



Materials Testing & Inspection

100th Anniversary of the Manufacturing of Shimadzu Testing Machines



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Supporting manufacturing in the future, utilizing 100 years of experience and knowledge

Innovation and Collaboration

Shimadzu began manufacturing testing equipment in 1917. Throughout this 100-year history, we have been at the forefront of providing precision, quality solutions for the most challenging R&D and QA/QC requirements.

Our steadfast customer-focused commitment and unwavering dedication to technical excellence are both hallmarks of our history and the principles that guide us into the future.

Analysts want to know the mechanical properties of any number of items used in a variety of fields, at scales ranging from the micro to the macro. At Shimadzu, continuously responding to these needs is our mission.

Application Fields



30MN/30m

This machine measures actual structures. It checks partial or overall weight, loading, and loads from earthquakes, wind, or snow, as well as strength characteristics and other properties.

This type of machine tests the safety and endurance of structures, a process even more vital now with the increasing size of buildings and civil engineering projects.

Breaking Testing Force A Testing Sample's Diameter

55mN/30µm

This machine tests the bond strength of bonding wires in integrated circuits. Rather than hanging the bonding wire from a hook, bonding wire with a diameter of 30 µm can be gripped and pulled, so the strength values at the chip end and lead end can be evaluated. The bonding wire is gripped and pulled using a micro chuck engineered especially for minute samples.





Materials Changing the Manufacturing Process

Understanding materials is the starting point for all types of manufacturing.

New test methods are developed daily in an effort to better understand the mechanical characteristics of materials. At Shimadzu, we will continue to create testing machines to meet the cutting-edge needs of materials researchers worldwide.

Fully Automatic Tensile Testing Machines for Iron and Steel Materials

The evaluation of mechanical characteristics is indispensable for quality control of iron and steel materials. To ensure the on-time shipment of multiple kinds of materials produced simultaneously, a system is required to enable the rapid testing of a large number of samples at any time. Using automatic machinery makes it possible to automate the entire process, including sample measurement, test preparation, testing, data acquisition, and the disposal of samples, thus enhancing production efficiency. It also can reduce differences between operators, which improves the quality of results.



CFRP Impact Tensile Strength Tests and Fracture Behavior Observations

With the aim of making practical use of CFRP, evaluations and tests of composite materials are implemented from a variety of perspectives. In this context, observing the process by which CFRP fractures is important in terms of improving the strength of components, and for quality control.



Bending Tests for Plastics

These tests evaluate the bending elastic modulus and bending strength of plastics. With the aim of improving the accuracy of designs, ever more accurate measurements are needed. Utilizing a bending displacement gauge, the bending elastic modulus can be measured with even greater accuracy.



Safe and Comfortable Vehicles

Vehicles manufactured with high safety standards provide peace of mind when traveling.

Ensuring these standards requires knowing the strength and endurance of the materials, parts, and products used during the manufacturing process. Shimadzu supports this process from behind the scenes with an array of technologically advanced testing machines.

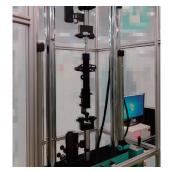
Travel Simulators, Developed in Response to the Demands of Automobile Manufacturers

In 1967, we created our first travel simulator, which was developed in response to the demands of automobile manufacturers. Based on information on the unevenness of roads recorded when travelling on bad roads, four platforms are raised and lowered hydraulically in order to apply the same shocks to a vehicle as when travelling on a road. Acceleration tests that recreate travelling data in quick succession can also be performed, thereby contributing to high-efficiency durability improvement tests.



Evaluating the Damping Characteristics of Shock Absorbers

The damping force is measured as test frequency is varied. Shock absorber performance can be confirmed by measuring the relationship between velocity and damping force or the response to a Lissajous or other waveform.







Infrastructure Protecting Human Lives

The development of safe, sound infrastructure is of paramount importance in order to mitigate damage from earthquakes and other disasters.

For this reason, methods used to increase the strength of materials continue to be developed.

Shimadzu offers a variety of large testing machines for measuring the strength of bridges, tunnels, roads, houses, office buildings, and other structures, ensuring infrastructure is engineered to the highest standards.

10 MN Structural Member Testing Machine

This structural member testing machine, which has a 10-m bed length and weighs 30 tons, is one of the largest testing machines that can be assembled at the Murasakino Works. It is used for strength tests of bridge components.

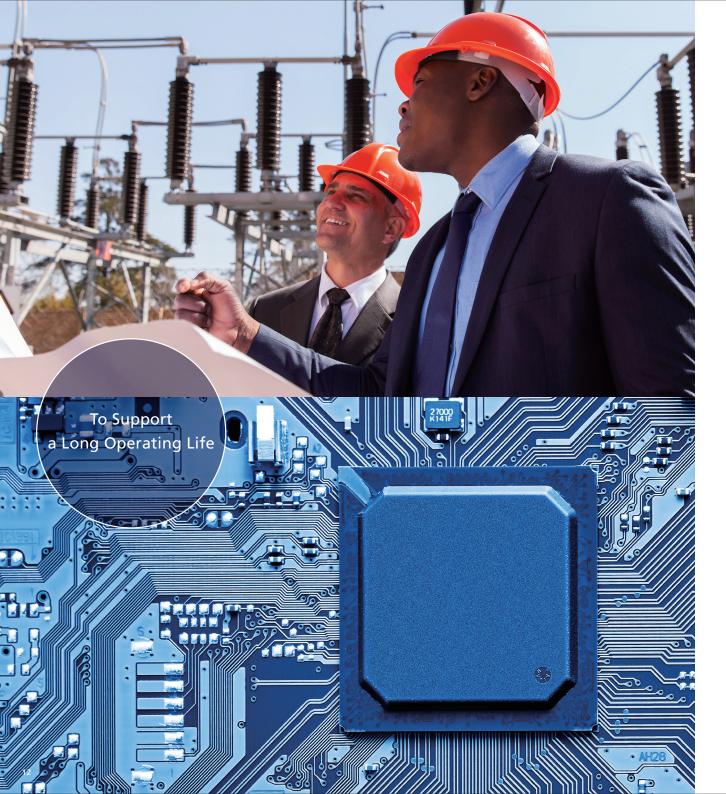


Seismic Isolation Rubber Characteristics Evaluation

This testing machine is for seismic isolation rubber, which is incorporated into the foundations of buildings and bridges.

It can perform tests related to the restoring force characteristics, rigidity, and other basic characteristics, primarily of laminated seismic isolation rubber. Jacks are incorporated for sample movement; this ensures that during vertical loading, the center of the sample always matches the load axis. As a result, no bending load is applied to the sample, enabling high-accuracy testing.





Electronics Supporting a Comfortable Lifestyle

Product designers continually test devices, such as cell phones, under harsh conditions to ensure finished products have longevity.

As a result, electronic components are small but resistant to failure, and large generator plants can continue to produce power reliably for dozens of years.

Shimadzu supports this technological progress by providing designers and engineers with the testing machines needed to estimate the operating life of various products.

Tensile Evaluations of Power Transmission Brackets

This testing machine performs tensile tests of structural members and power line insulators for high voltage transmission. A primary feature is the large width of the in-frame testing space.



Cyclic Bending Tests for Mounted Circuit Boards

This test jig is for cyclic bending tests of printed circuit boards. Properties such as resistance fluctuations due to the application of cycle loads can be evaluated. Repeated expansion and contraction from the heat of solder can be reproduced and tested.



Safe and Delicious Food Products

The texture of foods, including such characteristics as chewiness and ease of swallowing,

is one aspect in how consumers measure the deliciousness of food.

Providing testing machines that can quantity texture characteristics is just one way that Shimadzu ensures the good taste of food for everyone from infants to the elderly.

Viscoelasticity Evaluations of Gelatin

Gelatin testing (JIS K6503), jelly strength evaluation testing in accordance with the Japanese Pharmacopoeia, and viscosity testing for a variety of jelly-like samples can be performed. The tests evaluate the jelly strength of orally administered jelly preparations in relation to how easy they are to swallow, as well as the texture of fruit jelly and other gelatins. Hardness, ease of mastication and other indices specific to texture evaluations are utilized.



Sausage Shear Evaluations

This jig can perform cutting and shear tests with a blade.

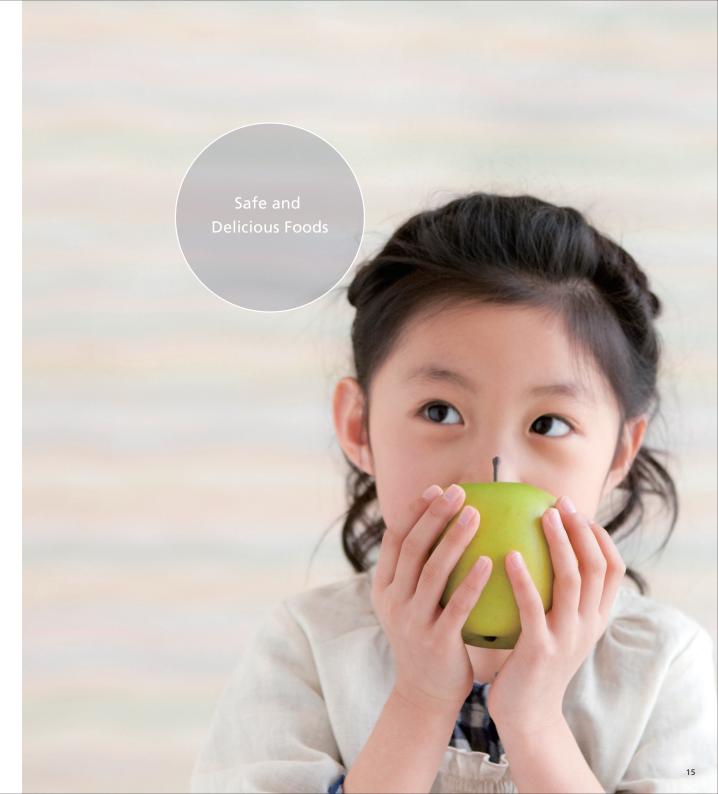
In addition to a V-shaped cut for Warner-Bratzler tests, other blades with a variety of tip shapes can be used for shear evaluations of meat, sausage, cheese, vegetables, and snack bars.



Potato Chip Breakage Test

This jig is for performing penetration tests of snack foods and potato chips. Measuring the test force at the time of breakage provides values that can be used as indices of brittleness and crispness.







To Improve Quality and Reliability of Medical Products

Measuring the strength of materials and components, ranging from packaging to artificial bones and medical equipment, is essential to delivering medicine and providing healthier lives.

Testing machines are indispensable tools in this effort, and Shimadzu's systems provide the precision performance to meet both R&D and QA requirements.

Implant Fatigue Evaluations

Fatigue and endurance tests are performed by fastening a sample at 30 degrees, and then loading it with a vertical test force from an upper actuator. The purpose of this test is to simulate a functional load on the implant itself, presupposing an extreme case.



Tablet Push-Out Evaluations

The force when tablets or capsules are pushed out of a press-through package (PTP) is evaluated.

A variety of PTP shapes can be accommodated by replacing the adapter.



Evaluation of Syringe Extrusion Force

It is possible to evaluate the force required when extruding a medicinal liquid from a syringe needle.





A 100 Year History of Shimadzu Testing Machines

	Main Product	Main Discoveries in Physics		Main Product	Main Discoveries in Physics
1917		Main Discoveries in Thysics	1967	Manufactured the first fatigue testing machine (EVH), and delivered it to an automobile manufacturer.	Pulsar
1919	Manufactured metal testing machines.	Correspondence principle	1507	Delivered a 1200-t large chain tensile testing machine to a chain manufacturer.	Unified theory
1921	Manufactured Ono rotary bending fatigue testing machines from about this time. Ono rotary bending fatigue testing machines	Magnetic moment of atoms	1968	Delivered a fully automatic Charpy testing machine to a steel manufacturer.	Multiwire proportional counter Deep inelastic scattering of electrons
1923	Started the manufacture and sale of a variety of material testing machines, beginning with the Amsler compression testing machine.	Concept of matter waves	1969	Delivered a 2000-t horizontal testing machine to a steel manufacturer. Pelivered a 1000-t structural member testing machine to a steel manufacturer. Delivered the RES-200 universal testing machine to a university.	
1931	Manufactured Brinell and Rockwell hardness testers at about this time.	Semiconductor theory Neutrino hypothesis Electron microscope	1970	Delivered a 6 m × 6 m large horizontal vibrating table to an electric machinery manufacturer.	Invention of CCD sensors
1936	Delivered a 1-t creep testing machine to a steel mill.	Nuclear fission of uranium Second sound wave in helium II	1971	Delivered five 300-t Servopulsers for structural members to construction companies.	Clarification of the quantum structure of electroweak interaction
1939	Developed the Vickers hardness tester. 1-t creep testing machines Brinell hardness testers	Electron spin resonance Existence of π mesons Lamb shift	1972	Delivered the AWS fully automatic crankshaft balancing machine to an automobile manufacturer. Delivered an ultra-high-vacuum Servopulser (10-10 torr) to a university. Manufactured a hydraulic lifting clamp type Servopulser unit.	³H superfluidity
1947	Developed rubber hardness testers, later adopted in the JIS standards.	Discovery of V particles	1973	Delivered the EHF-05/05 biaxial vibration testing machine to a university.	Third generation quarks
1948	Released the Elmendorf paper testing machine. Released the McKenzie fiber testing machine.	Theory of holography Artificial creation of mesons Renormalization theory Direct observation of the magnetic domain	1975	Released the UMH and UEH universal testing machine. Released the SERVOPET Lab-5.	Discovery of a new particle (J/ϕ) Discovery of a new type of pulsar Discovery of the τ particle
1950	Released the Charpy impact testing machine.	Separated oscillatory field method	1976	Delivered the 3000-tf structural member testing machine to Nihon University (1976) and the Public Works Research Institute (1978).	THE C
1951	Released the Amsler universal testing machine.		1976	Released the DSS series AUTOGRAPH. Delivered a fully automatic universal testing system to a steel manufacturer.	
	Delivered a 500-t wire rope tensile testing machine. Charpy impact testing machine Developed the Mooney viscometer. Released a Custom cloth abrasion testing machine.		1978	Delivered the first high-speed tensile testing machine to a steel manufacturer. Delivered a fully automatic u	iversal testing system to a steel manufacturer.
1952	Commercialized the elevated flow tester. Delivered an ultra-large Ono fatigue testing machine		1979	Released the DCS series AUTOGRAPH.	
	to a heavy electric machinery manufacturer.		1980	Released the CFT-500 flow tester. Released the 9200/9300 porosimeter.	Discovery of the quantum Hall effect
1954	Commercialized the micro Vickers hardness tester. Manufactured a large rotary bending testing machine (7.8 tm).	Invention of the maser Confirmation of the neutron		Delivered an automatic tensile testing system	Scanning tunneling microscope
1955	Manufactured the first hydraulic universal testing machine (RH-10). Hydraulic universal testing machine	Creation of antiprotons Confirmation of antineutrons Nonconservation of parity	1982	to a steel manufacturer. Released the SA and CP2 particle size analyzer. Released the EHF-EC Servopulser.	Discovery of quantum fluid with fractional-charge excited states
1957	Delivered a rotary bending fatigue testing machine for crankshafts to a steel manufacturer. Released the RS universal testing machine.	Mössbauer effect Theory of superconductivity	1983	Released the AG-A and AG-B series AUTOGRAPH. Released the AGS-A/B series AUTOGRAPH.	Discovery of the W and Z particles
1958	Released the IS series AUTOGRAPH. Released the REH universal testing machine.	Tunnel effect in semiconductors		Released the UDH universal testing machine.	
1959	Manufactured the first AUTOGRAPH IS precision universal testing machine. Delivered it to a synthetic fiber manufacturer. Released the RET torsion testing machine.	Demonstration of electron antineutrinos	1984	Released the EHF-ED series Servopulser. AG-A series AUTOGRAPH Released the DUH-50 dynamic ultra micro hardness tester. Released the SMV-201 Mooney viscometer.	Cooling and trapping of
	Delivered an REH electron tube universal testing machine to a government research organization. Received a Gold Business Performance Award		1985	Released the EHF-FB Servopulser. Released the F series universal testing machine.	atoms via laser light
1961	for the development of the RH universal testing machine. (Exceeded production of 500 universal testing machines.)	Manufacture of a superconductive magnet		Released the HMV-2000 micro Vickers hardness tester.	
1962	Manufactured the REH-400, a 400-t large universal testing machine, and delivered it to a steel research institute.	Two types of neutrinos Superconductor tunnel junctions	1986	Released the 4880 controller for Servopulser. Released the HTM-1 Hydroshot high-speed impact testing machine. Delivered a fully automatic balancing machine for motor rotors to an automotive parts manufacturer.	Discovery of an oxide superconductor Discovery of a semiconductor that glows blue when excited via a current
1964	Released the S series AUTOGRAPH. Sales of the RH universal testing machine exceeded 1,100 units since its release.	Quark theory Clarification of the genesis of mass Theory of electric resistance in dilute alloys		Delivered a large mobile balancer to a heavy electric machinery manufacturer. Released the UH-A universal testing machine.	
	Completed a wing for the assembly of structural member testing machines. Manufactured a 500-t structural member testing machine,	3K cosmic background radiation	1987	Released the UH-A universal testing machine. Released the SALD-1000 particle size analyzer.	Control of the contro
1965	and delivered it to a university. Delivered a 200-t 3-axis testing machine to a university civil engineering department.	Six cosmic background radiation	1988	Released the AG-D series AUTOGRAPH. Released the SEM Servopulser. Released the DUH-200 ultra micro hardness tester.	=
1966	Delivered a 30-t seatbelt testing machine to Australia. 5004 structural member testing machine	Transmission by optical fiber		Started updating the universal testing machines. SALD-1000 particles	ize analyzer

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