flexural Stress Stress at limiting deflection of 20 + 0.2 mm.
 - 2.1.2 Flexural Strength Stress at breaking point.
- 2.1.3 Deflection at Break (f_B) Deflection in the centre of the test specimen obtained at this instant of break.

3. CONDITIONING

3.1 The test specimens shall be conditioned at $27 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C and 65 ± 5 percent relative humidity for at least 16 hours.

4. APPARATUS

4.1 A compression testing machine to which a loading edge and supports can be adapted as indicated in Fig. 1 may be used. Alternatively, a bending test machine suitable for application of flexural load as indicated in Fig. 1 and capable of measurement of load with an accuracy of 2 percent may be used. The loading edge and the support edges shall have cylinderical edges with edge radius as shown in Fig. 1. The



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 1 TEST ARRANGEMENT

^{*}Glossary of terms, symbols and units relating to thermal insulation materials.

supports shall be 150 mm apart. The loading edge shall be located centrally between the supports.

5. TEST SPECIMENS

5.1 The test specimens shall be parallelopipeds with the following dimensions:

Length = 200 mmWidth = 50 mmThickness (height) = 50 mm

- 5.2 The specimens shall be obtained by cutting or sawing from the product in such a manner that the cellular structure is not deformed. The specimen shall be cut in such a way that the direction of application of flexural load is the same as the direction in which the product is likely to be subjected by flexural load in actual use.
- 5.3 When testing anisotropic materials, two sets of specimens shall be prepared having axes parallel to and normal to the directions of anisotropy.
- 5.4 Five specimens shall be tested.

6. PROCEDURE

6.1 Place the test specimen centrally in relation to the loading edge so that the height of the test specimen is in the direction of loading. Ensure that the loading edge makes contact with the test specimen over its entire width with minimum force. Apply a force through the loading edge at a constant rate of deflection of 10 ± 2 mm per minute. In case the test specimen breaks before reaching a deflection of 20 ± 0.2 mm, note the value of force in Newtons within 0.5 N and deflection at break to within 0.1 mm. In case the test specimen does not break at deflection of 20 ± 0.2 mm; note the value of force to within 0.5 N at this deflection. It is recommended that a load deflection curve be plotted for the complete duration of the test.

7. CALCULATIONS

7.1 In case of break, calculate flexural strength. σ_B in N/mm², by the formula:

$$\sigma_{\rm B}=\frac{3F_{\rm B}l_{\rm S}}{2bh^2}$$

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where

 $F_{\rm B} = {\rm load}, N;$

 $l_{\rm s}$ = distance between the supports, mm;

b =width of the test specimen, mm; and

h = height of the test specimen, mm.

7.2 Calculate limiting flexural stress, σ_{20} , in case the specimen does not break, by the following formula:

$$\sigma_{20} = \frac{3F_{20}l_{\rm s}}{2bh^2}$$

where

 $F_{20} = \text{load}, N;$

 $l_{\rm s}$ = distance between the supports, mm;

b =width of the test specimen, mm; and

h = height of the test specimen, mm.

8. REPORT

- 8.1 The report shall include the following:
 - a) Reference to this standard;
 - b) Description and identification of materials including density;
 - c) Presence of any skins, and if so, location;
 - d) Direction of application of force in respect of anisotorpy, if any;
 - e) Individual and arithmetic mean value of limiting flexural strength round off to 1 N/mm and corresponding deflection at break rounded to 0.1 mm. Alternatively, individual and arithmetic mean value of limiting flexural stress at 20 \pm 0.2 mm deflection rounded off to 1 N/mm; and
 - f) Any deviation from the specified test procedure.

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INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (SI UNITS)

Base Units

Quantity	Unit	Symbol
Length	metre	m
Mass	kilogram	kg
Time	second	8
Electric current	ampere	Α
Thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	K
Luminous intensity		cd
Amount of substance	mole	mol

Supplementary Units

Quantity	Unit	Symbol
Plane angle	radian	rad
Solid angle	steradian	sr

Derived Units

Quantity	Unit	Symbol	Definitio n
Force	newton	N	$1 N = 1 kg.m/s^2$
Energy	joul e	J	1 J = 1 N.m
Power	watt	W	1 W = 1 J/s
Flux	weber	Wb	1 Wb = 1 V.s
Flux density	tesla	T	$1 T = 1 Wb/m^2$
Frequency	hertz	Hz	$1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ c/s}(\text{s}^{-1})$
Electric conductance	siemens	S	1 S = 1 A/V
Electromotive force	volt	V	1 V = 1 W/A
Pressure, stress	pascal	Pa	$1 Pa = 1 N/m^2$