

LX-AO Shore Durometer

User's Manual

Function

LX-AO Shore Durometer is an instrument for testing low hardness of rubber and foam. It carries out National standard GB/T531.1-2008 《Rubber, Vulcanized or thermoplastic -Determination of indentation hardness.Part1: durometer method (shore hardness)》 which equals to ISO 7619-1:2004 《 International Standard Rubber-Determination of indentation hardness by means of pocket hardness meters》.

This meter can be installed in the same model test stand and be used in the laboratory to test the standard hardness of rubber or foam. It can also be held in hand to measure the surface hardness of rubber or foam.

Specification(Hardness Unit of Shore AO Durometer: H_{AO})

Tip Stroke: 0~2.5mm

Dial Indication: 0~100H_{AO}

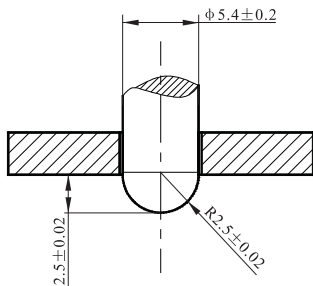
Available Test Range: 10~90H_{AO}

Accuracy: ± 1 H_{AO}

Tip Pressure: $F=550+75$ H_{AO}

External Dimension: 115 * 60 * 25(mm)

Net Weight: 0.16kg



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Operation

First put the tested sample on the stable platform and hold the durometer. The distance between the tip and the sample can not be less than 12mm. Then press it on the sample without any vibrancy and keep the base parallel with the sample's surface, making the tip press the sample vertically. The pressing force should be just enough to make base contacting sample firmly. The reading must be done at regular time, it will be 3 seconds for vulcanized rubber and unknown rubber, 15 seconds for thermoplastic rubber; if adopting other sample time, it should be claimed in test report. Testing 5 times at position of not less than 6mm, and calculate the average.

Cautions

1. Before the test, please make sure the needle is pointing to zero . If the needle is not pointing to zero , you can loose the screw on up-right and turn the dial to set the needle. Then press the meter on the glass board, and when the tip and base is closely contacted

with the block, the needle should point at $100 \pm 1H_{AO}$. If the needle still doesn't point at $100 \pm 1H_{AO}$, press the tip several times slightly to adjust it. If still not point to regular reading, the durometer can not be used.

When the meter is used with shore durometer test stand, you can turn the handle and lift the working table to the die poise position, making the tip and base closely contact the glass board. Afterwards, the needle should point at $100 \pm 1H_{AO}$, if not, you can adjust the screw on the working table base.

2. Rubber Sample and Temperature(GB/T531.1-2008)

- (1). Thickness of the rubber sample should be not less than 6mm, its width is more than 30mm, and its length is more than 55mm. If the thickness is less than 6mm, please use same sample folding together but not more than 3 tier.
 - (2). The required temperature should be $23^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the meter should be kept one hour under this temperature before operation.
3. The surface of rubber and plastic sample should be smooth and even with no damage and dust.
 4. Do not advise to convert shore value to international rubber hardness value.
 5. When using AO durometer on test stand, the press speed should be lower than 3.2mm/s.
 6. Durometer should in accordance with JJG304-2003 to calibrate by calibration organization, Generally, the periods is not more than 1 year .
 7. Put the meter into the box and store it in the dry environment to avoid damp.
 8. When using the durometer, if value is higher than $90H_{AO}$, we suggest to use LX-A model shore durometer, if value is lower than $10H_{AO}$, the test value is not available, and suggest to adopt other measuring method.

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