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### Abstract

Mechanical properties of unidirectional (UD) and woven fabric glass/epoxy composites under off-axis tensile loading were experimentally investigated. A number of off-axis tests considering different fibre orientations were performed to study the character and failure mechanisms of the composite laminates. The experimental results indicated that both off-axis elastic moduli and strength degrade with increasing off-axis angle in all cases, and the woven fabric composites present nonlinear stress-strain behaviour under off-axial tension loading. The Tsai-Wu criteria used for failure analysis of the UD and woven fabric composites were compared and discussed, especially considering different values of interaction coefficient  $F_{12}$ . The prediction results demonstrated that the Tsai-Wu criterion can be used successfully to analyse failure properties of the woven fabric composites under multiaxial stress conditions, where the criterion with the modified coefficient  $F_{12}$  obtained from the 45° off-axial tension tests is better and has higher accuracy. Finally, the specific failure modes were compared in Download English Version:

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