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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 204:2018), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- [Figure 1](#) has been corrected;
- symbols were revised;
- Formulas in [Table 1](#) have been removed;
- the informative annex relating to computer compatible representation of standards has been deleted;
- Bibliography has been updated.

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## Introduction

Creep is the phenomenon exhibited by materials which slowly deform when subjected to loading at elevated temperature. This document is concerned with the method used to measure such material behaviour.

Annexes are included concerning temperature measurement using thermocouples and their calibration, creep testing test pieces with circumferential V and blunt (Bridgman) notches, estimation of measurement uncertainty and methods of extrapolation of creep rupture life.

Information is still sought relating to the influence of off-axis loading or bending on the creep properties of various materials. Based on the future availability of quantitative data, consideration can be given as to whether the maximum amount of bending should be specified and an appropriate calibration procedure be recommended. The decision will need to be based on the availability of quantitative data<sup>[1]</sup>.

This document incorporates many recommendations developed through the European Creep Collaborative Committee (ECCC).

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# Metallic materials — Uniaxial creep testing in tension — Method of test

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the methods for:

- a) uninterrupted creep tests with continuous monitoring of extension;
- b) interrupted creep tests with periodic measurement of elongation;
- c) stress rupture tests where normally only the time to fracture is measured;
- d) a test to verify that a predetermined time can be exceeded under a given force, with the elongation or extension not necessarily being reported.

NOTE A creep test can be continued until fracture has occurred or it can be stopped before fracture.

## 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 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 6892-2, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 2: Method of test at elevated temperature*

ISO 7500-2, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 2: Tension creep testing machines — Verification of the applied force*

ISO 9513, *Metallic materials — Calibration of extensometer systems used in uniaxial testing*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 reference length

$L_r$

base length used for the calculation of either percentage elongation or percentage extension

Note 1 to entry: Several different gauge lengths and reference lengths are specified in this document. These lengths reflect custom and practice used in different laboratories throughout the world. In some cases, the lengths are physically marked on the test piece as lines or ridges; in other cases, the length can be a virtual length based upon calculations to determine an appropriate length to be used for the determination of creep elongation. For some test pieces,  $L_r$ ,  $L_0$  and  $L_e$  are the same length.

Note 2 to entry: A method to calculate this value is given in [7.5](#).