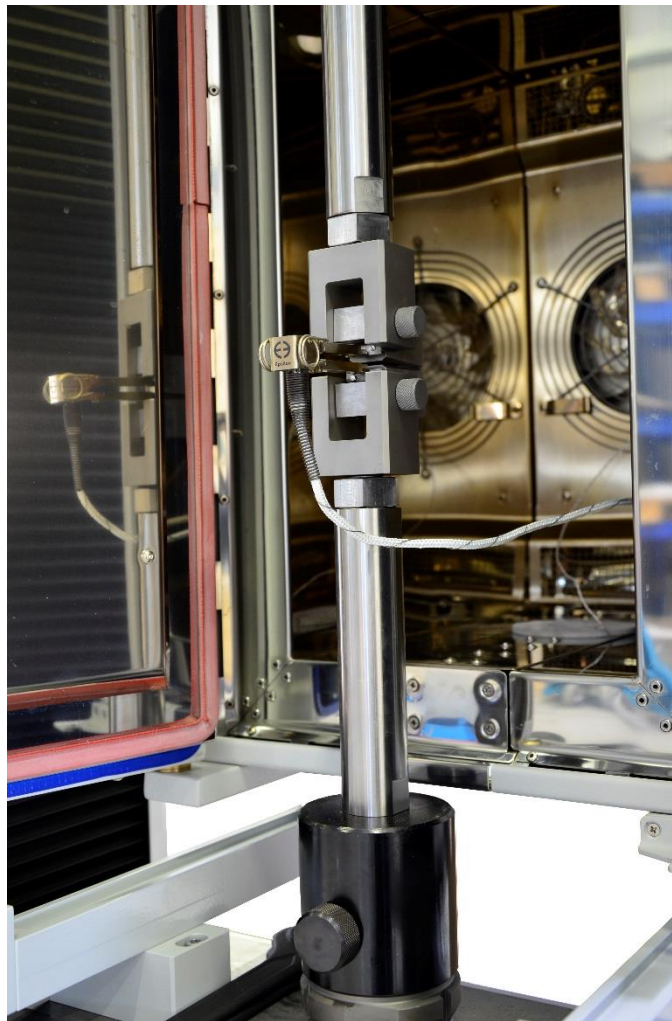




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Product Information

LabMaster Add-on for Fracture Mechanics



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With the LabMaster add-on fracture mechanics, static tests on initially cracked specimen can be carried out. Depending on the material behavior, the linear-elastic fracture mechanics (e.g. K-concept) and elastic-plastic fracture mechanics (J-integral-concept) is distinguished. The corresponding test specifications and procedures are predefined as templates.

Standards that are mapped with the software:

- ASTM E 399
Standard Test Method for Linear-Elastic Plane-Strain Fracture Toughness K_{Ic} of Metallic Materials
- ASTM E1820
Standard Test Method for Measurement of Fracture Toughness
- ISO12135
Metallic materials – Unified method of test for the determination of quasistatic fracture toughness

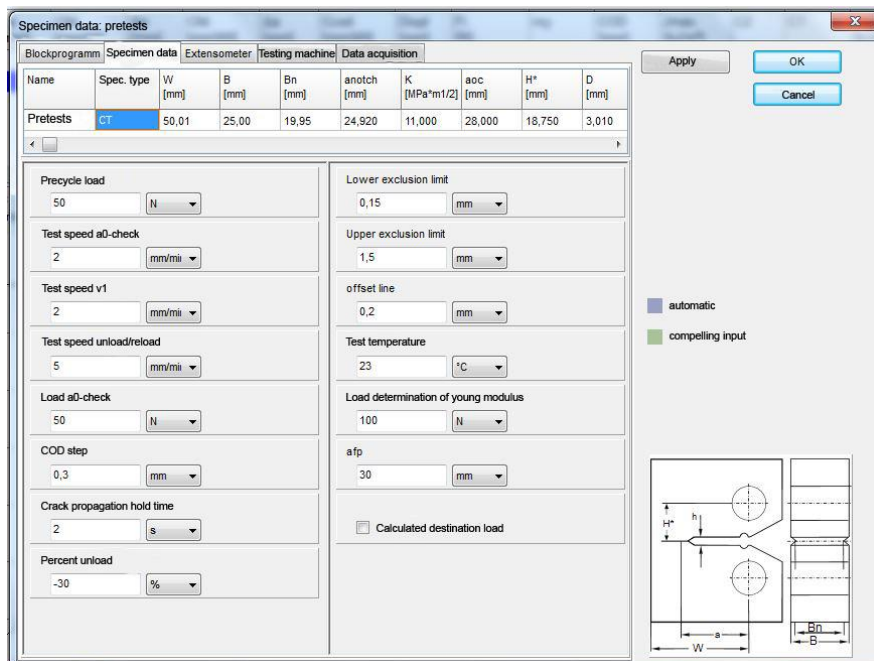
A clip-on extensometer is used to measure notch expansion. The crack length is determined according to the compliance method.

Execution of the test utilizing the J-Integral concept (single specimen test method) according to ASTM E1820

Depending on the specimen shape, a distinction is made between a tensile load (CT specimen - compact tensile specimen; DCT specimen - disc-shaped compact tensile specimen) and a bending load (SENB = Single Edge Notched Bending specimen).

Before starting the test, the following specimen data are entered

- Specimen shape: Selection of predefined specimen shape -> insertion of schematic drawing with labelling of specimen dimensions (W, B, BN, anotch)
- Mechanical parameter (strength values, modulus of elasticity (Youngs modulus), stress intensity factor of the last cyclical oscillation stage)
- Test conditions (e.g. temperature)



| Name | Spec. type | W [mm] | B [mm] | Bn [mm] | anotch [mm] | K [MPa* $m^{1/2}$] | aoc [mm] | H* [mm] | D [mm] |
|----------|------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|---------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Pretests | CT | 50,01 | 25,00 | 19,95 | 24,920 | 11,000 | 28,000 | 18,750 | 3,010 |

Fig.1: Input of the specimen data depending on the specimen geometry and parameterization of the test procedure

Parameterization and test procedure

- Preloading of the specimen to determine the crack length
- Partial unloading (increment, holding times, loading and unloading cycles)
- End of test (e.g. COD, delta a, load decrease)

| Tests | a0-check | J-R-Test | | | | |
|-------|---------------------------|----------|---------|--------------|-----------------|-------|
| | K [MPa·m ^{1/2}] | a [mm] | Δa [mm] | Ccod [mm/kN] | rx _y | aktiv |
| 1 | 20,523 | 26,546 | -1,454 | 0,01002 | 0,99988 | ✓ |
| 2 | 20,561 | 26,583 | -1,417 | 0,01006 | 0,99983 | ✓ |
| 3 | 20,494 | 26,532 | -1,468 | 0,01000 | 0,99987 | ✓ |
| 4 | 20,571 | 26,592 | -1,408 | 0,01007 | 0,99988 | ✓ |
| MW | 20,537 | 26,563 | -1,437 | 0,01004 | 0,99987 | |
| s | 0,036 | 0,029 | 0,029 | 0,00003 | 0,00002 | |

Fig.2: Preloading of the specimen to determine the crack length ("crack length check")

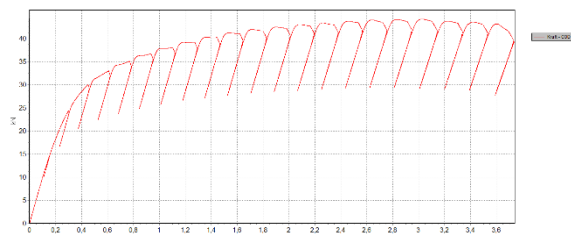


Fig.3: Partial reliefs in the force/load displacement diagram

| Veruche | a0-check | J-R-Test | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| J [kN/m ²] | K [MPa·m ^{1/2}] | Apl [mm] | a [mm] | Ccod [mm/kN] | Δa [mm] | Ccod [mm/kN] | Displ [mm] | Fi [N] | COD [mm] | rx _y | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 20,523 | 26,546 | 26,546 | 0,01002 | 0,99988 | 0,01002 | 0,300 | 14433,300 | 0,00000 | 0,99990 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 18,320 | 25,136 | 9,966 | 26,572 | 0,01006 | 0,008 | 0,10003 | 24039,100 | 0,00000 | 0,99995 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 17,825 | 24,111 | 3,557 | 26,575 | 0,01006 | 0,011 | 0,10002 | 29683,900 | 0,45194 | 0,99992 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 11,337 | 16,682 | 7,538 | 26,615 | 0,01010 | 0,052 | 0,10005 | 32960,699 | 0,60994 | 0,99993 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 17,285 | 25,489 | 12,239 | 26,680 | 0,01017 | 0,117 | 0,10100 | 35960,398 | 0,77159 | 0,99993 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 115,376 | 79,174 | 17,565 | 26,719 | 0,01021 | 0,155 | 0,10103 | 36670,500 | 0,93635 | 0,99993 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 144,637 | 82,501 | 23,162 | 26,793 | 0,01029 | 0,230 | 0,10109 | 38029,500 | 1,10304 | 0,99993 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 175,834 | 85,301 | 29,127 | 26,838 | 0,01034 | 0,274 | 0,10122 | 39294,301 | 1,27303 | 0,99990 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 208,322 | 87,779 | 35,479 | 26,888 | 0,01039 | 0,324 | 0,10126 | 40238,699 | 1,44556 | 0,99991 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 241,655 | 90,091 | 42,088 | 26,966 | 0,01045 | 0,403 | 0,10133 | 41952,199 | 1,62376 | 0,99991 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 275,046 | 92,339 | 48,931 | 27,111 | 0,01064 | 0,548 | 0,10147 | 43666,000 | 1,79915 | 0,99998 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 310,854 | 94,121 | 56,164 | 27,296 | 0,01075 | 0,643 | 0,10166 | 45199,399 | 1,98158 | 0,99998 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 346,438 | 95,970 | 63,657 | 27,515 | 0,01087 | 0,752 | 0,10187 | 4712,199 | 2,16448 | 0,99998 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 382,285 | 97,379 | 70,971 | 27,448 | 0,01103 | 0,885 | 0,10190 | 2,349 | 42844,199 | 2,34909 | 0,99998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 418,604 | 99,098 | 78,965 | 27,544 | 0,01114 | 0,960 | 0,10199 | 2,535 | 43415,199 | 2,53506 | 0,99998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 456,007 | 100,385 | 86,320 | 27,687 | 0,01131 | 1,124 | 0,10194 | 2,722 | 43510,699 | 2,72200 | 0,99996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 493,310 | 101,692 | 94,186 | 27,819 | 0,01148 | 1,256 | 0,10110 | 2,912 | 43694,500 | 2,91102 | 0,99996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 528,427 | 103,178 | 102,027 | 28,026 | 0,01174 | 1,463 | 0,10142 | 3,103 | 43734,801 | 3,10255 | 0,99994 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 565,336 | 103,685 | 110,387 | 28,222 | 0,01199 | 1,658 | 0,10165 | 3,301 | 43314,199 | 3,30108 | 0,99994 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 601,151 | 104,414 | 118,461 | 28,410 | 0,01224 | 1,846 | 0,10187 | 3,495 | 43034,896 | 3,49549 | 0,99993 | | | | | | | | | | |

Fig.4: Tabular representation of the individual partial unloading steps

crack resistance curve

The crack resistance curve is automatically generated and displayed as a real-time graphic during the test. The individual partial unloading steps, the automatic evaluation of the characteristic values with validity criteria and the results are also provided on the screen.

At the end of the test, the optically determined crack length is entered.

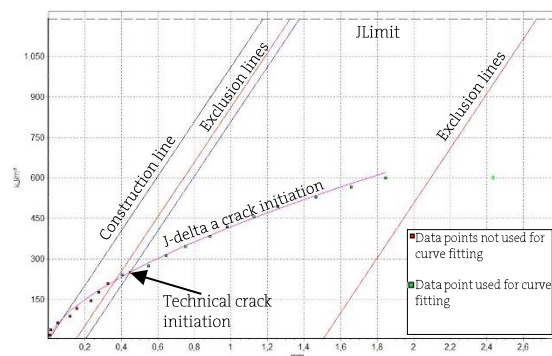


Fig.5: crack resistance curve

Experimental execution of the K-concept

Depending on the type of specimen, either a tensile test or a bending test is carried out at constant speed. The preload and the speed can be defined. Furthermore, the end of the test criteria can be freely defined.

The following results can be obtained in the KIC test:

- Elastic proportion, critical force - P/V; PQ
- Stress intensity factor - KQ
- Fracture toughness - KIC
- K1 with critical force
- Ratio of stress intensity to Rp0.2
- Maximum force to critical force ratio
- Strength ratio - R_{sx}
- Output of X_s and X₁, strain distance at critical force (X_s) and strain distance at 80% of critical force
- Input of the 5 optically determined crack lengths