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Standard Specification for Ultrasonic Angle-Beam Examination of Steel Plates¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification² covers an ultrasonic angle-beam procedure and acceptance standards for the detection of internal discontinuities not laminar in nature and of surface imperfections in a steel plate. This specification is intended for use only as a supplement to specifications which provide straight-beam ultrasonic examination.

NOTE 1—An internal discontinuity that is laminar in nature is one whose principal plane is parallel to the principal plane of the plate.

1.2 Individuals performing examinations in accordance with this specification shall be qualified and certified in accordance with the requirements of the latest edition of ASNT SNT-TC-1A or an equivalent accepted standard. An equivalent standard is one which covers the qualification and certification of ultrasonic nondestructive examination candidates and which is acceptable to the purchaser.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.11 on Steel Plates for Boilers and Pressure Vessels.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SA-577/SA-577M in Section II of that Code.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

E317 Practice for Evaluating Performance Characteristics of Ultrasonic Pulse-Echo Testing Instruments and Systems without the Use of Electronic Measurement Instruments
E1316 Terminology for Nondestructive Examinations
E2491 Guide for Evaluating Performance Characteristics of Phased-Array Ultrasonic Testing Instruments and Systems

2.2 ASNT Standards:⁴

SNT-TC-1A Recommended Practice for Personnel Qualification and Certification in Nondestructive Testing

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms relating to nondestructive examinations used in this specification, refer to Terminology E1316.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 The inquiry and order shall indicate any additions to the provisions of this specification as prescribed in 12.1.

5. Examination Conditions

5.1 The examination shall be conducted in an area free of operations that interfere with proper performance of the examination.

5.2 The surface of the plate shall be conditioned as necessary to provide a clear, easily interpreted A-scan on the screen of the ultrasonic instrument. Any specified identification which is removed to achieve proper surface smoothness shall be restored.

6. Apparatus

6.1 Ultrasonic Instruments:

6.1.1 The ultrasonic instrument shall be a pulse echo type instrument capable of addressing either a mono-element probe

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

⁴ Available from American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT), P.O. Box 28518, 1711 Arlingate Ln., Columbus, OH 43228-0518, http://www.asnt.org.