

Beyond Standards: Material Testing and Processing for Successful Simulations of Foam Materials (LAW90)



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Applus, DatapointLabs & Materials Characterization



Applus Overview:

Relevant Divisions: Product Development & Validation

Relevant Partner Laboratories: **Materials Characterization & Quality Assurance**

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€1,558B revenue | **23,387** staff | **70+ countries** [2020]

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DatapointLabs Summary Overview

- Experience
 - 27 years of experience in materials testing and characterization
 - ISO 17025:2017 accredited, operating on an end-end digital platform
 - Nadcap accredited [Aerospace / Defense] (Metallic/Non-Metallic Materials Testing)
 Accredited
- Operations
 - Testing 2000+ materials per year
 - Standard 5-day turnaround
 - Comprehensive one-stop testing capability
 - 168 unique tests: all aspects of mechanical, thermal and rheological characterization
- Clientele
 - Global clientele of more than 1,800 companies in 49 countries
 - Market leader in materials testing for CAE simulation
 - Recognized as an approved materials test lab by leading OEMs



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Von Metallic Materials Testing





Materials Testing for Product Development



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Mechanical



Thermal



Rheological



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Material testing and material parameter conversion to generate 179 material cards for 36 simulation (CAE) programs, including finiteelement analysis, crash and drop-test simulations, injection-molding and other process simulations





TestPaks: from expert materials testing to CAE-ready material files





TestPaks[®] include

- Exact material testing to CAE material model requirements
- Conversion of raw characterization data to material model parameters
- Solver-formatted, CAE-ready material files

TestPaks: from expert materials testing to CAE-ready material files



Models and tests available

- Injection molding tensile, compressive, shear, biaxial, and volumetric
- Hyperelastic linear and volumetric
- Elastomers and crushable foams viscoelastic and rate dependent
- Orthotropic for composites tensile, compressive, and shear
- Creep, fatigue and long-term behavior heat aging, moisture conditioning, and fluid exposure
- Failure for plastic and metals GISSMO and damage models

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CAETestBench™

Validate your simulation against a physical part, created and tested using a rigid protocol, which can be accurately replicated in your solver – probe simulation accuracy and quantify its ability to replicate the test

Validations range from simple tensile modes to more complex, multi-axial modes, impact and failure







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Part 2: *CAETestBench™*. Radioss LAW90: foam's simulation

- What are foam materials?
- Mechanical properties of foam materials
- Typical foam behavior
- LAW90: Definition
- LAW90: Compression validation
- LAW90: Impact validation
- Conclusions







1 Closed-cell foam

² Open-cell foam

³ Honeycomb foam

Reproduced from Hitti, K., 2011. Direct Numerical Simulation of Complex Representative Volume Elements (RVEs): Generation, Resolution and Homogenization.





Mechanical properties depends on:







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- Density
- Cell structure



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Reproduced from Zhang R., Chen J., et alt. 2020. Correlation between the structure and compressive property of PMMA microcellular foams fabricated by supercritical CO2 foaming method





Mechanical properties depends on:

- Density
- Cell structure
- Wall cell intrinsic material properties



Reproduced from Kováčik J., Orovčík L., Jerz J. 2016. High-temperature compression of closed cell aluminum foams





- Non-linear (elastic or crushable) stress-strain response
- Zero Poisson ratio in compression
- Rate dependency
- Failure in tension and shear
- Larger deformation in compression





Compression response 1 Elastic response

- ² Deformation plateau
- 3 Densification









Radioss LAW90 describes the visco-elastic foam tabulated material

Reasons to use it

- Accurate modeling of foam behavior
- Strain-rate sensitivity
- Easy to implement
- Good correlation with experimental data
- Availability





Visco-elastic foam tabulated material







- 1. Compression test data
- 2. Smoothing the data and point reduction
- 3. Extrapolating the data
- 4. Filtering the date







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- 2. Smoothing the data and point reduction







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- 2. Smoothing the data and point reduction







- 1. Compression test data
- 2. Smoothing the data
- 3. Extrapolating the data
- 4. Filtering the data
 - 1st derivative
 - Moving window filter
 - Integrate

Thank you so much Marian Bulla for suggesting this additional step. Your contribution has been of great help, and we truly appreciate your input.







	ASTM D695-15		
Method	Standard Test Method for Compressive Properties		
	Crash Material Models		
Solver	Radioss // OpenRadioss		
Specimen	form	cube	
	thickness	26	
Parameters	Crosshead speed	16.2 - 162000 mm/min	
	material model	LAW90	
	element formulation	24	
	mesh type	hexahedral	
	element size	10 mm	
	boundary conditions	fixed base	
	initial conditions	Upper surface displacements	
	contact type	Type 7 (interior)	









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	DPL V-101		
Method	Falling Dart Impact Validation		
	Crash Material Models		
Solver	Radioss // OpenRadioss		
Specimen	form	cube	
	thickness	53	
Parameters	impact velocity	2.30 m/s	
	dart weight	0.54 kg	
	dart diameter	50.8 mm	
	material model	LAW90	
	element formulation	24	
	mesh type	hexahedral	
	element size	10 mm	
	boundary conditions	fixed base	
	initial conditions	acceleration	
	contact type	Type 7 (impact)	
		Type 7 (interior)	





















- The use of the LAW90 material card has been successfully validated through compression and impact tests for simulating foam materials.
- Experimental compression curves cannot be used directly for material modeling, and data pre-processing is necessary.
- To ensure stability and accuracy, it is crucial to use **monotonically increasing imported curves**.
- When testing with strain-rate variables, the Type 7 contact card must be used to limit the compression strain of the elements. The strain limit corresponds to the point where densification begins in the model's curve with the highest strain-rate.
- In impact applications, it is essential to use an impactor with smooth geometries, as sharp geometries can cause instability due to mesh deformations.
- Various types of meshes, elements, and properties have been tested, and a hexahedral mesh with Isolid=24, Ismrt=10, and size=10 is recommended for succesful results.
- For applications that require more precise unloading, the LAW70 card is recommended. This card also uses experimental curves to calculate unloading, and it is important to prepare these curves in the same way as the load curves.

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