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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MT-006, Mechanical Testing Of Metals to supersede AS 1817.2:2002, *Metallic materials—Vickers hardness test, Method 2: Verification of testing machines*.

The objective of this document is to specify a method of verification and calibration of testing machines and diagonal measuring system for determining Vickers hardness in accordance with AS 1817.1.

A direct method of verification and calibration is specified for the testing machine, indenter and the diagonal length measuring system. An indirect verification method using reference blocks is specified for the overall checking of the machine.

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Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 164, *Mechanical testing of metals*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Hardness testing*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 6507-2:2005), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— all references of indentation diagonals, <0,020 mm, have been removed;

— requirements for the calibration and verification of the measuring system have been revised;

— requirements for the maximum permissible error in measuring a reference indentation have been revised;

— recommendations for inspection and monitoring of the indenter have been moved to ISO 6507-1;

— requirements have been added to the test report for reporting the hardness values of reference blocks used;

— Annex A has been revised.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method of verification and calibration of testing machines and diagonal measuring system for determining Vickers hardness in accordance with ISO 6507-1.

A direct method of verification and calibration is specified for the testing machine, indenter and the diagonal length measuring system. An indirect verification method using reference blocks is specified for the overall checking of the machine.

If a testing machine is also to be used for other methods of hardness testing, it shall be verified independently for each method.

This document is also applicable to portable hardness testing machines but not applicable to hardness testing machines based on different measurement principles, e.g. ultrasonic impedance method.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 376, *Metallic materials — Calibration of force-proving instruments used for the verification of uniaxial testing machines*

ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6507-3, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

4 General conditions

Before a Vickers hardness testing machine is verified, the machine shall be checked to ensure that it is properly set up in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Especially, it should be checked that:

a) the plunger holding the indenter is capable of sliding in its guide without any friction or excessive side play;

b) the indenter-holder is firmly mounted in the plunger;

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