



	Dimensions		
	Standard Specimens		Subsize Specimen
	Plate-Type, 40 mm [1.500 in.] Wide	Sheet-Type, 12.5 mm [0.500 in.] Wide	6 mm [0.250 in.] Wide
	mm [in.]	mm [in.]	mm [in.]
G —Gauge length (Note 1 and Note 2)	200.0 \pm 0.2 [8.00 \pm 0.01]	50.0 \pm 0.1 [2.000 \pm 0.005]	25.0 \pm 0.1 [1.000 \pm 0.003]
W —Width (Note 3 and Note 4)	40.0 \pm 2.0 [1.500 \pm 0.125, -0.250]	12.5 \pm 0.2 [0.500 \pm 0.010]	6.0 \pm 0.1 [0.250 \pm 0.005]
T —Thickness (Note 5)		thickness of material	
R —Radius of fillet, min (Note 6)	25 [1]	12.5 [0.500]	6 [0.250]
L —Overall length, min (Note 2, Note 7, and Note 8)	450 [18]	200 [8]	100 [4]
A —Length of reduced parallel section, min	225 [9]	57 [2.25]	32 [1.25]
B —Length of grip section, min (Note 9)	75 [3]	50 [2]	30 [1.25]
C —Width of grip section, approximate (Note 4 and Note 9)	50 [2]	20 [0.750]	10 [0.375]

NOTE 1—For the 40 mm [1.500 in.] wide specimen, punch marks for measuring elongation after fracture shall be made on the flat or on the edge of the specimen and within the reduced parallel section. Either a set of nine or more punch marks 25 mm [1 in.] apart, or one or more pairs of punch marks 200 mm [8 in.] apart may be used.

NOTE 2—When elongation measurements of 40 mm [1.500 in.] wide specimens are not required, a minimum length of reduced parallel section (A) of 75 mm [2.25 in.] may be used with all other dimensions similar to those of the plate-type specimen.

NOTE 3—For the three sizes of specimens, the ends of the reduced parallel section shall not differ in width by more than 0.10, 0.05 or 0.02 mm [0.004, 0.002 or 0.001 in.], respectively. Also, there may be a gradual decrease in width from the ends to the center, but the width at each end shall not be more than 1 % larger than the width at the center.

NOTE 4—For each of the three sizes of specimens, narrower widths (W and C) may be used when necessary. In such cases the width of the reduced parallel section should be as large as the width of the material being tested permits; however, unless stated specifically, the requirements for elongation in a product specification shall not apply when these narrower specimens are used.

NOTE 5—The dimension T is the thickness of the test specimen as provided for in the applicable material specifications. Minimum thickness of 40 mm [1.500 in.] wide specimens shall be 5 mm [0.188 in.]. Maximum thickness of 12.5 and 6 mm [0.500 and 0.250 in.] wide specimens shall be 19 and 6 mm [0.750 and 0.250 in.], respectively.

NOTE 6—For the 40 mm [1.500 in.] wide specimen, a 13 mm [0.500 in.] minimum radius at the ends of the reduced parallel section is permitted for steel specimens under 690 MPa [100 000 psi] in tensile strength when a profile cutter is used to machine the reduced section.

NOTE 7—The dimension shown is suggested as a minimum. In determining the minimum length, the grips must not extend in to the transition section between Dimensions A and B , see Note 9.

NOTE 8—To aid in obtaining axial force application during testing of 6-mm [0.250-in.] wide specimens, the overall length should be as large as the material will permit, up to 200 mm [8.00 in.].

NOTE 9—It is desirable, if possible, to make the length of the grip section large enough to allow the specimen to extend into the grips a distance equal to two thirds or more of the length of the grips. If the thickness of 12.5 mm [0.500-in.] wide specimens is over 10 mm [0.375 in.], longer grips and correspondingly longer grip sections of the specimen may be necessary to prevent failure in the grip section.

NOTE 10—For the three sizes of specimens, the ends of the specimen shall be symmetrical in width with the center line of the reduced parallel section within 2.5, 1.25 and 0.13 mm [0.10, 0.05 and 0.005 in.], respectively. However, for referee testing and when required by product specifications, the ends of the 12.5 mm [0.500 in.] wide specimen shall be symmetrical within 0.2 mm [0.01 in.].

NOTE 11—For each specimen type, the radii of all fillets shall be equal to each other within a tolerance of 1.25 mm [0.05 in.], and the centers of curvature of the two fillets at a particular end shall be located across from each other (on a line perpendicular to the centerline) within a tolerance of 2.5 mm [0.10 in.].

NOTE 12—Specimens with sides parallel throughout their length are permitted, except for referee testing, provided: (a) the above tolerances are used; (b) an adequate number of marks are provided for determination of elongation; and (c) when yield strength is determined, a suitable extensometer is used. If the fracture occurs at a distance of less than 2 W from the edge of the gripping device, the tensile properties determined may not be representative of the material. In acceptance testing, if the properties meet the minimum requirements specified, no further testing is required, but if they are less than the minimum requirements, discard the test and retest.

FIG. 1 Rectangular Tension Test Specimens