

Zwick Materials testing

Product Information

HDT/Vicat Allround A1





HDT/Vicat 3-300

Applications

Determination of heat deflection temperature (HDT)

• as per ISO 75, Parts 1 to 3, and ASTM D648, Method B, on thermoplastics, hard rubber and fiber-reinforced and filled thermosets.

Determination of Vicat softening temperature (VST)of thermoplastics as per ISO 306 and ASTM D1525 .

- Determination of creep behavior
- under flexural load

Function description

Zwick's HDT/Vicat Allround instruments are designed to enable convenient testing in research and development, goods inwards checks and production monitoring as well as for educational and training purposes. The instruments are available in various versions with up to 6 testing stations according to requirements. Testsequence parameterization and display of measured values are conveniently handled via Zwick Roell testing software.

Automatic test sequence

As soon as the heat-transfer fluid has reached the starting temperature, the specimens are inserted into the measuring stations and lowered (motor-driven) into the oil bath. In the next step the test weight specified in the standards is applied to type A1 instrument manually and to type A3 by motor drive and the test sequence is started by the PC software.

On completion of pre-heating under the influence of force, the displacement signals are zeroed (program-

controlled) and the heating of the heat-transfer liquid at the previously set rate is started. As soon as the required deflection, outer-fiber strain or penetration is attained, the heating is switched off and the test is ended.

Re-cooling of the heat-transfer fluid is started automatically via a solenoid valve. The specimens can afterwards be removed.

Functions, elements and interfaces

- Built-in programmable logic controller (PLC) for temperature control and measured-value acquisition
- Re-cooling controlled by solenoid valve
- Motorized lowering of measuring stations
- Safety thermostat
- Electronic level-monitoring
- Test control and data acquisition via PC with Zwick Roell testing software (RS232 interface in PC required)
- Integrated compensation for heat expansion
- Manual application of test weights (type A1 instrument)

Re-cooling the heat transfer fluid for A1

Cooling for type A1 HDT/Vicat instruments is by means of a cooling coil located in the oil-bath. Coolant can be pumped in via a connection located on the left-hand side of the instrument. Water cooling starts automatically via a solenoid valve, but not before 130°. For faster re-cooling a connection for an external re-cooling unit is available (option).



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Technical data

Description	Value		
General technical data for HDT/Vicat Allrou	nd instruments		
Display accuracy at 250 °C	±0.5	°C	
Spatial temperature gradient	±0.2	°C	
Temperature measurement resolution	0.1	°C	
Temperature sensor	•	Oil-bath temperature is measured by 1 temperature sensor. In addition 1 sensor is located adjacent to the specimen at each measuring station	
Heating rate	50, 120 or freely adjustable	K/h	
Displacement measurement with inductive LVDT m	easuring transducers		
displacement measurement range	15	mm	
display accuracy	±0.01	mm	
Connections:			
mains voltage	230	V	
mains frequency	50/60	Hz	
power rating	3000	W	
water supply, max.	10	bar	
PC interfaces required	RS232 interface		
Specimen data			
VST specimen dimensions, max.	10 x 6.5 x 10	mm	
HDT specimen dimensions, max.	13 x 15 x 130	mm	
HDT spans	64, 100 and 101.6	mm	

HDT/Vicat Allround with coolant (water) supply connection

Item no.	326038 ¹⁾²⁾	326100 ¹⁾²⁾	326096 ¹⁾²⁾	
Туре	HDT/Vicat 3-300 A1	HDT/Vicat 4-300 A1	HDT/Vicat 6-300 A1	
No. of measuring stations	3	4 ³⁾	6	
Temperature range	+20 to +300	+20 to +300	+20 to +300	°C
Application of test weights	manual	manual	manual	
Oil capacity, approx.	11.8	16.8	16.8	I
Height x width x depth	460 x 560 x 700	460 x 780 x 700	460 x 780 x 700	mm
Weight (without accessories), approx.	70	90	90	kg

1) Water supply required

2) Instruments are supplied without heat transfer liquid as standard. The required amount can be ordered from accessories.

³⁾ Can be increased to 6 measuring stations via retrofit

Accessories required

Vicat flat-ended needle

Description	Item number
Vicat flat-ended needle (1x required per measuring station)	326070



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Weight set for Vicat

Description	Item number
Vicat weight set: 10N and 50N as per ISO 306 and ASTM D1525 (1x required per measuring station)	326074
Die for HDT	
Description	Item number
HDT die (1x required per measuring station)	326078
Calibration and centering tool for HDT	
Description	Item number
HDT calibration and centering tool for alignment of the HDT die (1x required)	326076
	020070
Veight set for HDT (1x required per measuring station) Description	Item number
Veight set for HDT (1x required per measuring station)	
Veight set for HDT (1x required per measuring station) Description HDT weight set, ISO 75-2 flatwise For specimen size 4 x 10 mm (thickness x width ± 0.05 mm) and 80 mm length (± 2 mm), for flexural stresses of 1.8, 0.45 or 8 MPa. Adherence to specimen dimensions within ± 0.05 mm is	Item number

Item number
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326086
1015942
085404

Calibration set for HDT/Vicat

Description	Item number
Calibration set for measurement transducer. For Vicat and HDT tests (1x required)	326090

Universal set of weights for HDT/Vicat

Description	Item number
Universal set of weights for Vicat/HDT test standards (1x required per measuring station)	326088
As alternative to the weight sets listed above. All loads from 1 to 5500g can be formed in 1g	
steps. The weights are stackable; the set comprises 21 individual weights: 10 x 1 g, 2 x each of	
10 g, 100 g and 1000 g and 1 x each of 20 g, 50 g, 200 g, 500 g and 2500 g.	

Heat-transfer fluid for HDT/Vicat (1x required)

Description	Item number
Heat-transfer fluid, 10 liters ¹⁾	326092
Heat-transfer fluid, 5 liters ¹⁾	326094

1) The instruments are supplied as standard without heat-transfer fluid. The appropriate quantity of fluid can be ordered from the accessory list. Please see the information for the basic instruments (oil capacity) for the required amount of heat-transfer fluid.



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Optional accessories

External re-cooling for HDT/Vicat Standard and Allround A1

Description	Item number
Optional re-cooling unit: external re-cooling for oil baths, manually switched Re-cooling time from 300°C to 30°C approx. 20 minutes, rating 500 W (at 12 °C coolant temper-ature) ¹⁾	326189

1) A water supply is required

Specimen cutters for Vicat

Description	Item number
Vicat specimen cutters for dimensioning Vicat specimens, with stop for specimen length of 10	750485
mm	