Overview of ASTM Standardization Efforts Related to COPVs

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COPV Standards

• No less than half a dozen voluntary consensus organizations (VCOs) are actively involved in promulgation of standards directly and indirectly related to COPVs

• ASTM standards consist of Practices, Test Methods, Guides, Terminology, and Specifications:
  – Practice: tells how to perform a test
  – Test Method: tells how to produce a numerical result, often used as an accept-reject criterion
  – Guide: general instruction and overview
  – Terminology: establishes consistent naming conventions and definitions
  – Specification: establishes uniform material and component properties

• ASTM standards usually focus on a technique, but can focus on material or component type, e.g., a COPV, subject to testing using a variety of techniques
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ASTM Committee E07
Flat Panel and COPV Standards
Accomplishments Since 2007

Designation: E 2580 – 07

Standard Practice for
Ultrasonic Testing of Flat Panel Composites and Sandwich
Core Materials Used in Aerospace Applications

Designation: E 2581 – 07

Standard Practice for
Shearography of Polymer Matrix Composites, Sandwich
Core Materials and Filament-Wound Pressure Vessels in
Aerospace Applications

Designation: E 2582 – 07

Standard Practice for
Infrared Flash Thermography of Composite Panels and
Repair Patches Used in Aerospace Applications
Accomplishments Since 2007

Designation: E2662 – 09

Standard Practice for Radiologic Examination of Flat Panel Composites and Sandwich Core Materials Used in Aerospace Applications¹

Designation: E2533 – 09

Standard Guide for Nondestructive Testing of Polymer Matrix Composites Used in Aerospace Applications¹

Designation: E2661/E2661M – 10

Standard Practice for Acoustic Emission Examination of Plate-like and Flat Panel Composite Structures Used in Aerospace Applications¹
Item Registered for COPV Overwrap Standard in 2010

http://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK29034.htm

ASTM WK29034

(What is a Work Item? / How to Input to a Work Item)

Work Item: ASTM WK29034 - New Practice for Examination of the Composite Overwrap in Filament Wound Pressure Vessels Used in Aerospace Applications by Nondestructive Testing

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1. Scope

1.1 This Practice discusses nondestructive testing (NDT) methods for detecting flaws, defects, and accumulated damage in filament wound pressure vessels, also known as composite overwrapped pressure vessels (COPVs), used in aerospace applications. In general, these vessels have metal liner thicknesses less than 2.3 mm (0.090 in.), and fiber loadings in the composite overwrap greater than 60 percent by weight. 1.2 Although this Practice focuses on COPVs used at ambient temperature, it also has relevance to 1) composite pressure vessels (CPVs), 2) monolithic metallic pressure vessels, and 3) COPVs and CPVs used at cryogenic temperatures. 1.3 This Practice applies to 1) low pressure CCPVs used for storing liquid propellants at maximum allowable working pressures (MAWP)s up to 35
Item Registered for COPV Liner Standard in 2010

http://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK29068.htm

ASTM WK29068

(What is a Work Item? / How to Input to a Work Item)

Work Item: ASTM WK29068 - New Practice for Examination of the Metallic Thin-Walled Liners in Filament Wound Pressure Vessels Used in Aerospace Applications by Nondestructive Testing

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1. Scope

1.1 This Practice discusses nondestructive testing (NDT) methods for detecting defects and flaws in thin-walled metallic pressure vessels (PVs) and composite overwrapped pressure vessels (COPVs) used in aerospace applications. In general, these COPVs have metal liner thicknesses less than 2.3 mm (0.090 in.) and a filament wound composite overlap. 1.2 Although this Practice focuses on PVs and COPVs used at ambient temperature, it also has relevance to a) composite pressure vessels (CPVs), and b) COPVs and CPVs used at cryogenic temperatures. NDT of the composite overlap of COPVs is beyond the scope of the Practice, however, a general overview of applicable NDT methods is provided in Guide E2533. 1.3 This Practice applies primarily to high pressure COPVs used for storing compressed gases.
ASTM E07 Standards for NDE of Composites
2005 to present

Flat Panel Composites

2005

2010

2011

COPVs

2012

5-year re-approval of E 2580, E 2580 and E 2581

2013

POD

Test Methods for Accept-Reject

Metal & Brittle Matrix Composites

Nondestructive Evaluation of Flat Panel Composites:
Standard Practices and Guide

Nondestructive Evaluation of COPVs:

§ funding for technical oversight provided by the NASA NDE Working Group (NNWG) and ASA Technical Standards Program (NTSP)
ASTM Publicity

Flat Panel Composites

A series of standards on nondestructive inspection and examination of aerospace composites has been developed under the jurisdiction of ASTM International Committee E07 on Nondestructive Testing. Several years ago, with impetus and input from representatives of the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a task group on NDE for aerospace composites was formed under Subcommittee E07.10 on Specialized NDT Methods.

The task group, chaired by George Matzkanin from the Texas Research Institute, Austin, was established to foster the development of standards for NDE of aerospace composites. A recently published standard, ASTM E2533, Guide for Nondestructive Testing of Polymer Matrix Composites Used in Aerospace Applications, was developed under the guidance of task group and E07.10 subcommittee member Jess Waller, NASA White Sands Test Facility. This guide helps engineers select appropriate nondestructive testing methods to examine and characterize aerospace composites.

In addition to the guide, several standard practices have been developed and published to document and establish control requirements of current established industry practices so that these standards can be specified in contracts. One such practice is the new standard ASTM E2662, Practice for Radiologic Examination of Flat Panel Composites and Sandwich Core Materials Used in Aerospace Applications, developed under the guidance of task group member John Ellegood, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co. This standard was developed under the jurisdiction of Subcommittee E07.01 on Radiology (X and Gamma) Method.

ASTM E2662 provides process control requirements for film and digital radiography of aerospace composite panels. "Using ASTM E2662 will improve accuracy and reliability of radiographic examinations for these low density structures," says Ellegood, a staff quality engineer and Level 3 radiographer. "Often, examinations are not performed at optimal levels due to inadequate experience and lack of requirements."

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Phased Arrays, Aerospace Applications, Digital Imaging

ASTM International Committee E07 on Nondestructive Testing has recently approved three new standards on phased arrays, polymer matrix composites for aerospace applications and digital imaging. The committee will be meeting in Placentia, Fla., Jan. 24-28, and welcomes participation in its standards developing activities.

Ultrasonic Methods

Thousands of portable phased array units, used for weld inspections, have been sold worldwide. There are many benefits to these devices, including speed, cost, imaging flexibility and setups, along with no radiation, licensing or contamination. Despite these advantages, there was not a universal inspection procedure for phased array inspection of welds. A new standard, E2700, Practice for Contact Ultrasonic Testing of Welds Using Phased Arrays, provides such an inspection test.

E2700 was developed by Subcommittee E07.06 on Ultrasonic Method. According to Michael Moles, senior technology manager, Olympus NDT, and an E07 member, E2700 will be most useful to inspection companies that need to write and follow procedures and to end users and regulators who need to establish practices for the inspection companies.

"E2700 will be very helpful as it covers the relevant aspects for most weld inspections, so details will not be ignored or forgotten," says Moles.

Specialized NDT Methods

A new guide gives an introductory overview that describes how mature and established nondestructive testing methods that are routinely used by industry are applied specifically to the characterization of polymer matrix aerospace composites. E2533, Guide for Nondestructive Testing of Polymer Matrix Composites Used in Aerospace Applications, is under the jurisdiction of Subcommittee E07.10 on Specialized NDT Methods.

Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation

A new standard developed by Subcommittee E07.11 on Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE) will fill a need in the nondestructive testing industry for a transparent and industry standard data format with which to store digital inspection data.

E2663, Practice for Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE) for Ultrasonic Test Methods, will be used by manufacturers to develop ultrasonic test equipment that communicates and stores inspection data in a nonproprietary format that will be used for decades.

"Critical national and commercial infrastructure requires long-term data management solutions for inspection data," says Patrick Howard, GE Aviation, who notes that, in the United States, nuclear power plants are typically licensed for 40 years but can obtain an operating extension for an additional 20 years.

"Over such long time periods, inspection equipment is replaced with new models, and equipment vendors may go out of business while the need to access the data acquired with the equipment remains," says Howard. "There is a need to promote interoperability as inspection equipment is modernized to provide long-term data access."

E2663 will serve as a companion standard to E2339, Practice for Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE). While E2339 addresses digital data transmission and storage for all nondestructive evaluation modalities, E2663 addresses digital data transmission and storage specific to ultrasonic testing.

Howard also notes that E07.11 is now at work on the following related proposed practices:

- WK17435, Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE) for X-Ray Computed Tomography (CT) Test Methods;
- WK20537, Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE) for Eddy Current Test Methods; and
Current POD Activities/Resources

NASA NDE Working group (NNWG, Dr. Edward Generazio)

NASA Engineering and Safety Center (NESC, Dr. William Prosser)
ASTM E07.10 (various)
http://www.astm.org/DATABASE.CART/WORKITEMS/WK29631.htm
Quick Look at ASTM Standards
Used at WSTF
for Composite Tow and COPV Testing
Long-Term Creep Testing

- AE can be applied using a variety of different pressure profiles, for example, a ramp and hold to evaluate stress rupture

**ASTM D 7337 Stress Rupture (SR) Method**

WSTF data on 1140 denier Kevlar-epoxy, 32-mm-gage length, poured Epon 828/DETA tabs

**Objective**

Plot stress ratio vs. log time to failure to predict when SR will occur at a given operational stress ratio

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Composite Tow Tests
COPV Materials-of-Construction

Tabbing: shear strength of epoxy and bonded grip length important variables

\[ L_{\text{min}} = \frac{F_{\text{tu}} h}{2 F_{\text{su}}} \]

where:

- \( L_{\text{min}} \) = minimum required bonded tab length, mm [in.];
- \( F_{\text{tu}} \) = ultimate tensile strength of coupon material, MPa [psi];
- \( h \) = coupon thickness, mm [in.]; and
- \( F_{\text{su}} \) = ultimate shear strength of adhesive, coupon material, or tab material (whichever is lowest), MPa [psi].


Fiber Composite Tow Tensile Tests
COPV Materials-of-Construction

Establish typical fiber and composite tow and laminate failure modes

1. explosive failure (XGM)
2. long splitting (SGM)
3. strand pull-out (not pictured)

ASTM D 4018

ASTM D 3039

FIG. 1 Three-Part Failure Mode Code

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Pressure Schedules
Depends on COPV Application

Possible pressure schedules for analytical testing of COPVs:

Commons goals:
1. manufacturer’s test
2. Periodic removal and inspect requalification
3. simulate in-service pressure schedule
**Accelerated Aging Using Temperature COPVs and Strand**

**ASTM D 6992 Stress Rupture Method**
Used during NNWG-sponsored NDE of COPV SR project conducted on 6.3-in-diameter Kevlar-epoxy and carbon-epoxy COPVs

**Procedure**

A. Subject strand specimen to stepped isotherms
B. Monitor creep strain at constant stress
C. Convert creep strain to creep modulus and rescale temperature segments to achieve slope matching versus log time
D & E. Correct for thermal expansion and shift data to yield D) creep modulus, and E) creep strain master curves

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Objective:
Generate strain vs. log time master curve to predict when SR will occur at a given stress level

No ASTM or equivalent standard adopted at the point
Intermittent Load Hold Testing
COPVs and Strand

- Intermittent load hold (ILH) stress schedule (red data) is a quick test used to identify severe accumulated composite damage using the Felicity ratio.

- ILH profile is based on the pressure tank examination procedure§.

**Proof Cycling**

**COPVs (ASME Test)**

AE event decay rate analysis on load holds using ASME Section X, Appendix 8

\[ y = Ae^{Bt} + C \]

Acceptance criteria from ASME Section X Mandatory Appendix 8 and NB10-0601 Supplement 9:

- Acceptable Event Stability: 
  -0.1 < B < -0.0001 & R² ≥ 0.80

Shape factor B can also be expressed as the time required for the structure to emit 99% of events on a dwell.

\[ t_{99\%} = \frac{\ln(0.01)}{B} \]

25 to 40 minutes (1535 to 2424 sec)

\[ y = 184.0e^{-0.002209x} \]

R² = 0.975

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1 ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section X: Fiber-Reinforced Plastic Pressure Vessels, Section X, Appendix 8-620 Supplementary Examination Requirements.