ABB’s L&W Tearing Tester measures the tearing resistance of paper and paperboard, an important determining factor of toughness and runnability. It offers mills the best features for automation, digitalization, and operator safety, as well as a global support network, providing an easy-to-use system with accurate and repeatable results.

Overview
ABB’s L&W Tearing Tester uses the tearing principle according to the Elmendorf method, which is the classical method to measure tearing resistance in paper. The instrument now offers several enhanced features for automatic, easy and safe operation to get more tests done – faster.

Features
- Intuitive touchscreen with user-friendly interface
- One pendulum with interchangeable weights enhances working range and ease of operation
- Two-hand operation for operator safety
- Pendulum swing path safety guard
- Automatic clamping and notch cutting of test piece
- Automatic pendulum release, catch and retraction
- Easy instrument check and calibration from touchscreen using provided check weights
- Connectivity to L&W Lab Management System
- Ethernet connection

Benefits
- Easy-to-use
- Enhanced safety
- Reliable, operator-independent results
- Faster and streamlined operations across different paper grades

Increased focus on safety
The test method requires a pendulum to further tear a pre-cut sample. Now, operators are better protected with two-hand operation requirement, which keeps the operator away from the pendulum and knife during operation and pendulum swing path safety guard to protect the operator from the path of the pendulum swing. This minimizes the risk of injury without interrupting the swing or slowing down the test.

Enhanced automation
The L&W Tearing Tester handles most of the work with limited operator involvement. The instrument automatically clamps the sample and cuts a notch with an interior knife before the pendulum releases. The pendulum is programmed to release after the cut for the start of test. After measurement, the pendulum is automatically caught and retracted to the start position. All contribute to making results accurate and precise, regardless of operator.
Operator friendly
The easy-to-use touchscreen has intuitive menus and a user-friendly interface, removing the need for external PC connections. The touchscreen has a protective surface for easy cleaning and durability, with fast response and high resolution. Users can expedite testing by creating their own testing program with predefined settings as well as perform checks and calibrations directly from the screen.

Easy adaptability for different paper grades
Interchangeable weights increase the working range of the instrument without much operator effort. Instead of changing pendulums when results are outside of the capacity, now operators can quickly and easily add or remove weights to the existing pendulum.

Global service with a local touch
As a global supplier with local service organizations in all markets, ABB is the worldwide technical support market leader for paper testing, including both calibration and maintenance services. We provide specialized testing using L&W-specific calibration devices that are regularly certified with traceable calibration from global certification institutes.

About the measurement
The mean force required to continue the tearing of an initial cut in a single sheet of paper is expressed as the internal tearing resistance. If the initial slit is made in the machine direction, the result is given as machine direction tearing resistance and similarly for the cross-machine direction (ISO 1974).

Why measure tearing resistance?
Tearing resistance depends on many factors: fiber strength, fiber length, degree of bonding between fibers and more. Measurement results can be used to understand the toughness of products – especially important for wrapping paper and sack – as well as help mills characterize pulp and determine if refining and reinforcement fibers are optimized.