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Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) — Test method for fracture resistance of monolithic ceramics at room temperature by indentation fracture (IF) method

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