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LOW-VOLTAGE CONTROLGEAR

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FOREWORD

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PREFACE

This standard has been prepared by Sub-Committee 23E: Circuit-breakers and Similar Equipment for Household Use, of IEC Technical Committee No. 23: Electrical Accessories.

It forms the first edition of IEC Publication 158-3 and should be used in conjunction with IEC Publication 158-1: Low-voltage Controlgear, Part 1: Contactors.

The text of this standard is based upon the following documents:

Six Months' Rule	Report on Voting	Two Months' Procedure	Report on Voting
23E(CO)15 } 23E(CO)15A }	23E(CO)17	23E(CO)20	23E(CO)30

Further information can be found in the Reports on Voting indicated in the table above.

The following IEC publications are quoted in this standard:

Publications Nos. 73 (1984): Colours of Indicator Lights and Push-buttons.

144 (1963): Degrees of Protection of Enclosures for Low-voltage Switchgear and Controlgear.

158-1 (1970): Low-voltage Controlgear, Part 1: Contactors.

212 (1971): Standard Conditions for Use Prior to and During the Testing of Solid Electrical

Insulating Materials.

337-1 (1970): Control Switches (Low-voltage Switching Devices for Control and Auxiliary Circuits,

Including Contactor Relays, Part 1: General Requirements).

695-2-1 (1980): Fire Hazard Testing, Part 2: Test Methods, Glow-wire Test and Guidance.

LOW-VOLTAGE CONTROLGEAR

Part 3: Additional requirements for contactors subject to certification

1. General

This clause of IEC Publication 158-1: Low-voltage Controlgear, Part 1: Contactors, applies except as follows:

1.1 Scope

First paragraph

Replacement:

This standard applies to electro-magnetic air-break contactors in accordance with IEC Publication 158-1 for which additional requirements are necessary in order to specify in sufficient detail certain testing parameters and procedures.

Additional notes:

- 3. The need for additional requirements appears, for example, when contactors have to be tested and certified by appropriate testing authorities because of national or other laws or rules.
- 4. If control switches are incorporated in contactors they shall comply with IEC Publication 337-1: Control Switches (Low-voltage Switching Devices for Control and Auxiliary Circuits, Including Contactor Relays), Part 1: General Requirements.

2. Definitions

This clause of IEC Publication 158-1 applies.

3. Classification

This clause of IEC Publication 158-1 applies.

4. Characteristics of contactors

This clause of IEC Publication 158-1 applies except as follows:

4.3.2.1 Rated conventional thermal current

Additional note

3. — This implies that I_{th} is higher than or at least equal to the highest stated rated operational current for uninterrupted duty.

5. Nameplates

This clause of IEC Publication 158-1 applies except as follows:

Replacement of the first paragraph:

Each contactor shall be provided with a nameplate carrying the following data, marked in a durable manner, and which shall be easily legible and shall not be placed on screws, removable washers or other removable parts.

In addition when the contactor is supplied in an enclosure the IP rating according to the relevant IEC publication* shall be indicated on the enclosure.

The marking of the terminals shall be in accordance with IEC Publication 158-1C.

The nameplate shall indicate that the device has been certified according to this standard and by what authority it has been thus certified.

Alternative ratings according to IEC Publication 158-1 may also be given by the manufacturer even if these have not been certified according to this standard.

Addition to Item d):

Note. — If the rated operational current is not given on the nameplate, it shall be in the catalogue of the manufacturer together with the assumed relationship between rated operational current and rated operational power.

Addition before the note:

For contactors whose control circuit is intended to be connected to a safety extra-low voltage supply:

n) suitability of the control circuit to be connected to a safety extra-low voltage supply, the main switching circuit being supplied with a voltage having a value greater than that of the safety extra-low voltage.

6. Standard conditions for operation in service

This clause of IEC Publication 158-1 applies.

7. Standard conditions for construction

This clause of IEC Publication 158-1 applies except as follows:

7.1.1 General

Addition:

Screws or nuts which transmit contact pressure shall be in engagement with a metal thread.

^{*} Provisionally IEC Publication 144: Degrees of Protection of Enclosures for Low-voltage Switchgear and Controlgear.

Compliance of resistance to heat, to abnormal heat, to fire and to rusting is checked by the tests of Sub-clauses 8.2.103 and 8.2.104.

7.1.2 Clearances and creepage distances

Addition:

For contactors having the control circuit suitable to be connected to a safety extra-low voltage supply, the main switching circuit being supplied with a voltage having a value greater than that of the safety extra-low voltage, creepage distances and clearances between control and main switching circuits shall be greater than or equal to 6 mm.

7.1.3 Terminals

Replacement:

Requirements for terminals are under consideration.

Terminals intended exclusively for the neutral conductor shall be indicated by the letter N.

Additional sub-clause:

7.1.3.101 Operating means

If integral manually operated control means are provided for operating the contactor, the opening position shall be indicated by the symbol "O", and the closing position by the symbol "I".

When colour symbols are used for operating means, the colours shall be according to IEC Publication 73: Colours of Indicator Lights and Push-buttons.

7.2.1 Degree of protection of enclosures

Addition:

For enclosures having a rating up to and including IP4X, sufficient space shall be provided for establishing a drain hole; this operation shall meet the requirements of the relevant IEC publication*.

Additional sub-clause

7.2.1.101 Enclosures, screws, nuts and studs shall have adequate mechanical strength (see Sub-clause 8.2.102).

7.2.2 Mechanical details

Addition:

It shall not be possible to remove any cover of the enclosure without the use of a tool.

Suitable means shall be provided for the entry of cables or conduits into the enclosure. The use of knock-outs for this purpose is permitted.

^{*} Provisionally IEC Publication 144.

Additional sub-clauses:

7.101 Resistance to heat, to abnormal heat and to fire

Parts of insulating material, which might be exposed to thermal stresses due to electric effects and the deterioration of which might impair the safety of the accessory, shall not be unduly affected by abnormal heat and by fire.

Compliance is checked by the test of Sub-clause 8.2.103.

7.102 Humidity treatment and dielectric properties

Contactors shall be proof against humid conditions which may occur in normal use.

Compliance is checked by the test of Sub-clause 8.2.3.

7.103 Resistance to rusting

Ferrous parts including covers, but excluding cores of electromagnets, shall be adequately protected against rusting.

Compliance is checked by the test of Sub-clause 8.2.104.

8. Tests

This clause of IEC Publication 158-1 applies except as follows:

8.1.1 Type tests

Replacement:

f) verification of mechanical and electrical endurance (see Sub-clause 8.4.1);

Additions:

- h) durability of markings stated in Clause 5 (see Sub-clause 8.2.101);
- i) mechanical strength (see Sub-clause 8.2.102);
- j) resistance to heat, to abnormal heat and to fire (see Sub-clause 8.2.103);
- k) resistance to rusting (see Sub-clause 8.2.104).

8.2.1 General

Addition:

Unless otherwise specified, the contactors are tested at an ambient air temperature of $25\pm10\,^{\circ}\text{C}$.

The number of test samples required for certification is given in Appendix BB.

8.2.3.1 Condition of the contactor for tests

First paragraph

Replacement:

The dielectric tests are made on contactors submitted previously to a humidity treatment as follows:

- Contactors, new and in clean condition, mounted as in normal conditions of use (including wiring) are placed in a humidity cabinet containing air with a relative humidity maintained between 91% and 95%. The temperature of the air, at all places where samples are to be located, is maintained within 1°C of any convenient value T between 20°C and 30°C.

A relative humidity between 91% and 95% can be obtained by placing in the humidity cabinet a saturated solution of sodium sulphate (Na_2SO_4) or potassium nitrate (KNO_3) in water, having a sufficiently large contact surface with the air.

In order to achieve the specified conditions within the cabinet, it is necessary to ensure constant circulation of the air in it and, in general, to use a cabinet which is thermally insulated.

Before being placed in the humidity cabinet, the samples are brought to a temperature differing from T by not more than $2\,^{\circ}$ C.

In most cases, the samples may be brought to the specified temperature of $T\pm 2$ °C by keeping them at this temperature for at least 4 h before the humidity treatment.

The samples are kept in the cabinet for:

- 2 days (48 h) for contactors with a degree of protection up to and including IPX1;
- 7 days (168 h) for contactors with a degree of protection higher than IPX1.

For this humidity treatment, cable entries, if any, are left open; if knock-outs are provided, one of them is opened.

The dielectric tests are made as soon as practicable after the above humidity treatment.

8.2.3.3 Value of the test voltage

Replacement of the second paragraph:

The value of the one-minute test voltage shall be as follows:

Addition:

The high-voltage transformer used for the test shall be so designed that, when the output terminals are short-circuited after the output voltage has been adjusted to the appropriate test voltage, the output current is at least 200 mA.

The overcurrent relay shall not trip when the output current is less than 100 mA.

Additional sub-clause:

8.2.3.101 Results to be obtained

No flashover or breakdown shall occur during the test.

Glow discharges without drop in the voltage are neglected.

8.2.7 Verification of mechanical endurance

Replacement of the complete sub-clause, including the title:

8.2.7 Verification of mechanical and electrical endurance

The test is made according to the requirements for utilisation category AC-3.

If the contactor has no AC-3 utilization category, the test is made according to the requirements for the utilization category given (or, if more than one, for the most severe utilization category given).

Note. — Where a contactor has more than one utilization category and where information about the behaviour of the contactor at the utilization category (or categories) not tested is requested, additional tests may be required.

The test circuit shall comprise inductors and resistors so arranged as to give the appropriate values of current, voltage, power-factor and time-constant. For category AC-4, the test circuit shall be arranged in accordance with Appendix D of IEC Publication 158-1. In all cases, the speed of operation shall be chosen by the manufacturer.

The contactor is subjected to the number of operations per hour corresponding to the applicable class of intermittent duty; see Sub-clause 4.3.4.3.1 of IEC Publication 158-1.

The on-load period shall be sufficiently long to allow the contactor to come to a complete rest.

The number of operations to be performed (see Sub-clause 2.2.10 of IEC Publication 158-1) is 30 000.

Tests shall be carried out under the appropriate conditions of Sub-clauses 8.2.7.1 and 8.2.7.2 of IEC Publication 158-1, using the test procedure, where applicable, of Sub-clause 8.2.7.3 of IEC Publication 158-1.

There shall be no loosening of the parts used for connecting the conductors or of other parts essential for the operation of the contactor.

After the test, the contactor shall fulfil the operating conditions specified in Sub-clause 8.2.6 of IEC Publication 158-1 and withstand the dielectric test voltages of Sub-clause 8.2.3.3 of IEC Publication 158-1 applied only as in Sub-clause 8.2.3.2.1a) 1) and 2) of IEC Publication 158-1.

Additional sub-clauses:

8.2.101 Verification of the durability of markings

Compliance with the requirements of Clause 5 is checked by inspection, also by lightly rubbing the marking by hand for 15 s with a piece of cloth soaked with water and again for 15 s with a piece of cloth soaked with petroleum spirit.

8.2.102 Verification of mechanical strength

See Sub-clause 7.2.1.101)

8.2.102.1 Mechanical strength of enclosures

Compliance is checked by the following test, carried out by means of the impact test apparatus as described in Appendix AA (see Figures AA1, AA2 and AA3).

The enclosures for contactors are mounted on a sheet of plywood as in normal use.

Cable entries which are not provided with knock-outs, are left open; if they are provided with knock-outs, one of them is opened.

For flush-type mounting boxes of contactors, the sample is mounted in a recess provided in a block of hornbeam or similar material, which is cemented to a sheet of plywood as described in Appendix AA (see Figure AA4).

If wood is used for the block, the direction of the wood fibres shall be perpendicular to the direction of the impact.

The samples are mounted so that the point of impact lies in the vertical plane through the axis of the pivot.

The striking element is allowed to fall from a height of:

- 10 cm for flat surface cover plates of flush-type mounting boxes;
- 20 cm for parts projecting from the mounting surface of cover plates of flush-type mounting boxes and for enclosures of surface-types;
- 25 cm for enclosures of types other than ordinary types.

The samples are subjected to ten blows, which are evenly distributed over the sample. The blows are not applied to knock-outs.

In general, five of the blows are applied as follows:

- for flush-type contactors, one blow in the centre, one at each extremity of the area over the recess in the block, and the other two approximately midway between the previous blows, preferably on the ridge, if any, the sample being moved horizontally;
- for other contactors and for mounting boxes, one blow in the centre, one at each side of the sample after it has been turned as far as possible, but not through more than 60°, about a vertical axis, and the other two approximately midway between the previous blows, preferably on the ridge, if any.

The remaining blows are then applied in the same way, after the sample has been turned through 90° about its axis perpendicular to the plywood.

If cable inlets are provided, the sample is so mounted that the two lines of blows are as nearly as possible equidistant from these inlets.

After the test, the samples shall show no damage within the meaning of this standard. In particular live parts shall not become accessible.

In case of doubt, it is verified that it is possible to remove and to replace external parts, such as mounting boxes, enclosures, covers and cover plates, without these parts or their insulating lining breaking.

Damage to the finish, small dents which do not reduce creepage distances and clearances below the values specified and small chips which do not adversely affect the protection against electric shock are neglected.

Cracks not visible to the naked eye and surface cracks in fibre reinforced mouldings and the like, are ignored. Cracks or holes in the outer surface of any part of the contactor are ignored if the contactor complies with this standard when the part is omitted. If a decorative cover is backed up by an inner cover, fracture of the decorative cover is neglected, if the inner cover withstands the test after removal of the decorative cover.

Contactors without enclosure intended to be fitted as components inside other equipment need not be subjected to this test.

A revision of this test is under consideration.

8.2.102.2 Mechanical strength of screws, nuts and studs

These requirements are for copper conductors only.

The mechanical strength of screws, nuts and studs transmitting contact pressure or which are operated when mounting or connecting the contactor, is further tested by tightening and loosening them:

- 10 times for screws in engagement with a thread of insulating material;
- 5 times in all other cases.

Screws in engagement with a thread of insulating material are completely removed and reinserted each time.

The test is made applying a torque according to the following table:

TABLE 101
Relation between diameters of thread and torques

Nominal diameter of thread (mm)		Torque (Nm)				
	I	II	III	IV	V	
Up to and including 2.8	0.2	0.4	_		0.4	
over 2.8 up to and including 3.0	0.25	0.5	_		0.5	
over 3.0 up to and including 3.2	0.3	0.6	-	-	0.6	
over 3.2 up to and including 3.6	0.4	0.8	-		0.8	
over 3.6 up to and including 4.1	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	
over 4.1 up to and including 4.7	0.8	1.8	1.2	1.8	1.8	
over 4.7 up to and including 5.3	0.8	2.0	1.4	2.0	2.0	
over 5.3 up to and including 6.0	-	2.5	1.8	3.0	3.0	
over 6.0	-	-	-	-	-	

Column I applies to screws without heads if the screws when tightened, do not protrude from the hole, and to other screws which cannot be tightened by means of a screwdriver with a blade wider than the diameter of the screw.

Column II applies to other screws which are tightened by means of a screwdriver.

Column III applies to nuts of mantle terminals which are tightened by means of a screwdriver.

Column IV applies to nuts of mantle terminals in which the nut is tightened by means other than a screwdriver.

Column V applies to screws or nuts, other than nuts of mantle terminals, which are tightened by means other than a screwdriver.

Where a screw has a hexagonal head with means for tightening with a screwdriver and the values in Columns II and V are different, the test is made twice, first by applying to the hexagonal head the torque specified in Column V and then by applying the torque

specified in Column II by means of a screwdriver. If the values in Columns II and V are the same, only the test with the screwdriver is made.

During the test no damage impairing the further use of the screwed connections shall occur, such as breakage of screws or damage to the head slots, threads, washers or stirrups.

Screws or nuts which are operated when installing the contactor include screws for fixing covers or cover plates, etc., but not connecting means for screwed conduits and screws for fixing the base of a contactor.

The shape of the blade of the test screwdriver shall suit the head of the screw to be tested. The screws and nuts shall not be tightened in jerks. Damage to covers is neglected.

8.2.103 Verification of resistance to heat, to abnormal heat and to fire

Compliance with the requirements of Sub-clause 7.101 shall be checked by the following test:

8.2.103.1 Ball-pressure test

Parts necessary to retain live parts in position are subjected to a ball-pressure test by means of the apparatus shown in Figure 101, page 26.

The surface of the part under test is placed in the horizontal position and a steel ball of 5 mm diameter is pressed against this surface by a force of 20 N.

The test is made in a heating cabinet at a temperature of 125 ± 5 °C.

After 1 h the ball is removed from the sample, which is then cooled down within 10 s to approximately room temperature by immersion in cold water, and the diameter of the impression is measured. The diameter shall not exceed 2 mm.

The test is not made on parts of ceramic material.

8.2.103.2 Glow-wire test

The glow-wire test is applied to ensure that an electrically heated test wire under defined test conditions does not cause ignition of insulating parts or to ensure that a part of insulating material, which might be ignited by the heated test wire under defined conditions, has a limited time to burn without spreading fire by flame or burning parts or droplets falling down from the tested part.

The test is performed in accordance with Clauses 4 to 10 of IEC Publication 695-2-1: Fire Hazard Testing, Part 2: Test Methods. Glow-wire Test and Guidance, under the following conditions:

- for parts of insulating material which are not necessary to retain in position current-carrying parts and parts of the protective circuit, even though they are in contact with them, by the test made at a temperature of 650 °C;
- for parts of insulating material which are necessary to retain in position current-carrying parts and parts of the protective circuit, by the test made at the test temperature of 850 °C.

Mounting boxes and small parts, such as washers, are not subjected to the test of this sub-clause.

The tests are not made on parts of ceramic material.

If possible, the sample should be a complete contactor. If the test cannot be made on a complete contactor, a suitable part may be cut out from it for the purpose of the test.

The test is made on one sample. In case of doubt, the test shall be repeated on two further samples. The sample shall be stored for 24 h under standard ambient atmosphere conditions before the test, in accordance with IEC Publication 212: Standard Conditions for Use Prior to and During the Testing of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials.

The test is made by applying the glow-wire once. The sample shall be positioned during the test in the most unfavourable position of its intended use (with the surface tested in a vertical position).

The tip of the glow-wire shall be applied to the specified surface of the test sample taking into account the conditions of the intended use under which a heated or glowing element may come into contact with the sample.

The sample is regarded as having passed the glow-wire test if:

- there is no visible flame and no sustained glowing, or if
- flames or glowing at the sample extinguish within 30 s after the removal of the glow-wire.

There shall be no ignition of the tissue paper or scorching of the pinewood board.

8.2.104 Verification of resistance to rusting

Compliance with the requirements of Sub-clause 7.103 is checked by the following test:

All grease is removed from the parts to be tested, by immersion in carbon tetrachloride, trichloroethylene or an equivalent degreasing agent, for 10 min.

The parts are then immersed for 10 min in a 10% solution of ammonium chloride in water at a temperature of 20 ± 5 °C.

Without drying, but after shaking off any drops, the parts are placed for 10 min in a box containing air saturated with moisture at a temperature of 20 ± 5 °C.

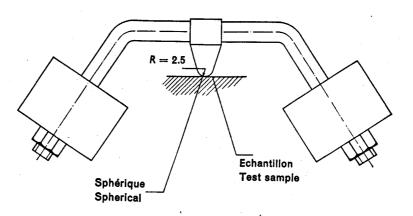
After the parts have been dried for 10 min in a heating cabinet at a temperature of 100 ± 5 °C, their surface shall show no signs of rust.

Traces of rust on sharp edges and any yellowish film removable by rubbing are ignored.

For small springs and for inaccessible parts exposed to abrasion, a layer of grease may provide sufficient protection against rusting. Such parts are only subjected to the test if there is doubt about the effectiveness of the grease film, and the test is then made without previous removal of the grease.

8.4 Special tests

This clause of IEC Publication 158-1 does not apply.



Dimensions en millimètres — Dimensions in millimetres

Fig. 101. — Appareil pour l'essai à la bille. Ball-pressure apparatus.

APPENDIX A

INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN BY THE USER WHEN CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION IN SERVICE DIFFER FROM THE STANDARD

This appendix of IEC Publication 158-1 applies except as follows:

Addition:

The manufacturer shall specify the tests to be made when the conditions for operation in service, as indicated by the user or as specified in the standard of the appliance in which the contactor is to be incorporated, differ from this standard.

APPENDIX B

CLEARANCES AND CREEPAGE DISTANCES FOR LOW-VOLTAGE CONTACTORS

This appendix of IEC Publication 158-1 applies.

APPENDIX C

PROTECTION OF A CONTACTOR BY A SHORT-CIRCUIT PROTECTIVE DEVICE

This appendix of IEC Publication 158-1 applies except as follows: C4. - Type "a".

Addition

Note. — A revision of this requirement is under consideration.

APPENDIX D

CONVENTIONAL TEST CIRCUIT FOR VERIFICATION OF MAKING AND BREAKING CAPACITIES FOR CATEGORIES AC-1 TO AC-4 AND DC-1 TO DC-5

This appendix of IEC Publication 158-1 applies.

Additional appendices

APPENDIX AA

IMPACT TEST APPARATUS

The striking element has a mass of 150 ± 1 g and has a hemispherical face of 10 mm radius, made of polyamide having a Rockwell hardness of HR 100. (Figures AA1, AA2, AA3 and AA4.)

It is rigidly fixed to the lower end of a steel tube with an external diameter of 9 mm and a wall thickness of 0.5 mm, which is pivoted at its upper end in such a way that it swings only in a vertical plane.

The axis of the pivot is 1000 ± 1 mm above the axis of the striking element. The Rockwell hardness of the striking element is determined by using a ball having a diameter of 12.700 ± 0.0025 mm, the initial load being 100 ± 2 N and the extra load 500 ± 2.5 N.

Additional information concerning the determination of the Rockwell hardness of plastics is given in ASTM* Method D 785-65(76).

The design of apparatus is such that a force between 1.9 N and 2.0 N shall be applied to the face of the striking element to maintain the tube in a horizontal position.

The samples are mounted on a sheet of plywood, 8 mm thick and 175 mm square, secured at its top and bottom edges to a rigid bracket, which is part of the mounting support.

The mounting support shall have a mass of 10 ± 1 kg and shall be mounted on a rigid frame by means of pivots. The frame is fixed to a solid wall.

The design of the mounting is such that:

- the sample can be so placed that the point of impact lies in the vertical plane through the axis of the pivot;
- the sample can be removed horizontally and turned about an axis perpendicular to the surface of the plywood;
- the plywood can be turned about a vertical axis.

The height of fall is the vertical distance between the position of a checking point, when the pendulum is released, and the position of that point at the moment of impact. The checking point is marked on the surface of the striking element where the line through the point of intersection of the axis of the steel tube of the pendulum and the axis of the striking element, and perpendicular to the plane through both axes, meets the surface.

Theoretically the centre of gravity of the striking element should be the checking point. As the centre of gravity in practice is difficult to determine, the checking point is chosen as described above.

Note. — Test apparatus for large contactors, which cannot be mounted on the test apparatus according to Figure AA3 is under consideration.

^{*} ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials.

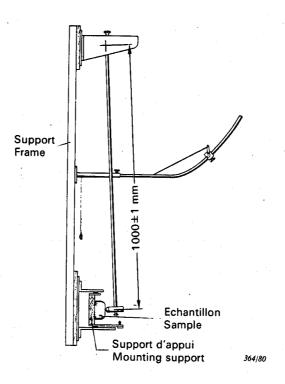
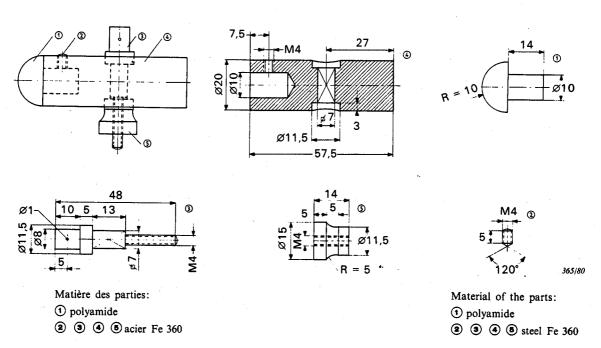


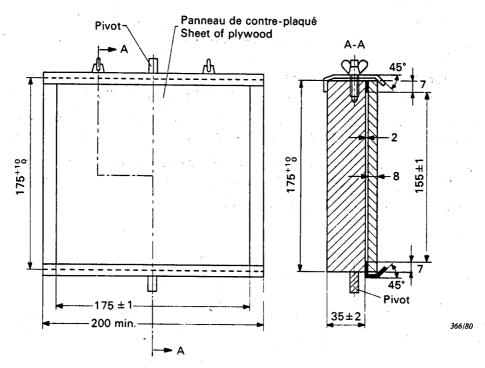
Fig. AA1. — Appareil d'essai de choc. Impact test apparatus.



Dimensions en millimètres — Dimensions in millimetres

Fig. AA2. — Pendule d'essai de choc (pièce de frappe).

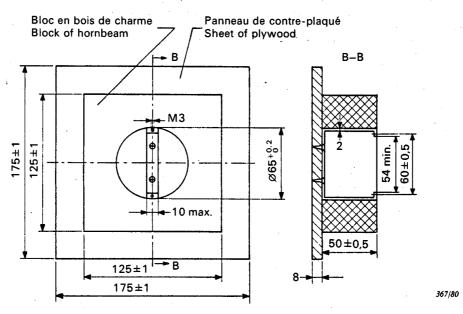
Pendulum impact test apparatus (striking element).



Dimensions en millimètres — Dimensions in millimetres

Fig. AA3. — Support sur lequel est fixé l'échantillon.

Mounting support for sample.



Dimensions en millimètres — Dimensions in millimetres

Les dimensions du logement dans le bloc en bois de charme sont données comme exemple. Des dimensions plus générales sont à l'étude.

The dimensions of the recess in the hornbeam block are given as an example. More general dimensions are under consideration.

Fig. AA4. — Bloc sur lequel est fixé l'échantillon.

Mounting block for sample.