## Circumferential Extensometer Model 3544

Correcting for Specimen Diameter
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The output of Circumferential Extensometer Model 3544 indicates $\Delta C_{\text {Nominal }}$, the nominal change in the circumference, as shown on the test certificate. Accuracy of the results using this instrument may be improved by applying a small correction $\Delta C_{\text {Corr }}$ based on the specimen diameter; it is typically less than $1 \%$ of reading and in most applications it may be neglected. An empirical correction is provided as follows:


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\begin{gathered}
C=\pi * D_{\text {Init }}+\Delta C_{\text {Nom }}+\Delta \mathrm{C}_{\text {Corr }} \\
\Delta \mathrm{C}_{\text {Corr }}=a * \Delta C_{\text {Nom }}{ }^{1.4761} \\
a=0.3074 * D_{\text {Init }}-1.9498 \quad \text { (inch units) } \\
a=36.142 * D_{\text {Init }}{ }^{-1.9498} \quad \text { (mm units) }
\end{gathered}
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Example:
Initial Specimen Diameter: $\varnothing 4.00$ "
Nominal (Indicated) Circumferential Displacement $\Delta \mathrm{C}_{\text {Nom: }} 0.200^{\prime \prime}$
Solution:

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\begin{aligned}
& a=0.3074 * D_{\text {Init }}{ }^{-1.9498}=0.3074 * 4.0000^{-1.9498}=0.0206 \\
& \Delta C_{\text {Corr }}=a * \Delta C_{\text {Nom }}{ }^{1.4761}=0.0206 * 0.2000^{1.4761}=0.0019^{\prime \prime} \text { (correction to be applied) } \\
& C=\pi * D_{\text {Init }}+\Delta C_{\text {Nom }}+\Delta C_{\text {Corr }}=4.0000 \pi+0.2000^{\prime \prime}+0.0019^{\prime \prime}=12.7683^{\prime \prime}
\end{aligned}
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For the best accuracy, a correction should be made using the equations above. However, a generally suitable correction can also be obtained by employing a simple two-point correction. This may be done by adjusting the full scale reading of the 3544 when performing a two-point calibration as shown below.

## Example:

Specimen Diameter: Ø4.00"
3544 Nominal Full Scale Range: 0.25"

## Solution:

Correction at Full Scale: 0.0027"
Corrected Full Scale Range: 0.2527"
(use this during two-point calibration)


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