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Certificate

Standard Reference Material® 2197

Low-Energy Charpy V-Notch Specimens

(Self-Verification, 2-mm Striker)

Lot No.: LL-165

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for the verification of Charpy machines equipped with a 2-mm striker, in accordance with the current ASTM Standard E23 [1] and the current ISO Standard 148-2 [2]. A unit of SRM 2197 consists of a set of five specimens needed to perform one verification. SRM 2197 is used for in-house verification (self-verification). This SRM can only be used to verify machines with a 2-mm striker at room temperature ($21\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$), and shall not be used for the verification of machines equipped with an 8-mm striker.

Material Description: SRM 2197 is made from 4340 alloy steel. The bars are finished to length, stamped, heat-treated, and machined in SRM specimen lots of approximately 1200 to 2000 specimens. Each specimen has a lot number and an identification number (three or four digits).

SRM Certification Procedure: Specimens taken from each SRM lot were tested by the NIST Applied Chemicals and Materials Division on Charpy reference machines. These data were statistically evaluated to assess the homogeneity of the lot, establish the certified value, and determine the number of SRM specimens required for a user to perform a valid verification. A NIST certified value 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 [3]. The measurand is absorbed energy as measured by the NIST Charpy reference machines. Traceability is to the SI unit joule. The certified value for energy absorbed by SRM 2197 is provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Certified Absorbed Energy and Expanded Uncertainty for SRM 2197^(a)

SRM	Lot	T = $21\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	
		Absorbed Energy (J)	Expanded Uncertainty (J)
2197	LL-165	17.3	0.098

^(a) The uncertainty in the certified value provided is an expanded uncertainty about the mean to cover the measurand. The expanded uncertainty is calculated as $U = ku_c$, where u_c represents the combined uncertainty consistent with the ISO/JCGM Guide [4]. The coverage factor, $k = 2.0141$, is based on 45 effective degrees of freedom and corresponds to an approximate 95 % confidence interval.

Expiration of Certification: The certified value and uncertainty furnished in this certificate are valid indefinitely. The verification for an acceptable machine is valid for a maximum of one year from the date on which the 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 retested and reverified (see "Instructions for Handling, Storage, and Use").

Overall direction and coordination of the technical measurements leading to verification of test specimens and machines are under the direction of the NIST Applied Chemicals and Materials Division, Boulder, CO.

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Maintenance of SRM Certification: NIST will monitor this SRM over the period of its certification. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the certification before the expiration of this certificate, NIST will notify the purchaser. Registration (see attached sheet or register online) will facilitate notification.

Support aspects involved in the issuance of this SRM were coordinated through the NIST Office of Reference Materials.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE

Handling: The protective oil coating should be wiped from each specimen with a lint-free cloth just prior to testing.

Storage: The SRM 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: Prior to verifying a Charpy machine equipped with a 2-mm striker, the machine should be checked to ensure compliance with the appropriate sections of the applicable ASTM or ISO Standard. SRM 2197 shall be tested at $21\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) using a striker with 2-mm radius of the striking edge, in accordance with the applicable standard (ASTM or ISO).

When using SRM 2197, the user performs a self-service verification of the test machine. The data and specimens **are not** returned to NIST following the test. NIST provides **no** letter or certification sticker for the machine tested.

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).

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

REFERENCES

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Users of this SRM should ensure that the Certificate in their possession is current. This can be accomplished by contacting the SRM Program: telephone (301) 975-2200; fax (301) 948-3730; e-mail srminfo@nist.gov; or via the Internet at <http://www.nist.gov/srm>.