

# Standard Reference Material<sup>®</sup> 2237

## Miniaturized Low-Energy Charpy V-Notch RHS Specimens

(Self-Verification)

Lot No: LL-137

# CERTIFICATE

**Purpose:** This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for the verification of absorbed energy values measured at 21 °C using a small-scale Charpy machine in accordance with the current ASTM Standard E2248 [1] or the current ISO Standard 14556 [2]. SRM 2237 can be used to verify the absorbed energy scale of a small-scale impact machine at the low-energy level (approximately 3.9 J).

**Description:** A unit of SRM 2237 consists of a set of five RHS-type miniaturized Charpy specimens needed to perform one in-house verification (self-verification). SRM 2237 is made from 4340 alloy steel. Each specimen has a code identifying the energy level (LL) and an identification number (one, two or three digits).

**Certified Values:** Specimens from SRM 2237 were certified by the NIST Applied Chemicals and Materials Division [3]. The test results were statistically evaluated in collaboration with the NIST Statistical Engineering Division to assess the homogeneity of the lot, establish the certified absorbed energy value, and determine the number of SRM specimens required for a user to perform a valid verification. A NIST certified value, as used within the context of this certificate, is a value for which NIST has the highest confidence in its accuracy, in that all known or suspected sources of bias have been investigated or taken into account [4,5]. The measurand is absorbed energy obtained from the NIST Charpy impact machine. Traceability is to the International System of Units (SI) unit joule (J). The certified value for energy absorbed by SRM 2237 is provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Certified Values and Expanded Uncertainty for SRM 2237<sup>(a)</sup>

Test Temperature: 21 °C ± 1 °C	
Absorbed Energy (J)	Expanded Uncertainty (J)
3.87	0.23

<sup>(a)</sup> The uncertainty in the certified value provided is the expanded uncertainty. The expanded uncertainty is calculated as  $U = ku_c$ , where  $u_c$  represents the combined standard uncertainty consistent with the JCGM Guide [6]. The coverage factor,  $k = 2.3095$ , is based on 31 degrees of freedom and corresponds to an approximate 95 % uncertainty interval.

**Period of Validity:** The certified values and uncertainties furnished in this Certificate are valid indefinitely. The certified value is nullified if the material is stored or used improperly, damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified. The indirect verification result for the absorbed energy scale is valid for one year from the date on which this SRM was tested. If a user's machine is moved or undergoes any major repairs or adjustments, the current verification will be invalidated, and the machine must be reverified.

**Maintenance of Certified Values:** NIST will monitor this SRM over its validity period. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the certification, NIST will issue an amended certificate through the NIST SRM website (<https://www.nist.gov/srm>) and notify registered users. SRM users can register online from a link available on the NIST SRM website or fill out the user registration form that is supplied with the SRM. Registration will facilitate notification. Before making use of any of the values delivered by this material, users should verify they have the most recent version of this documentation, available through the NIST SRM website (<https://www.nist.gov/srm>).

**Storage:** SRM 2237 is anticipated to have an indefinite shelf life under normal storage conditions ( $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $\leq 50\%$  relative humidity).

**Use:** The protective oil coating should be wiped from each specimen with a lint-free cloth just prior to testing. Prior to verifying a small-scale Charpy machine, the machine should be checked to ensure compliance with the appropriate sections of the applicable ASTM or ISO Standard. SRM 2237 shall be tested at  $21\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) in accordance with the applicable standard (ASTM or ISO).

When using SRM 2237, the user performs a self-service verification of the test machine. The test results and specimens/specimen pictures are not returned to NIST following the test. NIST provides no letter or certification sticker for the machine verified.

The energy level of the SRM appropriate for verifying the performance of a particular Charpy impact machine can be determined by considering the energy for the SRM, the maximum capacity of the machine, and the requirements of the applicable test method (ASTM or ISO).

Currently, there are no requirements for the indirect verification of the force scale. However, it is recommended to verify the calibration of the instrumented striker of a small-scale Charpy machine every time the striker undergoes repairs or adjustment, or damage is suspected, and every time the impact machine is indirectly verified for absorbed energy.

For questions concerning the production or use of this SRM, please contact the NIST Charpy Program Coordinator: telephone (303) 497-3351; fax (303) 497-5939; or e-mail [charpy@nist.gov](mailto:charpy@nist.gov).

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