ASTM COMMITTEE C28: INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR PROPERTIES AND PERFORMANCE OF ADVANCED CERAMICS
THREE DECADES OF HIGH-QUALITY, TECHNICALLY-RIGOROUS NORMALIZATION

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Introduction/Background

• 2016 marks the 30th Anniversary of ASTM Committee C28 on Advanced Ceramics

• Founded in Philadelphia in 1986 after Advanced Ceramics had been a subcommittee of Committee C08 Refractories

• Establishment of C28 reflected the driving forces and visionaries of the 1980’s who realized that the time had come for ceramics to become commonly recognized, used, and fabricated as advanced engineering material along with metals; polymers and composites.
Introduction/Background

• Definition of Advanced Ceramic (a.k.a., engineering ceramic, structural ceramic, fine ceramics (Japan), and technical ceramic (Europe).

*a highly engineered, high performance, predominately non-metallic, inorganic, ceramic material having specific functional attributes.*
Introduction/Background

- Scope of ASTM Committee C28 Advanced Ceramics.

The promotion of knowledge, stimulation of research and development of
- standards (classifications, specifications, nomenclature, test methods, guides, and practices)
- relating to processing, properties, characterization, and performance of advanced ceramic materials.

Committee C28 works in concert with other technical committees (e.g., D30 "Composite Materials," E07 "Non Destructive Testing," E08 "Fatigue and Fracture," E28 "Mechanical Testing," F04 "Medical and Surgical Materials and Devices", and G02 "Wear and Erosion") and other national and international organizations having mutual or related interests
Introduction/Background

What is ASTM International?

The primary standards writing organization (SWO) for testing materials in the United States.

Private nonprofit corporation for the development of voluntary, full-consensus standards on the characteristics and performance of materials, products, systems, and services and for the promotion of related knowledge.

Committees accomplish this work through the efforts of volunteer experts who follow established regulations to generate a standard that is high-quality, widely-recognized, well-accepted and generally-used.
Introduction/Background

ASTM International publishes six different types of standards:

1) **Test method** is a definitive procedure that produces test results.
2) **Specification** is an explicit set of requirements to be satisfied by a material, product, system or service.
3) **Classification** is a systematic arrangement or division of materials, products, systems, or services into groups based on similar characteristics such as origin, composition, properties, or use.
4) **Practice** is a definitive set of instructions for performing one or more specific operation that does not include a test result.
5) **Guide** is a compendium of information or series of options that does not recommend a specific course of action.
6) **Terminology** is a document comprising definitions of terms; explanations of symbols, abbreviations, or acronyms.
Introduction/Background

General process of developing an ASTM International standard:

1. **Establish** of task group of experts (both within and outside ASTM).
2. **Create** a work item and prepare a draft standard.
3. **Ballot** the draft standard at the subcommittee level only.
4. **If approved** with no negative ballots, ballot the draft standard at the committee and society levels.
5. **If approved** at the committee levels, the standard is published as a separate or within a volume in the Annual Book of ASTM Standards.
Introduction/Background

General process of developing an ASTM International standard (cont’d):

- **Six months to two years** or more to complete.
- If negative ballots are received at any level then these must be resolved before the balloting can proceed to the next level, thereby ensuring the full-consensus approval process.
- Note that all ASTM standards undergo a mandatory review process every five years during which they are either reapproved or revised, so as to maintain the relevancy and currency of published standards.
Introduction/Background

Membership classification of ASTM International:

i) Users (those who use ceramic materials or products in components or devices),
ii) Producers (those who make ceramic materials or products)
iii) General interest (those do not have a commercial interest in ceramics or ceramic components/devices).

Note: Number of Producers must be less than combined number of users and general interest members.
Discussion

The three decades of ASTM Committee C28’s activities are divided into time periods: **Formative Years; Transition Years; and Present Years**
Discussion

Membership of ASTM Committee C28:

Early Direction & Growth 1986-1993
International Harmonization 1993-2006
Applications & Validations 2006-Present

1986 Founding
1993 ISO TC206
2006 Applications Focus

Busy, busy, busy....

Hardwork
Discussion-Formative Years

ASTM Committee C28 Advanced Ceramics was formed at a meeting held at ASTM headquarters in Philadelphia (1916 Race Street) in August 1986 and attended by over 150 interested parties,

Inaugural members included a breath of participants from industry, government facilities, and universities.
Discussion-Formative Years

Early leadership included organizations that had interest in the technological and commercial successes of advanced ceramics.

For example:

**Inaugural C28 chair** = Samuel Schneider, Jr  
**Inaugural C28 vice chair** = George Quinn  
Both from Ceramics Division of NIST (US DoC)

**First C28.01 Chair** = Charles Brinkman  
**First C28.02 Chair** = Robert McClung  
Both from Metals & Ceramics Div at ORNL (US DOE)

**First C28.07 Chair** = David Cranmer  
Ceramics Division of NIST (US DoC)
## Discussion-Formative Years

**Three administrative subcommittees and four technical subcommittees comprised the initial organization of Committee C28**

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Committee C28 developed and published 7 standards in its **Formative Years (1986-93)**

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7 baseline standards developed
During 1993, two developments occurred that would substantially affect the next decade of Committee C28:

i) the rise of ISO TC206

ii) the growth of the CFCC Program in US DOE and continued support of ceramics in heat engines projects in US DOE.
Discussion-Transition Years

i) 1992, ISO TC206 Fine (technical, advanced) Ceramics formally established. First plenary meeting was held in 1994 with Samuel Schneider of NIST presided as chair of ISO TC206, a position he held until 2003. (10 P and 22 O national membership)

Major national and regional SWOs from which ISO TC206 harmonized its standards included CEN TC184 on Technical Ceramics (est. 1989), ASTM C28 on Advanced Ceramics (est. 1986), JIS R on Fine Ceramics (est. in 1979), BSI RPI/13 on Technical Ceramics (est. in 1984), DIN NMP291 on Technical Ceramics (est. in 1987), etc.
Discussion-Transition Years

Committee C28 created a new subcommittee, C28.94 ISO TC206 Technical Advisory Group (TAG). Because the official US representation to ISO is through ANSI, the C28.04 TAG acted only in an advisory role to ANSI for official ISO TC206 matters.

Subcommittee C28.94:

- Created in 1993
- Dissolved in 2006 because of financial and time difficulties of maintaining both ASTM standards and developing ISO standards
## Discussion-Transition Years

Partial list of ISO TC206 standards (25 total) developed with ASTM C28 leadership as convenor/US Expert

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<td>Test method for flexural strength of monolithic ceramics at room temperature</td>
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<td>G.D. Quinn (NIST) – Convenor/US Expert</td>
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| ISO 14705        | Test method for hardness of monolithic ceramics at room temperature             | 2000          | • C1326 Test Method for Knoop Indentation Hardness of Advanced Ceramics  
Discussion-Transition Years

ii) the growth of the CFCC Program within US DOE and continued support of ceramics in heat engines projects in US DOE.

Well-funded, broad-based program supported by US DOE and driven by industrial and aerospace applications of continuous fiber ceramic composites (CFCCs). CFCCs were the enabling technology for many types of advanced technologies that included chemical and petroleum refineries, next generation nuclear power, aerospace planes, gas turbines and scramjets.
Discussion-Transition Years

CFCCs are fabricated quite differently than monolithic ceramics and behaved quite differently (i.e., nonlinear stress strain curve indicative of a cumulative damage, fracture resistant response), unique test methods were required.

- 11 standards for CFCCs were developed /published in the C28 Transition Years
- 2 symposia related to CFCCs were organized that resulted in two STPs (STP 1309 and 1392).
- Membership and participation in Subcommittee C28.07 Ceramic Matrix Composites grew.
# Discussion-Transition Years

**Symposia and STPs emanating from Committee C28**

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<td>STP 1309</td>
<td>Thermal and Mechanical Test Methods and Behavior of Continuous-Fiber Ceramic Composites</td>
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Discussion-Transition Years

Subcommittee C28.95 Long Range Planning was established and developed an ASTM-required, long-range plan (LRP) during this period with the following goals:

1) *Maintain and update existing ASTM standards* for advanced ceramics with emphasis on those that are most widely used.

2) *Maintain and update existing ISO standards* for advanced ceramics for which the committee has been convenor through its TAG.

3) *Develop new standards* for advanced ceramics that can provide support for evolving specifications, design codes and data bases

4) *Develop new standards* for advanced ceramics that can provide support for applications that are non-structural based on user needs

5) *Coordinate and disseminate information* on advanced ceramics through standards, symposia and publications.
Discussion-Transition Years

Growing number of C28 standards led to first mandatory review of existing standards per ASTM requirements: Individual standards must be re-approved or revised every five years or they will be subject to mandatory withdrawal as active standards. This requirement assures that standards remain relevant and up-to-date.
Discussion-Transition Years

Outreach and Education were new activities that resulted from LRP overseen eventually by a new subcommittee C28.92 Education and Outreach:

- Advanced Ceramic Sentinel
- Pictograph Poster
Discussion-Transition Years

Advanced Ceramic Sentinel

An Information Summary for
ASTM Committee C28 on Advanced Ceramics
July 2016 – Celebrating 30 years of Excellence

Scope of Committee C28

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What Committee C28 Does

Committee C28 develops and maintains standards for monolithic and composite advanced ceramics. An advanced ceramic is a highly-engineered, high-performance predominately non-metallic, inorganic, ceramic material having specific functional attributes. The C28 standards cover methods for testing bulk and constituent (powders, fibres, etc.) properties, thermal and physical properties, strengths and strength distributions, and performance under varying environmental, thermal, and mechanical conditions. The scope of application of the methods ranges from quality control through design data generation.

The Committee’s primary objective is the development of technically rigorous standards which are accessible to the general industrial laboratory and consequently are widely accepted and used in the design, production, and utilization of advanced ceramics.

While the committee’s roots are in energy-related industries and programs, C28 supports the needs of automotive, aerospace, electronic, medical and other industries requiring advanced ceramics. Some specific applications include nano-ceramics, bio-ceramics, coatings, electronics, sensors/actuators, porous substrates and fuel cells. C28 actively pursues standards development to support these emerging applications.

Committee C28 coordinates its work with other organizations with mutual interests in advanced ceramics. The membership represents an international group of people interested in furthering advanced ceramic technology.

In addition to standards development, C28 sponsors symposia providing a forum for the timely transfer of technical information relevant to the design, analysis, processing, fabrication, and characterization of monolithic and composite advanced ceramics. Special workshops and technical presentations are often held to identify specific industrial needs and support the technical development of new standards.

The Committee meets twice a year in with an on-site meeting and a Web-teleconference. The Committee is self-regulated by committee-approved by-laws under the auspices of ASTM International.

COMMITTEE C28 - ADVANCED CERAMICS
2016-18 Officers and Committee Structure

Chair: Tony Thornton, Micromeritics
Vice Chair: Michael Jenkins, Bothell Eng & Science Technologies
Recording Secretary: Stephen Gonczy, Gateway Materials Technology
Membership Secretary: Jonathan Salem, NASA Glenn Research Center

C28.90 Executive
C28.91 Nomenclature and Editorial
C28.92 Education / Outreach
C28.93 Long Range Planning
C28.94 Awards
C28.01 Mechanical Properties and Reliability
C28.02 Physical Properties and NDE
C28.03 Ceramic Matrix Composites
C28.04 Ceramic Applications
Extra, extra, hard copies available!!
Discussion-Transition Years

Four administrative subcommittees and four technical subcommittees resulted from organization of Committee C28 to reflected user specific focus and involvement in ISO activities.

Administrative
- C28.90 Executive
- C28.91 Nomenclature
- C28.93 Awards
- C28.94 ISO TAG
- C28.95 LRP

Technical
- C28.01 Mechanical Properties & Performance
- C28.02 Reliability
- C28.03 Physical Properties & Performance
- C28.04 Applications
- C28.07 Ceramic Composites
Committee C28 developed and published 37 standards in its **Transition Years (1993-2006)**

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Discussion-Present Years

C28 reassessed its role in standards development at the beginning of Present Years

- LRP directions
- Time and fiscal commitments from its duality of development/upkeep of ASTM standards and the development/upkeep of ISO TC206 standards,
- Applications focus: ionized glass for touch screens, electrolytes for solid oxide fuel cells (SOFCs), windows in aerospace applications, porous ceramics for filters, traps and substrates, and joining materials for ceramic joints.
- US-DOE Next Generation Nuclear Power (NGNP) focus on CMC tubes.
Discussion-Present Years

Four administrative subcommittees and four technical subcommittees resulted from organization of Committee C28 to reflected new foci:

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Discussion-Present Years

Current C28 Administrative Subcommittees

- **C28.90 Executive** This subcommittee manages administrative matters of main Committee C28 through its membership comprised of the committee and subcommittee officers of C28.

- **C28.91 Nomenclature and Editorial** This subcommittee compiles nomenclature and terminology used in the various standards of Committee C28.

- **C28.92 Education and Outreach** This subcommittee develops and supports efforts for education and outreach for the C28 committee.

- **C28.93 Awards** This subcommittee accepts/acts on nominations for various awards

- **C28.95 Long Range Planning** This subcommittee proposes, facilitates and promotes long range planning activities consistent with the mission.

Still only $75 a year!!
Discussion-Present Years

Current C28 Subcommittees

• **C28.01 Mechanical Properties & Reliability** Develops standards for mechanical properties and reliability (short term and long term) of monolithic advanced ceramics in a number of areas including flexural strength, tensile strength, compressive strength, cyclic fatigue, etc.

• **C28.03 Physical Properties & NDE** Develops standards for physical, chemical, micro-structural, and non-destructive characterization of powder and bulk advanced ceramics.

• **C28.04 Applications** Develops standards (including guides, specifications, practices, test methods) for various engineering applications of advanced ceramics, such as nanoceramics, coatings, electrodes, porous ceramics, fuel cells, armor, sensors/actuators, and thermal systems.

• **C28.07 Ceramic Matrix Composites** Develops standards for determination of the thermo-mechanical properties and performance of ceramic matrix composites including tension, compression, etc.
Discussion-Present Years

Round robin programs support and strengthen C28 standards

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Tangible Benefits

1) **F2393 Standard Specification for High-Purity Dense Magnesia Partially Stabilized Zirconia (Mg-PSZ) for Surgical Implant Applications**

ASTM Committee F04 on Surgical and Medical Devices and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration used generic standards from Committee C28 for their standard specification, F2393.
Tangible Benefits

1) F2393 Standard Specification (cont’d)

• “The average room temperature flexural strength shall be 600 MPa (87 000 psi) or greater by 4 point bend testing in accordance with Test Method C1161, test configuration B. A minimum of 10 samples are to be tested.”

• “If Weibull modulus is determined, test results shall be evaluated in accordance with Practice C1239. The minimum number of test specimens shall be 30 and the minimum acceptable uncensored, unbiased Weibull modulus shall be 10.”

• “The minimum room temperature elastic modulus shall be 180 GPa (26 200 ksi) in accordance with Test Method C1198. A rectangular specimen with dimensions of 60 by 10 by 3 mm is recommended. An acceptable alternative test method for elastic modulus is Test Method C1259.”

• The minimum Vickers hardness value shall be 1000 HV in accordance with Test Method C1327. The load shall be 9.8 N (1kg) and the dwell time shall be 15 s.
Tangible Benefits

2) F2094/F2094M Standard Specification for Silicon Nitride Bearing Balls

ASTM Committee F34 on Rolling Element Bearings used generic standards from Committee C28 for their standard specification, F2094.

• “Either 3-point or 4-point test methods may be used for flexural strength, which should be measured in accordance with Test Method C1161 (size B)…”

• “Fracture resistance shall be measured by either ….. (see Annex A1) or by a standard fracture toughness test method.” (Test Method C1421)
Tangible Benefits

3) **Transparent Armor Ceramics as Spacecraft Windows**

Standards from Committee C28 allowed comparisons among authors and helped to interpret data.

- Standardized fracture toughness tests using **Test Method C1421** ensured correct comparisons.

![Graph showing fracture toughness vs. grain size](image)
Tangible Benefits

3) Transparent Armor Ceramics as Spacecraft Windows (cont’d)

• Standard-sized circular disks could be used to determine Poisson’s ratio and Young’s modulus via Test Method C1259 and biaxial strength via Test Method C1499 as well as the slow crack growth parameters, n and A, via Test Method C1368.

![Graph showing Fracture Strength vs. Stress Rate]
4) **Standard Reference Materials**

SRMs certified by NIST are available for users to verify test procedures including user techniques and test apparati.

1) **SRM 2100** was developed to improve fracture toughness testing of ceramics. The SRM is a set of five hot-isostatically pressed silicon nitride test specimens. The fracture toughness is certified by billet of the SRM material.
Tangible Benefits

4) Standard Reference Materials (cont’d)

ii) **SRM 2830** was developed to improve Knoop hardness testing of ceramics. The SRM is prepared from a silicon nitride ceramic bearing ball in which five indentations have been made at a load of 19.6 N (2 kgf).

iii) **SRM 2831** was developed to improve Vickers hardness testing of ceramics and hardmetals. The SRM is a hot-isostatically pressed tungsten carbide with 12% cobalt disk which has five indentations made at a load of 9.8 N (1 kgf).
Summary/Conclusions

- Market demand for advanced ceramics and ceramic matrix composites is expected to continue to grow as these materials improve in consistency and reliability while simultaneously reducing cost.

- Standardized test methods are expected to accelerate use of these materials as they become available and are used nationally and internationally.
Summary/Conclusions

- ASTM Committee C28 on Advanced Ceramics has produced, as of this writing, over fifty high-quality, technically-rigorous consensus standards for processing, characterization, design, and evaluation of this class of materials.

- Standardization activities accelerated in recent years, and many more high-quality, technically-rigorous standards are expected to be completed in the near future. Questions???????