

Electrodes

Lining

Lab

General Description

The measurement of the mechanical properties of electrodes, such as the compressive strength and Young's modulus (also called static elasticity modulus), is vital to quantify the mechanical behavior and the thermal shock resistance of the electrodes for two main reasons:

- A high Young's modulus, typically combined with high compressive strength, is an indication of a brittle material that is very sensitive to temperature differences.
- The ratio between the compressive strength and the flexural strength (RDC-187 apparatus) gives an indication of the presence of macrocracks.

The measurement is conducted with the RDC-144 apparatus, where the uniaxial compressive load on a core sample with a diameter of 50 mm and a height of 50 mm is increased until the sample breaks. The maximal load applied onto the sample will be divided by its surface area to calculate its compressive strength in MPa.

At the same time, the change in length is recorded and the Young's modulus, corresponding to the slope of the stress/strain graph, is calculated and expressed in GPa.



Technical Information

Standard Method	ISO 18515
Property	Compressive Strength [MPa] Static Elasticity Modulus [GPa]
Sample	Core Ø 50 x 50 mm
Process Time	~ 2 minutes
Installation	Workbench
Dimensions (LxWxH)	70 x 62 x 67 cm
Weight	170 kg
Electrical Property	230 V 1/N/PE, 50 Hz 0.5 kW, 2.2 A
Database Connection	Yes

Additional Recommended Equipment

Drilling machine (RDC-157 or RDC-179)
Saw (RDC-140 or RDC-148)
Drying oven (min. temperature 180°C)

Certified Reference Material



RDC 1144-2

Weight per unit	N/A
Number of tests	N/A