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Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test

Method 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines

PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by Standards Australia Committee MT-006, Mechanical Testing of Metals to supersede (in part) AS 1816—1990, *Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test.*

This Standard is identical with and has been reproduced from ISO 6506-2:1999.

This Standard is Method 2 of a series of Standards covering the Brinell hardness testing of metallic materials.

The series comprises the following Methods:

AS	
1816	Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test
1816.1	Method 1: Test method (ISO 6506-1:1999, MOD)
1816.2	Method 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines
1816.3	Method 3: Calibration of reference blocks

As this Standard is reproduced from an International Standard, the following applies:

(a) Its number does not appear on each page of text and its identity is shown only on the title page.

(b) In the source text, 'this part of ISO 6506' should read 'this Australian Standard'.

(c) A full point substitutes for a comma when referring to a decimal marker.

References to International Standards should be replaced by Australian Standards, as follows:

Reference to International Standard		*Australian Standard*	
ISO		AS	
376	Metallic materials—Calibration of force-proving instruments used for verification of uniaxial testing machines	—	
3878	Hardmetals—Vickers hardness test	1817	Metallic materials—Vickers hardness testing
ISO			
6506	Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test	1816	Metallic materials—Brinell hardness
6506-1	Part 1: Test method	1816.1	Method 1: Test method (ISO 6506-1:1999,MOD)
6506-3	Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks	1816.3	Method 3: Calibration of reference blocks

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex to which it applies. An 'informative' annex is only for information and guidance.

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INTRODUCTION

The force values in this part of ISO 6506 were calculated from kilogram force values. They were introduced before the SI-system was adopted. It was decided to keep the values based on the old units for this part of ISO 6506 but for the next revision it will be necessary to consider the advantage of introducing rounded values of test force and possible consequences on the hardness scales.

Attention is drawn to the fact that in this part of ISO 6506, only the use of the hardmetal ball indenter is specified.

The designation of the Brinell hardness is HBW and should not be confused with the former designation HB, or HBS when a steel ball indenter was used.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 6506 specifies a method of verification and calibration of testing machines used for determining Brinell hardness in accordance with ISO 6506-1.

It specifies a direct method for checking the main functions of machine operation and an indirect method suitable for checking the overall machine operation. The indirect method may be used independently for periodic routine checking of machine operation while in service.

If a testing machine is also to be used for other methods of hardness testing, it shall be verified independently for each method.

This part of ISO 6506 is applicable to portable hardness testing machines with the exception of the requirement in 6.1 a) in which the word “relocation” does not apply.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 6506. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 6506 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 376, *Metallic materials — Calibration of force-proving instruments used for the verification of uniaxial testing machines.*

ISO 3878, *Hardmetals — Vickers hardness test.*

ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method.*

ISO 6506-3:1999, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks.*

3 General conditions

Before a Brinell hardness testing machine is verified, the machine shall be checked to ensure the following:

a) the machine is properly set up;

b) the plunger holding the ball slides correctly in its guide;

c) the ball-holder with a ball (from a lot verified in accordance with 4.3) is firmly mounted in the plunger;

d) the test force is applied and removed without shock, vibration or overrun and in such a manner that the readings are not influenced;