

Material Properties and Qualities



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2	Chemical Properties	Corrosion resistance, atomic weight, molecular weight, chemical composition, atomic number
3	Mechanical Properties	Strength, Elasticity, Plasticity, Ductility, Brittleness, Hardness, Toughness, Stiffness, Resilience, Creep
4	Electrical Properties	Resistivity, Conductivity, Capacity, Dieelectric strength
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Mechanical Properties



- Mechanical Properties are those characteristics of material that describe its behaviour under the action of external forcees
- A knowledge of mechanical properties is very essential for an engineer to select a suitable material for his various design purposes





















Factors affecting Mechanical Properties

- Grain size
- ✤ Heat treatment
- Atmospheric Exposure
- Low and High Temperatures



Deformation of metals



- When force is applied on a metal piece, then the size and/or shape will be altered.
- Any changes in the size and/or shape of the metal is called as deformation of the metal.
- Deformation can be either permanent or temporary.



Mechanism of Plastic deformation (Modes of Plastic deformation)



Slip

✤ Twinning



Deformation by Slip



The sliding of blocks of the crystal over one anther along definite crystallographic planes called slip planes.

(or)

 Slip Represents a displacement of one part of the crystal relative to another along particular crystallographic planes and in crystallographic directions







Types of Fracture



- Brittle fracture
- Ductile fracture
- Fatigue fracture
- Creep fracture





Griffith's Theory



- 1. In a brittle material, there are many fine cracks. These cracks concentrate the applied stress at their tips or ends
- 2. When the stress at the tips of a crack exceeds the theoretical stress value, the crakes expands and fracture occurs





Explanation of mechanism of Brittle fracture



□ It is observed that when a tensile stress is applied to the specimen, then the applied stress is distributed about the crack in such way that the maximum stress occurs at its tips.

□ The maximum stress at the tip of the crack is given by



- ❑ When elastic material is stresses, potential energy is stored in the material before it cracks. This stored energy is known as elastic strain energy. When crack begins propagating, elastic energy is released.
- □ The crack propagates, new surfaces are created and a certain amount of energy, called **surface energy**, must be provided to create them



Derivation for fracture strength



- □ Griffith supposed that the crack propagates when the released **strain energy** is just sufficient to provide the **surface energy** necessary for the creation of the new surfaces
- □ According to the elastic theory



□ The elastic strain energy is released by the spreading of a crack of unit width is given by,

$$U_{\rm E} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2 \, {\rm E}} \times {\rm Area} \times {\rm Width} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2 \, {\rm E}} \times \pi \, c^2 \times 1$$
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Mechanical test of metals



- The engineer and designer need to know the hardness, strength, and other characteristics of the materials they use
- The engineer and designer should also know about the way in which the properties are determined
- It can be noted that the tests need to be conducted according to standard procedures so that one can have confidence in published that results





Destructive tests- In this type of testing, the component or specimen to be tested is *destroyed* and *cannot be reused*

Examples:

Tensile test, Impact test, bend test, Fatigue test, Torsion test, Creep test

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Examples:

Radiography, Ultrasonic inspection etc.






























Fracture and its Prevention



- Fracture is the mechanical failure of the material which will produce the separation or fragmentation of a solid into two or more parts under the action of the stress
- The understanding of various phenomenon's of fracture is necessary to minimize and prevent the fracture



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It is the process in which the atoms in any part of a crystal subjected to stress, rearrange themselves so that one part of a crystal structure becomes a mirror image of the other part







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Compression Test



- The compression test is conducted in a manner similar to the tensile test, except that the force is compressive
- Since brittle materials are unsuitable for tension test, therefore they are tested for compression
- Brittle material such as cast iron, concrete, brick are commonly tested in compression
- The compression test is also conducted on a Universal Testing Machine



Hardness tests



Hardness may be defined as the ability of a material to resist scratching, abrasion, cutting or penetration
The hardness test is performed on a material to know its resistance against indentation and abrasion

Types of Hardness tests:

- Brinell hardness test
- Vickers hardness test
- Rockwell hardness test



Hardness tests



Generally an indenter is presses in to surface of the material by a slowly applied known load and the extend of the resulting impression is measured mechanically.

Alarge impression for a given load and indenter indicates a soft material and a small impression indicates a hard material













