

Information sheet

Proficiency tests metal 2026 ASTM

Organiser:	Institut für Eignungsprüfung IfEP GmbH, Marl, Germany
Registration:	By means of the attached form
Intention:	Confirmation of technical competence of participating laboratories
Data evaluation:	Based on ISO/IEC 17043 and ISO 13528. Usually the participation is approved for accreditations according to NADCAP.
Confidentiality:	Each laboratory receives a specific code number
Documentation:	Certificate Final report with a list of participants in alphabetical order with declaration of consent; determination of measurement uncertainty according to the current standards and guidelines. Details for subcontracting of single parts: please see www.ifep.de , section „proficiency tests“

Proficiency tests on OES, NDT, metallography, corrosion, etc. can be found in our ISO program for 2026.

No. AS2601-HB Hardness testing Brinell	Test standard:	ASTM E10, HBW 2,5/187,5 and/or HBW 5/250
	Material:	steel specimen to be prepared by the laboratory
	Test program:	five hardness measurements on reference hardness block
	Test sequence:	Each participant receives a reference specimen.
	Results to be submitted:	five hardness values of the hardness blocks
	Assigned value:	Consensus value calculated from the results of all participants
	Participation fee:	HBW 2,5/187,5 or HBW 5/250: Germany 340 € other countries + transport costs* HBW 2,5/187,5 and HBW 5/250: Germany 510 € (255 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* estimated start: III. quarter 2026

No. AS2601-HR Hardness testing Rockwell C	Test standard:	ASTM E18, HRB and/or HRC
	Material:	steel specimens to be prepared by the laboratory
	Test program:	five hardness measurements on reference hardness blocks
	Test sequence:	Each participant receives three reference specimens.
	Results to be submitted:	five hardness values of the hardness blocks
	Assigned Value:	Consensus value calculated from the results of all participants
	Participation fee:	HRB or HRC: Germany 380 € other countries + transport costs* HRB and HRC: Germany 590 € (295 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* estimated start: III. quarter 2026

No. AS2601-HV Hardness testing Vickers	Test standard:	ASTM E384 / E92, HV 0,1 and/or HV 1 and/or HV 10/HV 30
	Material:	steel specimen to be prepared by the laboratory
	Test program:	five hardness measurements on reference hardness block
	Test sequence:	Each participant receives a reference specimen.
	Results to be submitted:	five hardness values of the hardness blocks
	Assigned value:	Consensus value calculated from the results of all participants
	Participation fee:	One method: Germany 340 € other countries + transport costs* Two methods: Germany 510 € (255 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* Three methods: Germany 720 € (240 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* estimated start: III. quarter 2026

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No. AS2609-R Tensile test steel round specimens	Test standard:	ASTM E8/E8M
	Material:	Standard samples: 6 round test specimens, steel, diameter = 9 mm, specimen head: ISO thread M16 (specimen 2, ASTM E8M) as per standard, Alternate samples: specimens with diameter = 6 mm (specimen 3, ASTM E8M), specimen head: ISO thread M10 and/or 6 material sections, dimensions: 20 x 20 mm ² , length 120 mm each
	Production of specimens:	by the organiser / by the participants
	Results to be submitted:	Characteristic values according to the test standard, additionally "Young's Module" and the measurement uncertainty
	Assigned Value:	Consensus values calculated from the results of the participants
	Additional information:	Statement to the influence of specimen preparation, measurement uncertainty of the test method
	Participation fee:	AS2609-RM: machined specimens: Germany 450 €; other countries + transport costs* AS2609-RU: unmachined specimens: Germany 350 €; other countries + transport costs* machined AND unmachined specimens: Germany 700 € (350 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* estimated start: IV. quarter 2026
No. AS2609-RW Tensile test of round bar steel at elevated temperature	Test standard:	ASTM E21
	Material:	heat resistant steel, to be tested at 200 °C Standard samples: 6 round test specimens, steel, diameter = 9 mm, specimen head: ISO thread M16 (specimen 2, ASTM E8M) as per standard, Alternate samples: specimens with diameter = 6 mm (specimen 3, ASTM E8M), specimen head: ISO thread M10 and/or 6 material sections, dimensions: 20 x 20 mm ² , length 120 mm each
	Production of specimens:	by the organiser / by the participants
	Results to be submitted:	Characteristic values according to the test standard, additionally "Young's Module" and the measurement uncertainty
	Assigned Value:	Consensus values calculated from the results of the participants
	Additional information:	Statement to the influence of specimen preparation, measurement uncertainty of the test method
	Participation fee:	AS2609-RWM: machined specimens: Germany 450 €; other countries + transport costs* AS2609-RWU: unmachined specimens: Germany 350 €; other countries + transport costs* machined AND unmachined specimens: Germany 700 € (350 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* estimated start: II. quarter 2026
No. AS2610F Tensile test steel flat specimens, 1-3 mm	Test standard:	ASTM E8/E8M
	Material:	6 flat specimens, steel, geometry according to ASTM E8/E8M (sheet type), thickness = 1-3 mm, width = 12,5 mm, and/or 6 material sections of about 32 x 280 mm ² each
	Production of specimens:	by the organiser / by the participants
	Results to be submitted:	Characteristic values according to the test standard, additionally "Young's Module" and the measurement uncertainty
	Assigned Value:	Consensus values calculated from the results of the participants
	Additional information:	Statement to the influence of specimen preparation, measurement uncertainty of the test method
	Participation fee:	AS2610FM: Machined specimens: Germany 330 €; other countries + transport costs* AS2610FU: Unmachined specimens: Germany 285 €; other countries + transport costs* Machined AND unmachined specimens: Germany 550 € (275 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* estimated start: IV. quarter 2026

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No. AS2610FD Tensile test steel flat specimens, 10-15 mm	Test standard:	ASTM E8/E8M
	Material:	6 flat specimens, steel, geometry according to ASTM E8/E8M (sheet type), thickness = 10-15 mm, width = 12,5 mm, and/or 6 material sections of about 40 x 400 mm ² each
	Production of specimens:	by the organiser / by the participants
	Results to be submitted:	Characteristic values according to the test standard, additionally "Young's Module" and the measurement uncertainty
	Assigned Value:	Consensus values calculated from the results of the participants
	Additional information:	Statement to the influence of specimen preparation, measurement uncertainty of the test method
	Participation fee:	AS2610FDM: Machined specimens: Germany 380 €; other countries + transport costs* AS2610FDU: Unmachined specimens: Germany 330 €; other countries + transport costs* Machined AND unmachined specimens: Germany 630 € (315 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* estimated start: III. quarter 2026
No. AS2611 Charpy impact test machined specimens	Test standard:	ASTM E23 (8 mm striker)
	Material:	Charpy test specimens, impact energy low level (RT and -25°C), average level (RT), high level (RT), super high level (RT)
	Production of specimens:	by the organiser
	Results to be submitted:	5 values according to ASTM E23 each energy level
	Assigned value:	consensus value, limits based on ASTM E23
	Additional information:	Statement to the measurement uncertainty of the test method
	Participation fee:	One energy level: Germany 310 €; other countries + transport costs* Two energy levels: Germany 490 € (255 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* Three energy levels: Germany 660 € (220 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* Four energy levels: Germany 800 € (200 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* Five energy levels: Germany 950 € (190 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* estimated start: IV. quarter 2026
No. AS2611 Charpy impact test unmachined specimens	Test standard:	ASTM E23 (8 mm striker)
	Material:	Material sections, app. dimensions: 57 x 12 x 12 mm ³ , impact energy low level (RT and -25°C), average level (RT), high level (RT), super high level (RT)
	Production of specimens:	by the participants
	Results to be submitted:	5 values according to ASTM E23 each energy level
	Assigned value:	consensus value, limits based on ASTM E23
	Additional information:	Statement to the measurement uncertainty of the test method
	Participation fee:	One energy level: Germany 260 €; other countries + transport costs* Two energy levels: Germany 460 € (230 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* Three energy levels: Germany 630 € (210 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* Four energy levels: Germany 760 € (190 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* Five energy levels: Germany 850 € (170 €/proficiency test); other countries + transport costs* estimated start: IV. quarter 2026

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via e-mail to: Mende@ifep.de

We will participate in the following proficiency test(s):

No.	please mark	Proficiency test	Expected Start (quarter/2026)	Return of the results	Participation fee
AS2601-HB-a	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardness testing Brinell HBW 2,5/187,5, ASTM E10	III/2026	4 weeks	AS2601-HB-a or AS2601-HB-b: total 340 €* AS2601-HB-a and AS2601-HB-b: total 510 €*
AS2601-HB-b	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardness testing Brinell HBW 5/250, ASTM E10	III/2026	4 weeks	
AS2601-HRB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardness testing Rockwell B, ASTM E18	III/2026	4 weeks	AS2601-HRB or AS2601-HRC: total 380 €* AS2601-HRB and AS2601-HRC: total 590 €*
AS2601-HRC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardness testing Rockwell C, ASTM E18	III/2026	4 weeks	
AS2601-HV-a	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardness testing Vickers HV 1, ASTM E384	III/2026	4 weeks	1 method: total 340 €* 2 methods: total 510 €* 3 methods: total 720 €*
AS2601-HV-b	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardness testing Vickers HV 10/HV 30, ASTM E92	III/2026	4 weeks	
AS2601-HV-c	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hardness testing Vickers HV 0,1, ASTM E384	III/2026	4 weeks	
AS2609-RM	Standard samples: <input type="checkbox"/>	Tensile test steel round specimens, ASTM E8/E8M, machined specimens	IV/2026	4 weeks	AS2609-RM: 450 €* AS2609-RU: 350 €* AS2609-RM and AS2609-RU: total 700 €*
	Alternate samples: <input type="checkbox"/>				
AS2609-RU	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tensile test steel round specimens, ASTM E8/E8M, unmachined specimens	IV/2026	4 weeks	
AS2609-RWM	Standard samples: <input type="checkbox"/>	Tensile test steel round specimens, 200°C ASTM E21, machined specimens	II/2026	4 weeks	
	Alternate samples: <input type="checkbox"/>				
AS2609-RWU	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tensile test steel round specimens, 200°C ASTM E21, unmachined specimens	II/2026	4 weeks	
AS2610FM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tensile test steel flat specimens, ASTM E8/E8M, 1-3 mm, machined specimens	IV/2026	4 weeks	AS2610FM: 330 €* AS2610FU: 285 €* AS2610FM and AS2610FU: total 550 €*
AS2610FU	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tensile test steel flat specimens, ASTM E8/E8M, 1-3 mm, unmachined specimens	IV/2026	4 weeks	
AS2610FDM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tensile test steel flat specimens, ASTM E8/E8M, 10-15 mm, machined specimens	III/2026	4 weeks	AS2610FDM: 380 €* AS2610FDU: 330 €* AS2610FDM and AS2610FDU: total 630 €*
AS2610FDU	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tensile test steel flat specimens, ASTM E8/E8M, 10-15 mm, unmachined specimens	III/2026	4 weeks	

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No.	please mark	Proficiency test	Expected Start (quarter/2026)	Return of the results	Participation fee
AS2611-LM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test low level, ASTM E23, machined specimens	IV/2026	4 weeks	1 level: total 310 € * 2 levels: total 490 € * 3 levels: total 660 € * 4 levels: total 800 € * 5 levels: total 950 € *
AS2611-LM -25°C	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test low level, ASTM E23, machined specimens, -25°C			
AS2611-MM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test average level, ASTM E23, machined specimens			
AS2611-HM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test high level, ASTM E23, machined specimens			
AS2611-SM	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test super high level, ASTM E23, machined specimens			
AS2611-LU	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test low level, ASTM E23, unmachined specimens	IV/2026	4 weeks	1 level: total 260 € * 2 levels: total 460 € * 3 levels: total 630 € * 4 levels: total 760 € * 5 levels: total 850 € *
AS2611-LU -25°C	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test low level, ASTM E23, unmachined specimens, -25°C			
AS2611-MU	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test average level, ASTM E23, unmachined specimens			
AS2611-HU	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test high level, ASTM E23, unmachined specimens			
AS2611-SU	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charpy impact test super high level, ASTM E23, unmachined specimens			

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The costs will be invoiced by Institut für Eignungsprüfung IfEP GmbH **in advance**. The total invoice amount is to be paid two weeks after receipt of the invoice, independent of the shipment of the specimens.

The organiser will charge 25 % of the fee if the registration is cancelled four weeks prior to the start of the proficiency test. For cancellations later than this, the full amount will be charged.

Company:				_____ Date / signature / stamp	
Department:					
Contact person:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	First name:	Surname:		
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ZIP Code:	City:	Country:	<input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> English		
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Necessary additional information (your order cannot be processed without this information): Your VAT identification number:					
Billing address (only if differing):			Delivery address (only if differing):		
Further invoice-details, e.g. cost unit:					
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