



Circumferential Extensometer Model 3544

Correcting for Specimen Diameter

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The output of *Circumferential Extensometer Model 3544* indicates $\Delta C_{Nominal}$, 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 ΔC_{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:



Example: Initial Specimen Diameter: $\emptyset 4.00"$ Nominal (Indicated) Circumferential Displacement ΔC_{Nom} : 0.200" Solution: $a = 0.3074 * D_{Init}^{-1.9498} = 0.3074 * 4.0000^{-1.9498} = 0.0206$ $\Delta C_{corr} = a * \Delta C_{Nom}^{1.4761} = 0.0206 * 0.2000^{1.4761} = 0.0019"$ (correction to be applied) $C = \pi * D_{Init} + \Delta C_{Nom} + \Delta C_{corr} = 4.0000\pi + 0.2000" + 0.0019" = 12.7683"$

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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