Torsion Testers
For maximum versatility and capability, Tinius Olsen offers a full range of torsion testing machines in capacities from 10,000 to 300,000 in.lbf or kg.cm (1,000 to 30,000 N.m). Higher capacity and other longer length models are available upon request.

These uniquely superior torsion testers provide loading and weighing capabilities in both directions of rotation. This feature makes it possible to conveniently determine not only the ultimate torque of a specimen, but also how that specimen behaves under conditions of continuous or intermittent torque loading in both directions.

Essentially, each torsion tester comprises a variable speed drive loading system and a digital control and indicating system in a fixed section of the machine. The weighing head with its strain gage torque sensor is mounted on a movable section that can be positioned on rails to accommodate specimens of varying lengths.

Our 10,000 in.lbf (1,000 N.m) torsion tester is bench mountable and the moveable section slides on a guide rail.

All other models are floor based and are furnished with heavy duty slotted steel bed rails that are normally embedded in, or secured to, a concrete foundation to assure maximum rigidity and accessibility. The moveable section on these higher capacity machines is mounted on four rollers that glide along these slotted rails and allow rapid positioning. Additionally, these rollers allow the moveable unit to compensate for any changes in specimen length during loading. The standard maximum distance between chucks is 7 ft (approx 2.1 m); however, other lengths can be provided.

All torsion testers feature our patented bi-directional grips, which assure slip-free specimen clamping regardless of the twist direction. With these precision machined universal grips, loads can be applied in both directions without changing grips.

The rugged, electromechanical loading system employs a gear reduction system coupled directly to a variable speed drive motor. This reversible loading system provides positive, infinitely variable testing speeds from 0.5P to 180P per minute in either direction (the 10,000 in.lbf model has a testing speed range from 0.5P to 360P per minute in either direction). As the load increases, more power is delivered to the twisting head to apply increasing torque to the specimen to maintain the preselected twisting rate.

No system would be complete without controlling software and data analysis of the resultant data. Our Horizon software allows complete machine control along with capture and analysis of the resultant torsional test data, showing the material behaviour throughout the test.

![Fig 1. 200,000 in.lbf torsion tester for testing samples that are up to 7 ft long and 5 in diameter (2.1 m long and 125 mm diameter). The machine is shown with the optional PC based software.](image1)

![Fig 2. Bench mounted 10,000 in.lbf machine.](image2)
Technical Specifications

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Specifications

**Torque Measurement Accuracy:** +/- 0.5% of indicated torque from 0.2% to 100% capacity

**Position Measurement Accuracy:** +/- 0.1% of reading or 0.05° whichever is greater

**Speed Accuracy:** +/- 0.1% of set speed

**Operating Temperature Range:** 32 to 100°F (0 to 38°C)

**Storage Temperature Range:** 14 to 115°F (-10 to 45°C)

**Humidity Range:** 10% to 90% non-condensing, wet bulb method

**Power:** standard optional voltages 220/240 VAC, 50–60 Hz; power must be free of spikes and surges exceeding 10% of the nominal voltage

Notes: 1. Specifications subject to change without notice.

**Optional Features:** Torsional pickups can be fitted directly to the sample for exact measurement of the angle of twist.

Fig 3, 4 and 5. Test in progress on the 10,000 in.lbf model with a painted sample rod of steel.

Fig 6. Samples are easily mounted in the patented bi-directional grips.
Tinius Olsen has built upon its long history of providing solutions to an enormous variety of testing problems to develop Horizon, a comprehensive software program that makes testing simple, precise, and efficient. Whether the test sample is metal, paper, composite, polymer, rubber, textile, or a micro component, Tinius Olsen’s Horizon software goes far beyond data collection and presentation. It will help you automate your operations, from R&D to the charting and analysis of QC testing. Horizon provides a library of standard, specific, and application-focused test routines that have been developed in close cooperation with our customers around the world and to the standards they are using.

Among the many valuable features offered by Horizon are: a test routine library; simultaneous multiple machine control; test, output, method, and result editors; and multilayered security. This software is designed for data acquisition, data analysis, and closed loop control of nearly all Tinius Olsen testing machines.

Horizon also includes the following:
- Generation of user customized reports
- Standard SPC programs for X-bar, R, and frequency distributions/histograms
- Ability to recall, replot and rescale test curves
- Recall of data that spans different test modules
- User-configurable machine parameter and control settings
- Multilingual capabilities

Horizon is rich with capabilities that improve productivity and enable you to build, access, and use a modern, powerful materials testing database. It employs the latest Windows environments to create an intuitive user experience. Built-in tutorials, on-line help, and help desk access provide additional user support.

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