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Method 1: Test method (ISO 6506-1:2005, MOD)**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MT-006, Mechanical Testing of Metals to supersede AS 1816.1—2002, *Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test*, Method 1: *Test method*.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and is reproduced from ISO 6506-1:2005, *Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test*, Part 1: *Test method*.

Variations to the ISO text for Australia are set out in Appendix ZZ. Changes to the ISO text are indicated by a marginal bar.

This Standard modifies ISO 6506-1 to conform with established Australian practices for hardness testing.

This Standard is one of a series of Standards covering the range of hardness testing methods. The series comprises of the follow:

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1815 Metallic materials—Rockwell hardness test

1815.1 Method 1: Test method (scales A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, N, T)

1815.2 Method 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines (scales A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, N, T)

1815.3 Method 3: Calibration of reference blocks (scales A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, N, T) (ISO 6508-3:2005, MOD)

1816 Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test

1816.1 Method 1: Test method (ISO 6506-1:2005, MOD) (this Standard)

1816.2 Method 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines

1816.3 Method 3: Calibration of reference blocks

1816.4 Method 4: Table of hardness values

1817 Metallic materials—Vickers hardness test

1817.1 Method 1: Test methods (ISO 6507-1:1994, MOD)

1817.2 Method 2: Verification of testing machines

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<i>Reference to International Standard</i>	<i>Australian Standard</i>
ISO	AS
4498 Sintered metal materials, excluding hardmetals—Determination of apparent hardness	—
4498-1 Part 1: Materials of essentially uniform section hardness	
6506 Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test	1816 Metallic materials—Brinell hardness test
6506-2 Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines	1816.2 Method 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines
6506-4 Part 4: Table of hardness values	1816.4 Method 4: Table of hardness values

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## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 6506 specifies the method for the Brinell hardness test for metallic materials and is applicable up to the limit of 650 HBW.

For specific materials and/or products, particular International Standards exist (i.e. ISO 4498-1).

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4498-1, *Sintered metal materials, excluding hard metals — Determination of apparent hardness — Part 1: Materials of essentially uniform section hardness*

ISO 6506-2:2005, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines*

ISO 6506-4, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 4: Table of hardness values*

## 3 Principle

An indenter (hardmetal ball with diameter  $D$ ) is forced into the surface of a test piece and, after removal of the force  $F$ , the diameter of the indentation  $d$  left in the surface is measured.

The Brinell hardness is proportional to the quotient obtained by dividing the test force by the curved surface area of the indentation. The indentation is assumed to retain the shape of the ball, and its surface area is calculated from the mean indentation diameter and the ball diameter.