



# Certificate

## Standard Reference Material<sup>®</sup> 2097

### High-Energy Charpy V-Notch Impact Specimen

#### Self-Verification (ASTM E23)

Lot No.: HH-152

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for the verification of Charpy V-Notch impact machines in accordance with current ASTM International [1] or International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards [2]. A unit of SRM 2097 consists of a set of five specimens needed to perform one verification test. SRM 2097 is used for in-house verification (self-verification). This SRM complies with both ASTM Standard E23 and ISO 148-1.

**Material Description:** SRM 2097 is made from 4340 alloy steel. The bars are finished to length, stamped, heat-treated, and machined in SRM specimen lots of approximately 1200. Each specimen has a lot number and an identification number (three or four digits) stamped on one end.

**SRM Certification Procedure:** Specimens taken from each SRM lot were tested by the NIST Applied Chemicals and Materials Division on Charpy V-Notch reference machines. These data were statistically evaluated to assess the homogeneity of the lot and establish the certified value. The measurand is the amount of absorbed energy as measured on the NIST Charpy V-Notch reference machines provided in Table 1. Metrological traceability is to the SI unit joule.

Table 1. Certified Absorbed Energy and Expanded Uncertainty for SRM 2097<sup>(a)</sup>

SRM	Lot	-40 °C ± 1 °C	
		Absorbed Energy, J	Expanded Uncertainty, J
2097	HH-152	86.7	0.413

<sup>(a)</sup> The uncertainty in the certified value is expressed as an expanded uncertainty,  $U = kuc$ . The coverage factor  $k = 1.9983$  is based on 63 degrees of freedom and corresponds to an approximate 95 % confidence interval.

**Expiration of Certification:** The certification of **SRM 2097** is valid indefinitely. The self-verification for an acceptable machine is valid for a maximum of one year from the date on which the SRM was tested. If a user's machine is moved or undergoes any major repairs or adjustments, the current verification will be invalidated, and the machine must be retested and reverified (see "Instructions for Handling, Storage, and Use").

**Maintenance of SRM Certification:** NIST will monitor this SRM over the period of its certification. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the certification, NIST will notify the purchaser. Registration (see attached sheet or register online) will facilitate notification.

The overall direction and coordination of the technical measurements leading to verification of test specimens and machines, evaluation of test results, and issuance of the report on machine conformance were under the direction of the NIST Applied Chemicals and Materials Division (Boulder, CO).

Support aspects involved in the issuance of this SRM were coordinated through the NIST Office of Reference Materials.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE

**Handling:** The protective oil coating should be wiped from each specimen with a lint-free cloth just prior to testing.

**Storage:** The SRMs are anticipated to have an indefinite shelf life under normal storage conditions ( $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $\leq 50\%$  relative humidity).

**Use:** Prior to testing a Charpy V-Notch machine, the machine should be checked to ensure compliance with the appropriate sections of the applicable ASTM or ISO Standard. SRM 2097 is tested at  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). The SRM can be used as a substitute for SRM 2096 to meet the indirect verification requirement of ASTM E23 and ISO 148-1 when no-post verification test analysis from NIST is needed.

When using SRM 2097, the user performs a self-service verification of the test machine. The data and specimens **are not** returned to NIST following the test. NIST provides no letter or certification sticker for the machine tested.

The energy level of the SRM appropriate for verifying the performance of a particular Charpy impact machine can be determined by considering the energy for the SRM, the maximum capacity of the machine, and the requirements of the applicable test method (ASTM or ISO).

For questions concerning the production or use of this SRM, please contact the NIST Charpy Program Coordinator as follows: telephone (303) 497-3351; fax (303) 497-5939; or e-mail [charpy@boulder.nist.gov](mailto:charpy@boulder.nist.gov).

## REFERENCES

- [1] ASTM E23, *Standard Test Methods for Notched Bar Impact Testing of Metallic Materials*, Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol. 03.01, ASTM, West Conshohocken, PA.
- [2] ISO 148-1:2009, *Metallic Materials – Charpy Pendulum Impact Test – Part 1: Test Method*; ISO, Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland.

*Users of this SRM should ensure that the Certificate in their possession is current. This can be accomplished by contacting the SRM Program: telephone (301) 975-2200; fax (301) 948-3730; e-mail [srminfo@nist.gov](mailto:srminfo@nist.gov); or via the Internet at <http://www.nist.gov/srm>.*