

# Composites Test Fixtures

Two Rail Shear, ASTM D 4255

ASTM D 4255 describes both 2 Rail and 3 rail methods of determining the in-plane shear strength of a composite laminate panel. In the 2 Rail test (Method A) a laminate panel specimen is clamped between loading plates and yokes and then subject to shear loading. Measurement of shear strain requires the use of strain gauges on the specimen.

## Principle of Operation

Two types of fixture are available: one working in a compression mode and one working in a tension mode. A specimen template is included to ensure the accurate location of the holes in the specimen.

### **Features**

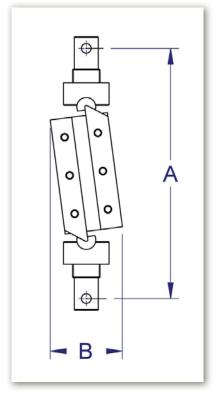
- Conforms to ASTM D 4255
- Suitable for non-ambient temperatures



# Specifications

Dimensions

Catalog Number	-	S4695A	S4695B	
Test Standard	-	ASTM D 4255A	ASTM D 4255A	
Test Type	-	Compression	Tension	
Maximum Load	kN	100	100	
	kfg	10,000	10,000	
	lbf	22,000	22,000	
Temperature Range	°C	-75 to +250	-75 to +250	
	°F	-103 to +482	-103 to +482	
Specimen Size				
Width	mm	76	76	
	in	3.0	3.0	
Length	mm	152	152	
	in	6.0	6.0	
Mechanical Connection				
Upper Interface	-	1.25 in connection with ½ in clevis pin (type Dm)	1.25 in connection with ½ in clevis pin (type Dm)	
Lower Interface	-	1.25 in connection with ½ in clevis pin (type Dm)	1.25 in connection with ½ in clevis pin (type Dm)	



Effective Width (B)	in	4	4
Material	-	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel

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