



Percent shrinkage and shrinkage force at specified temperatures are two dominant quality parameters of technical and industrial yarns, plastic tapes as well as filament and spun yarns for textile applications.

Efficient quality control is made easy with Lenzing Instruments Thermal Shrinkage Tester **TST 2**, which tests up to 2 samples simultaneously in one and the same test run for measurement of the thermal shrinkage and/or shrinkage force resulting from heating of the material.

The thermal shrinkage properties of the filament yarn are analysed by means of heating the samples at a pre-set and defined temperature for a specified period of time.

Moreover, **TST 2** offers the possibility of dynamic tests, at which the behaviour of the yarn is observed during exposure to a temperature ramp at a constant rate of temperature increase.

Subsequent cooling of the samples to ambient temperature enables determination of the residual shrinkage or shrinkage force. Optionally, measurements may be performed according to customized testing sequences, including settings such as temperature ramps with hold times, tests with different

pretension weights during the test cycle and much more.

After sample loading, the test is performed fully automatically and computer controlled, without any operator influence on the measurement.

The specially designed oven-type heater protects the measurement from any ambient influence and together with the high resolution length measuring sensors and load cells, **TST 2** guarantees for stable testing conditions, highest accuracy and reproducibility of results.

During the test, the entire shrinkage behaviour of the heated yarn is graphically displayed on the connected PC. This enables precise monitoring and analysis of production irregularities, making **TST 2** a sophisticated tool for research and development. User friendly software offers flexible and comfortable testing with detailed reports of results.

High denier yarn demands for a special version of **TST 2**: **TST 2 HD**. This version was especially designed to withstand the higher forces developed in coarse yarns.

Both **TST 2** and **TST 2 HD** conform to ASTM D4974, D5591 and EN 13844.

Scope:

Automated determination of thermal shrinkage and shrinkage force according to ASTM D4974, D5591 and EN 13844.

Method:

Product details and test method are entered in the software program. Samples are prepared and pre-tensioned by means of clamping pretension weights onto the yarn ends. By a mouse click or by pressing the instrument button, the measurement is started and performed according to the selected test parameters. The oven-type heater automatically moves to cover the samples, after completed heating period, the oven automatically uncovers the samples to finish the measurement or to start a measurement of the residual shrinkage properties of the filament depending on entered test specifications.

Results:

Results of the TST 2 measurement are not limited to numerical data of the registered length difference or shrinkage force. Also the shrinkage behaviour of the heated filament is displayed graphically at each point of the test duration as well as in the report. Together with the graphical illustration of the measurement, the report also includes a thorough statistical evaluation of the generated results as well as test details.

Testing temperature:

From 45 °C to 300 °C

Heater length:

250 mm

Temperature distribution:

Constant temperature distribution of ± 2 °C in at least 80 % of the heater length

Shrinkage length:

From 99% to - 500%
Accuracy: $\pm 0,1\%$

Range of shrinkage force:

From 1 to 2000 cN
(other ranges on request)
Accuracy: $< 0,2\%$ (at 50% of full scale)

Max. sample width:

1.3 mm
(5 mm on request)

Pretensioning:

With pretension weights, from 0 to 500 cN possible (depending on linear density of sample)

Resolution:

Force: 1 cN (=0,01N)
Temperature (display): 0,1°C
Shrinkage length: 0,1%

Control- and evaluation system:

Personal computer with comfortable WINDOWS® based software for controlling the test procedure and evaluation of test results.

Dimensions:

Height: 320 mm
Width: 480 mm
Depth: 500 mm
Weight: approx. 25 kg

Power supply:

TST 2: 90-240 V / 50-60 Hz,
PC: 90-240 V / 50-60 Hz,
600 W

Options:

- Fast cooling by means of air pressure (6 bar)
- Software for programmable test routines
- Pneumatic clamps
- Transparent protection flap
- **TST 2** in HD version

Technical data and pictures are subject to change!

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