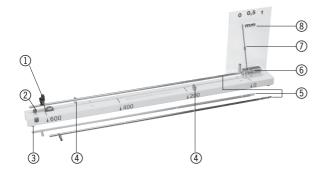
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Dilatometer/Linear Expansion Apparatus D 1002977

Instruction sheet

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The dilatometer is for the proof and quantitative determination of linear expansion of solid materials as a function of material, length and temperature.

1. Safety instructions

- Caution. The experimental procedure results in hot steam.
- Do not touch heated tubes with your fingers. Use cloths when replacing tubes.
- Do not subject the glass tube to mechanical stresses.

2. Description, technical data

The dilatometer consists of a base strip with fixed mount, guide mount, pointer and projectable scale. Also included

- ① Fixed mount with screw for securing tube and securing screw
- ② Screw for stand (see Fig. 2)
- 3 Base strip
- (4) Spring clip for securing hose
- (5) Guide mount with gears for pointer
- 6 Testing tubes
- 7 Pointer
- (8) Scale

are three testing tubes made of steel, brass and glass. Suitable for projection using a daylight projector (see Fig. 2).

Dimensions: 730 mm x 50 mm x 200 mm

Scale dimensions: 140 mm x 200 mm Scale: 140 mm x 200 mm

Measuring range: 1 mm
Accuracy: 0.05 mm
Length of tube: 650 mm approx.
Weight: 2 kg approx.

3. Principle

To determine the linear expansion coefficient α for various materials, it is necessary to measure the ex-

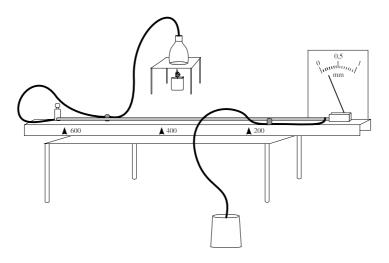


Figure 1

pansion for a certain temperature rise ΔT . Thus the tubes are heated to 100° C by means of steam and the temperature difference ΔT from room temperature is calculated. The expansion is determined from the movement of the pointer, where a pointer movement of 50 mm indicates an expansion of 1 mm. The expansion coefficient is determined from the length of the tube ΔI between the two fixed points by means of the formula:

$$\alpha = \frac{\Delta I}{I \cdot \Delta I}$$

4. Instructions for use

- Attach the fixed mount at marking 200, 400 or 600.
- Attach the open end of the tube to be tested into

- the fixed mount and secure it with the screw. The screw should grip the ring nut of the tube.
- Hoses should be attached as in Figure 1 and the run-off bowl should be placed under the hose.
- Adjust the point to zero if necessary.

Also required for heating the tube under test: Vapor generator or a bunsen burner heating an Erlenmeyer flask

5. Storage

The glass tube should be secured beneath the base strip to avoid damage.

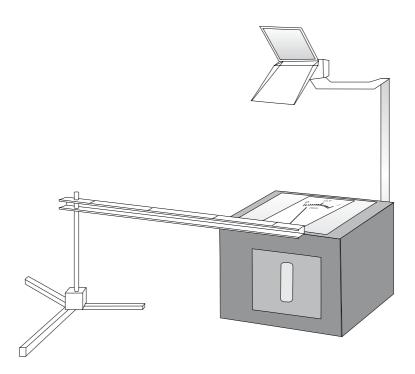


Figure 2