Scope		Photoelasticity – determination of the model constant					
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1. Principle

A simply supported beam is loaded with two concentrated forces (4-point bending). The exercise consists in determining the model constant based on the measurement of the isochromes distribution at the height of the beam.

2. Test stand



- 3. Course of the exercise
 - turn on the monochromatic light source,
 - use the dynamometer to induce displacement d (d < 4.283 mm),
 - calculate the value of the exciting force F using the table below,

<i>d</i> [mm]	0	0.394	0.798	1.210	1.631	2.059	2.493	2.934	3.379	3.829	4.283
<i>F</i> [N]	0	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500

- determine the positions of isochromes,

- determine the position of the isochromes relative to the main axis of the beam cross-section,
- determine the theoretical difference in principal stresses for each isochrome position,
- determine the model constant.

Measurement and calculation results:

Isochrome number <i>m</i>	Isochrome position [mm]	The isochrome position relative to the main axis of the beam cross-section [mm]

Note: the report should show how the calculations were performed (equation, data substitution, result, units).