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The Thirteenth Symposium on Composite Materials: Testing and Design was held 20–21 May 1996 in Orlando, Florida. This symposium, like many of its predecessors, provided a forum for presentations and discussions of issues critical to the design and testing of composite materials. The papers addressed topics in the areas of composite design, interlaminar fracture mechanics, compression testing, metal matrix and ceramic matrix composites, shear testing, and environmental effects.

The lasting value of the STP is due to the fundamental research lead which provides the basis for improvements in testing and design methods. This theme, which has prevailed since the earliest Testing and Design Symposia, is motivated by the fact that our ability to design composite structures is limited by our understanding of their failures. Investigations at the coupon level often represent the most effective approach to solving these problems.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the authors, reviewers, session chairmen, and ASTM staff who made this special technical publication possible.

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