

### **Experimental Evaluation of The Inclined Double Notch Shear Test and Three Other Interlaminar Shear Tests**

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- Vertical translation and mutually equal rotation of fixture halves allowed.





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#### Material

- Uniaxial carbon fiber/epoxy with 32 plies of Ciba-Geigy HTA/6376C
- Panel thickness 4.1 mm
- Nominal fiber fraction 65%
- Elastic constants for the panel

Young's moduli [GPa]	Shear moduli [GPa]	Poison's ratios
$E_1 = 140$	$G_{12} = 5.2$	$v_{12} = 0.30, v_{21} = 0.021$
$E_2 = 10.0$	$G_{23} = 3.8$	$v_{23} = 0.50, v_{32} = 0.50$
$E_3 = 10.0$	$G_{13} = 5.2$	$v_{31} = 0.021, v_{13} = 0.30$

• Strongly anisotropic ( $E_3/E_1 = 0.07$ )



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#### **ILSS-values**

Method	Mean τ [MPa]
Iosipescu-0 <sup>o</sup>	65
Iosipescu-90 <sup>o</sup>	83 <sup>*</sup> 114
S3PB	133**
DNC	58
IDNS L/b=1	132
<i>L/b</i> =1.5	114
<i>L/b</i> =2	111

\* At the appearance of the first notch root crack.

\*\*Stresses calculated from linear beam theory.



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Iosipescu-0 <sup>o</sup>	~50%
Iosipescu-90 <sup>o</sup>	-
First crack	
Iosipescu-90 <sup>0</sup>	-
Maximum	
S3PB	67 - 72%
DNC	61 - 73%
IDNS	75 - 83%













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- Measures true ILS-properties (*N*/*A*).
- Insensitive to material anisotropy.
- Homogenous shear strain distribution.
- Further development worthwhile.