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Universal Testing Machine (UTM)

Photo of Instrument:

Instrument Name	Universal Testing Machine (UTM)				
Instrument Model & Serial No.	AG-X plus 10kN				
Instrument Make	SHIMADZU				
Category of Instrument	Mechanical Testing equipment's				
Description of Instrument	These machines are used to test the mechanical properties of materials.				
Instrument Technical Description and	Technical Description				
Major Specifications (This Specifications	Frame: UTM typically consists of a sturdy rame that houses the components responsible or applying and measuring forces.				
Limited to Major 5)	*Load Cell: It incorporates a load cell or force transducer to measure the applied force accurately. *Crosshead: The crosshead moves vertically to apply tension or compression to the test specimen. *Control System: It includes a control system that regulates the test parameters such as load rate, displacement rate, and test duration.				

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	Specifications			
	*Test Modes: They support various test modes such as tension, compression, tear, and shear testing. *Accuracy: UTMs provide precise and accurate measurements of force, displacement, and strain. *Speed Range: They offer adjustable speed ranges for applying force or displacement at different rates, typically from very slow to high speeds. *Safety Features: UTMs include safety features such as overload protection, emergency stop buttons, and interlocks to ensure operator safety.			
Application of Instrument (Limited to	* Material Testing			
	* Quality Control			
Major 4 or 5)	* Research and Development			
	* Failure Analysis.			
Type of Sample Required for	* Quality Assurance Solid samples such as Metallic sample,			
Analysis/Testing (Quantity, Pre-	Polymeric samples, Composite samples,			
Preparation, State etc.)	Ceramic samples and Textile samples.			
Guidelines for Sample Submission –	For each sample 3 specimens are required for			
User Instructions	testing.			
	Dimensions: Length, width, thickness, and			
	diameter are common dimensions specified			
	for samples.			
	Alignment and Orientation: For tests such			
	as tensile or compression tests, the alignment			
	and orientation of the sample are crucial.			
Types of Analysis/Testing	Tensile Testing, Compression Testing,			
	Shear Testing, Peel Testing, Tear Testing and			
	Fatigue Testing			
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Location of Instrument	Instrumentation Lab
Other Details	

User Charges:

S.NO.	Type of Analysis/Testin g	Internal - within Departmen t of NITC	Internal - Other Department s NITC	External Academic Educational Institutes	National Labs	Industry
1	Tensile Testing		250	500	500	1000
2	Compression Testing		250	500	500	1000

Slot Booking and Payment Work Flow:

- Discuss the slot availability with the technical staff in the instrumentation lab of chemical engineering department.
- Collect the request form.
- Payment should be at the accounts section of the institute.
- Get the request form signed from the faculty in charge.
- Submit the request form and samples in the instrumentation lab.