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Test report: Uptec Profilitec Trento, February 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

Applicant: Profilitec S.p.A.

Application: Specimen received at 28/01/2019

Material: Modular pedestals Uptec (SUPAL4-28/43) made of PP / 15% calcium

carbonate.

Required test: Uniaxial compression test at constant speed and measurement of the

compression load of the specimen and the displacement of the testing machine's crossbar at the break of the specimen. Moreover, the stiffness of the specimen was measured in the linear part of the load-

displacement curve.

Testing method: Compression tests were performed on 3 specimens for each sample.

The components of the pedestal had been assembled, the height of the specimen was regulated according to Table 1 and the 4 tabs on top

of the pedestal were removed before the test.

Specimens were placed on an aluminum plate provided by Profilitec S.p.A. with a tilt of 5%. Two screws had been used for the alignment of the pedestal inside the machine avoiding any possible misalignments.

The upper plate was a circular and flat one provided by Instron.

An electro-mechanical testing machine, Instron 5969, was employed to perform uniaxial compression tests under displacement control. Load was applied with a constant displacement rate of 1.67 10<sup>-4</sup> m/s. Test was stopped when a sharp load drop was measured that indicated the breakage of the pedestal. A load cell with a load capacity of 50 kN was employed to measure and record the force during the test.

Stiffness of the specimens was calculated in the linear part of the loaddisplacement curve, in particular, it was taken in account the part of the

curve between 2.5 kN and 5 kN.

Test activities were carried out on January 28th, 2019. Tests were done

at 21°C and a humidity level of 20%.



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Table 1. Sample identification.

Test	Model	N° tests	H (mm - inches)	Head	Plate	T (°C)	Speed (mm/min)
C10	SUPAL4-28/43	3	43 – 1-11/16	Loose	Tilted	21	10

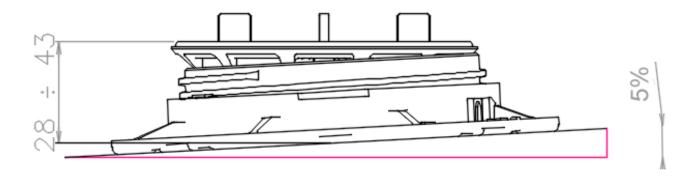


Figure 1. Specimen configuration for C10.



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#### Test results:

Table 2. Test results for sample C10.

Specimen	Stiffness (2.5-5kN) (kN/mm)	Load at break (kN)	Load at break (lbF)	Displacement at break (mm)
C10_1	6.31 ± 0.01	13.74	3088.87	4.39
C10_2	$6.31 \pm 0.02$	14.21	3194.54	5.05
C10_3	$6.39 \pm 0.02$	13.85	3113.60	4.39
Mean	6.34 ± 0.05	13.93 ± 0.24	3131.59 ± 211	4.61 ± 0.38

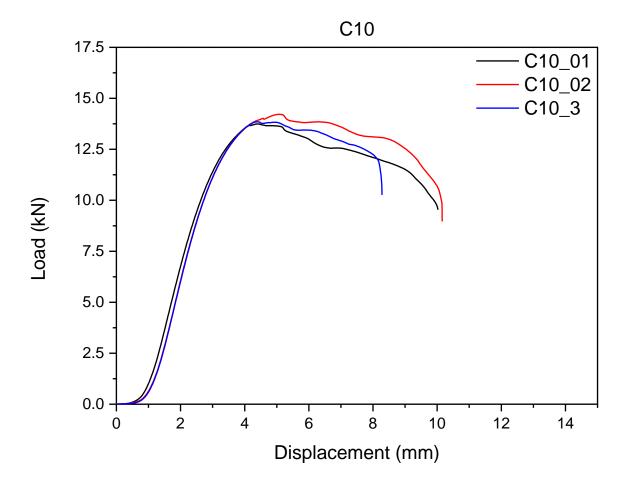


Figure 2. Load - displacement curves for sample C10.