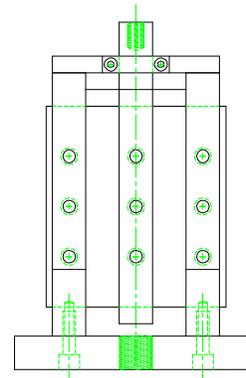


THREE RAIL SHEAR FIXTURE TENSILE MODE **- 3" WIDE**



Specimen:	Width	3.0"
	Thickness	0.030" to 0.250"
	Length	6.0"
Fixture:	Construction	Stainless steel
	Temperature	-240 to 600°F (-152 to 318°C)
	Mounting	Top: 1/2" -20 coupling
		Bottom: 1"-14 coupling
	Capacity	10,000 lbs (44 kN)
	Weight	45 lbs approximately
	Dimensions	Assembled 7" x 4" x 12"
	Standard	Manufactured in accordance with ASTM D4255

Model No. ASTM.D4255.31 - 3" Wide Three Rail Shear Fixture (Tensile Mode)

Constructed from stainless steel. Includes three clamping rail set, two loading plates, two loading yokes and one specimen template. Constructed of stainless steel in accordance with ASTM D4255.

Width: 7.25"

Length: 4.25"

Mounting: Base: Threaded 1" -14 Coupling
Top: Threaded 1/2" -20 Coupling

Capacity: 10,000 lbs or (44kN)

Weight: 45 lbs (approximate)

MODEL NO. ASTM.D4255.31

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ACCESSORIES

Upper fixture attachment is supplied with 1/2" -20 female coupling (Common adapter sizes include:)

Model No. M01S21 - 1/2" Male Clevis (Type B) to 1/2" -20 Threaded Stud
Model No. M02S21 - 5/8" Male Clevis (Type C) to 1/2" -20 Threaded Stud
Model No. M03S21 - 1.25" Male Clevis (Type D) to 1/2" -20 Threaded Stud
Model No. M12S21 - 12mm Male Clevis (Type O) to 1/2" -20 Threaded Stud

Lower fixture attachment is supplied with 1" -14 female coupling. (Common adapter sizes include:)

Model No. M03S36 - 1.25" Male Clevis (Type D) to 1" -14 Threaded Stud
Model No. S42S36 - 1.25" -12 to 1" -14 Threaded Step Stud
Model No. S48S36 - 1.5" -12 to 1" -14 Threaded Step Stud
Model No. S60S36 - 2" -12 to 1" -14 Threaded Step Stud
Model No. LN36 - 1" -14 Threaded Locking Nut with Knurled OD

SPARE PARTS

SPA.D4255.3101 - Extra Specimen Template

REFERENCE DOCUMENT AND TEST METHOD SCOPE:

<http://www.astm.org/Standards/D4255.htm>

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Standard Test Method for In-Plane Shear Properties of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials by the Rail Shear Method

1.1 This test method determines the in-plane shear properties of high-modulus fiber-reinforced composite materials by either of two procedures. In Procedure A, laminates clamped between two pairs of loading rails are tested. When loaded in tension the rails introduce shear forces in the specimen. In Procedure B, laminates clamped on opposite edges with a tensile or compressive force applied to a third pair of rails in the center are tested.

1.2 Application of this test method is limited to continuous-fiber or discontinuous-fiber-reinforced polymer matrix composites in the following material forms:

1.2.1 Laminates composed only of unidirectional fibrous laminae, with the fiber direction oriented either parallel or perpendicular to the fixture rails.

1.2.2 Laminates composed only of woven fabric filamentary laminae with the warp direction oriented either parallel or perpendicular to the fixture rails.

1.2.3 Laminates of balanced and symmetric construction, with the 0° direction oriented either parallel or perpendicular to the fixture rails.

1.2.4 Short-fiber-reinforced composites with a majority of the fibers being randomly distributed.

Note 1: Additional test methods for determining in-plane shear properties of polymer matrix composites may be found in Test Methods D3518/D3518M, D5379/D5379M, D5448/D5448M, and D7078/D7078M.

1.3 The reproducibility of this test method can be affected by the presence of shear stress gradients in the gage section and stress concentrations at the gripping areas. Test Methods D5379/D5379M and D7078/D7078M provide superior shear response in comparison to this test method, as their specimen configurations produce a relatively pure and uniform shear stress state in the gage section.

1.4 The technical content of this standard has been stable since 2001 without significant objection from its stakeholders. As there is limited technical support for the maintenance of this standard, changes since that date have been limited to items required to retain consistency with other ASTM D30 Committee standards, including editorial changes and incorporation of updated guidance on micrometers and calipers, strain gage requirements, speed of testing, specimen preconditioning and environmental testing. Future maintenance of the standard will only be in response to specific requests and performed only as technical support allows.

1.5 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 exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.

1.5.1 Within the text the inch-pounds units are shown in brackets.

1.6 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