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भाग 1 परीक्षण पद्धति

*(IS 6885 (Part 1) का तीसरा पुनरीक्षण)**Draft Indian Standard***Metallic Materials — Knoop Hardness Test****Part 1 Test Method***(Third Revision of IS 6885 (Part 1))**(Superseding IS 9530 : 1980 )*

ICS 77.040.10

Mechanical Testing of Metals  
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## NATIONAL FOREWORD

This draft standard (Third Revision) is identical to ISO 4545-1:2023 Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test Part 1: Test method' issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and subject to its finalization, is to be adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards on the recommendation of the Mechanical Testing of Metals Sectional Committee and approval of the Metallurgical Engineering Division Council.

This standard was originally published in 1973 and subsequently revised in 2011 and 2020. The third revision of this standard has been undertaken to align with the latest version ISO 4545-1 : 2023 to harmonize it with the latest developments that have taken place at international level.

This Indian Standard is published in three parts. Other parts in this series are:

Part 2 Verification and calibration of testing machines

Part 3 Calibration of reference blocks

Part 4 Tables of hardness values

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- 1) Scope revised to include testing on metallic coatings and other inorganic coatings;
- 2) added subclause [7.5](#) on metallic and other inorganic coatings;
- 3) added [Annex F](#) to cover coatings specific requirements;

## 4) updated references.

The text of ISO standard has been approved as suitable for publication as in Indian Standard without deviations. Certain terminologies and conventions are, however, not identical with those used in Indian Standard. Attention is especially drawn to the following:

- a) Wherever the words 'International Standard' appear referring to this standard, it should be read as 'Indian Standard'
- b) Comma (,) has been used as a decimal marker while in Indian Standards the current practice is to use a point (.) as the decimal marker.

In this adopted standard, reference appears to certain International Standards for which Indian Standards also exists. The corresponding Indian Standards which are to be substituted in their place are listed below along with their degree of equivalence for the edition indicated:

<i>International Standard</i>	<i>Corresponding Indian Standard</i>	<i>Degree of Equivalence</i>
ISO 4545-2 : 2017 Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test — Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines	IS 6885 (Part 2) : 2020 / ISO 4545-2 : 2017 Metallic Materials — Knoop Hardness Test Part 2 Verification and Calibration of Testing Machines ( <i>Second Revision</i> )	Identical
ISO 4545-3:2017 Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test — Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks	IS 6885 (Part 3) : 2020 / ISO 4545-3 : 2017 Metallic Materials — Knoop Hardness Test Part 3 Calibration of Reference Blocks ( <i>Second Revision</i> )	Identical

In reporting the result of a test or analysis made in accordance with this standard, is to be rounded off, it shall be done in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 'Rules for rounding off numerical-values (*second revision*)'.

The scope of the standard is as follows:

### **SCOPE**

This document specifies the Knoop hardness test method for metallic materials for test forces from 0.009 807 N to 19.613 N.

This document specifies Knoop hardness tests for length of the long diagonal  $\geq 0.020$  mm. Using this method to determine the Knoop hardness from smaller indentations is outside the scope of this document as results would suffer from large uncertainties due to the limitations of optical measurement and imperfections in tip geometry.

The Knoop hardness test specified in this document is also applicable for metallic and other inorganic coatings including electrodeposited coatings, autocatalytic coatings, sprayed coatings and anodic coatings on aluminium. This document is applicable to measurements normal to the coated surface and to measurements on cross-sections, provided that the characteristics of the coating (smoothness, thickness, etc.) permit accurate readings of the diagonal of the indentation. This document is not applicable for coatings with thickness less than 0.007 mm when testing normal to the coating surface. This document is not applicable for coatings with thickness less than 0.020 mm when testing a cross-section of the coating. [ISO 14577-1](#) can be used for the determination of hardness from smaller indentations.

A periodic verification method is specified for routine checking of the testing machine in service by the user.

**The complete document/text of ISO 4545-1 : 2023 Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test Part 1: Test method' may be made available, on request to:**

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