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## **Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test —**

### **Part 1: Test method**

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ISO 4545 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test*:

- *Part 1: Test method*
- *Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines*
- *Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks*
- *Part 4: Table of hardness values*

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## Introduction

The periodic checking of the testing machine described in informative Annex A is good metrological practice. It is intended to make this annex normative in the next revision of this part of ISO 4545.