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Standard Test Method for Tension Strength of Sew-Through Flange Buttons¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method measures the resistance of the bridge of a sew-through button to a steadily increasing strain.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standard:*²

[D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing](#)

[D5497 Terminology Relating to Buttons](#) (Withdrawn 2011)³

3. Terminology

3.1 For button definitions, refer to Terminology [D5497](#).

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The sew-through flange button is sewn onto fabric and positioned in a clamping fixture. The combination is subjected to a strain recorded on a force gauge.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

4.2 Tests are made on sew through flange buttons before laundering or dry cleaning with the option of testing again after a predetermined number of launderings or dry cleanings.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test measures an important property to users of sew through flange buttons. This is a means of determining the resistance of the bridge of the button to a strain which can cause it to fall off a garment to which it is attached.

5.2 If there are differences of practical significance between the reported test results for two laboratories (or more), comparative tests should be performed to determine if there is a statistical bias between them, using competent statistical assistance. As a minimum, test samples should be used that are as homogeneous as possible, that are drawn from the material from which the disparate test results were obtained, and that are randomly assigned in equal numbers to each laboratory for testing. Other materials with established test values may be used for this purpose. The test results for the two laboratories should be compared using a statistical test for unpaired data, at a probability level chosen prior to the testing series. If a bias is found, either its cause must be found and corrected, or future test results must be adjusted in consideration of the known bias.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Force Gauge*—One capable of measuring 20 kg [44 lb] of tension or compression with an accuracy of ± 0.1 kg [± 0.22 lb]. The gauge may be hand held or specially mounted.

6.2 *Testing Machine*—A constant rate of extension (CRE) Tester shall be used. The capacity of the machine must be selected for the break position on the gauge to fall within 20 % to 90 % of full scale.

6.3 *Jaw Clamping Fixture*—One capable of firmly holding the button, such as a long nose locking wrench or a 3-pronged clamping device.

6.4 *Commercial Sewing Machine*—One capable of automatically sewing the button to two or more layers of fabric.

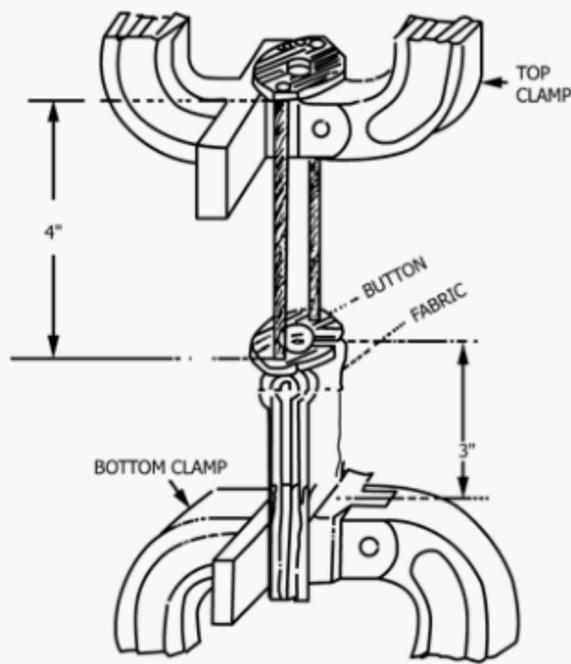


FIG. 1 Pull Testing Fixture

7. Sampling

7.1 *Laboratory Sample*—Randomly select quantity of buttons, approximately 100 to 200, from the same carton and from boxes within that carton that adequately represent the material from which test specimens may be chosen.

7.2 *Test Specimens*—Randomly select 15 to 25 buttons from the laboratory sample for testing, if test specimens are submitted for preproduction approval, testing 15 buttons is acceptable.

8. Conditioning

8.1 Condition the specimens as directed in Practice D618 using procedure E. Following conditioning prepare the specimens as instructed in 9.4 of Practice D618. Preconditioning is not required.

9. Specimen Preparation

9.1 Sets, consisting of five buttons each, are prepared by attaching the buttons, at least 12.7 cm [5 in.] apart, with factory sewing equipment, to at least two layered production or development fabric processed to production finish.

NOTE 1—Suggested method is to use two layered cotton fabric, 12 threads per button with a minimum pull strength of the fabric and thread of 15 lb.

10. Procedure

10.1 Select a set of buttons sewn onto fabric and position the clamping fixture underneath one of the buttons. Carefully position the attachment of the fixture so as not to affect the structural integrity of the button.

10.2 Position the clamped fixture into the “L” shaped hook of the force gauge or upper clamp of the commercial tester.

10.3 Place two ends of the fabric into the open jaws of the lower clamp with proper alignment.

10.4 Activate the tester or pull down on the fabric until failure.

11. Report

11.1 State that the specimens were tested as directed in Test Method D6644.

11.2 Report the following information.

11.2.1 Force required to remove buttons from fabric (bridge of button breaks).

11.2.2 Report individual gauge readings and calculate average.

11.2.3 Report the failure mode (button failure, fabric failure, stitching failure).

12. Precision and Bias

12.1 *Precision*—The precision of this test has not been established.

12.2 *Bias*—No justifiable statement can be made on the bias of Test Method D6644 for Testing the Tension Strength of Sew Through Flange Buttons since the true values cannot be established by an accepted referee method.

13. Keywords

13.1 bridge of button; button failure

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