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- *Part 1: General principles for selection of cracking-resistant materials*
- *Part 2: Cracking-resistant carbon and low alloy steels, and the use of cast irons*
- *Part 3: Cracking-resistant CRAs (corrosion-resistant alloys) and other alloys*

Introduction

The consequences of sudden failures of metallic oil and gas field components, associated with their exposure to H₂S-containing production fluids, led to the preparation of the first edition of NACE MR0175, which was published in 1975 by the National Association of Corrosion Engineers, now known as NACE International.

The original and subsequent editions of NACE MR0175 established limits of H₂S partial pressure above which precautions against sulfide stress-cracking (SSC) were always considered necessary. They also provided guidance for the selection and specification of SSC-resistant materials when the H₂S thresholds were exceeded. In more recent editions, NACE MR0175 has also provided application limits for some corrosion-resistant alloys, in terms of environmental composition and pH, temperature and H₂S partial pressures. NACE MR0175 is complemented by NACE TM0177-96 and NACE TM0284 test methods.

In separate developments, the European Federation of Corrosion issued EFC Publication 16 in 1995 and EFC Publication 17 in 1996. These documents are generally complementary to those of NACE though they differ in scope and detail.

This part of ISO 15156 utilizes the above sources to provide requirements and recommendations for materials qualification and selection for application in environments containing wet H₂S in oil and gas production systems.

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WARNING — Carbon and low alloy steels and cast irons selected using this part of ISO 15156 are resistant to cracking in defined H₂S-containing environments in oil and gas production but not necessarily immune to cracking under all service conditions. It is the equipment user's responsibility to select the carbon and low alloy steels and cast irons suitable for the intended service.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 15156 gives requirements and recommendations for the selection and qualification of carbon and low alloy steels for service in equipment, used in oil and natural gas production and natural gas treatment plants in H₂S-containing environments, whose failure could pose a risk to the health and safety of the public and personnel or to the environment. It can be applied to help to avoid costly corrosion damage to the equipment itself. It supplements, but does not replace, the materials' requirements of the appropriate design codes, standards or regulations.

This part of ISO 15156 addresses the resistance of these steels to damage that may be caused by sulfide stress-cracking (SSC) and the related phenomena of stress-oriented hydrogen-induced cracking (SOHIC) and soft-zone cracking (SZC).

This part of ISO 15156 also addresses the resistance of these steels to hydrogen-induced cracking (HIC) and its possible development into stepwise cracking (SWC).

This part of ISO 15156 is only concerned with cracking. Loss of material by general (mass loss) or localized corrosion is not addressed.

Table 1 provides a non-exhaustive list of equipment to which this part of ISO 15156 is applicable, including permitted exclusions.

This part of ISO 15156 applies to the qualification and selection of materials for equipment designed and constructed using conventional elastic design criteria. For designs utilizing plastic criteria (e.g. strain-based and limit-state designs), see ISO 15156-1:2001, Clause 5.

Annex A lists SSC-resistant carbon and low alloy steels, and A.2.4 includes requirements for the use of cast irons.

This part of ISO 15156 is not necessarily suitable for application to equipment used in refining or downstream processes and equipment.

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Table 1 — List of equipment

ISO 15156 is applicable to materials used for the following equipment	Permitted exclusions
Drilling, well construction and well-servicing equipment	Equipment only exposed to drilling fluids of controlled composition ^a Drill bits Blowout Preventer (BOP) shear blades ^b Drilling riser systems Work strings Wireline and wireline equipment ^c Surface and intermediate casing
Wells, including subsurface equipment, gas lift equipment, wellheads and christmas trees	Sucker rod pumps and sucker rods ^d Electric submersible pumps Other artificial lift equipment Slips
Flow-lines, gathering lines, field facilities and field processing plants	Crude oil storage and handling facilities operating at a total absolute pressure below 0,45 MPa (65 psi)
Water-handling equipment	Water-handling facilities operating at a total absolute pressure below 0,45 MPa (65 psi)
Natural gas treatment plants	
Transportation pipelines for liquids, gases and multiphase fluids	Lines handling gas prepared for general commercial and domestic use
For all equipment above	Components loaded only in compression
^a See A.2.3.2.3 for more information.	
^b See A.2.3.2.1 for more information.	
^c Wireline lubricators and lubricator connecting devices are not permitted exclusions.	
^d For sucker rod pumps and sucker rods, reference can be made to NACE MR0176.	

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 1: Test method (scales A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, N, T)*

ISO 6892, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing at ambient temperature*

ISO 10423, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Drilling and production equipment — Wellhead and christmas tree equipment*

ISO 15156-1:2001, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Materials for use in H₂S-containing environments in oil and gas production — Part 1: General principles for selection of cracking-resistant materials*

NACE TM0177-96¹⁾, *Laboratory testing of metals for resistance to sulfide stress cracking and stress corrosion cracking in H₂S environments*

NACE TM0284, *Evaluation of pipeline and pressure vessel steels for resistance to hydrogen-induced cracking*

EFC Publications Number 16²⁾, *Guidelines on materials requirements for carbon and low alloy steels for H₂S-containing environments in oil and gas production*

SAE AMS-S-13165³⁾, *Shot peening of metal parts*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15156-1 and the following apply.

3.1

Brinell hardness

HBW

hardness value, measured in accordance with ISO 6506-1, normally using a 10-mm diameter tungsten ball and a force of 29,42 kN

3.2

bubble-point pressure

p_B

pressure under which gas bubbles will form in a liquid at a particular operating temperature

NOTE See C.2.

3.3

burnish

process of smoothing surfaces using frictional contact between the material and some other hard pieces of material, such as hardened steel balls

3.4

casting

metal that is obtained at or near its finished shape by the solidification of molten metal in a mould

3.5

cast iron

iron-carbon alloy containing approximately 2 % to 4 % carbon

3.5.1

grey cast iron

cast iron that displays a grey fracture surface due to the presence of flake graphite

3.5.2

white cast iron

cast iron that displays a white fracture surface due to the presence of cementite

1) NACE International, P.O. Box 2183140, Houston, Texas 77218-8340, USA

2) European Federation of Corrosion, available from The Institute of Materials, 1 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DB, UK [ISBN 0-901716-95-2]

3) Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001 USA

ISO 15156-2:2003(E)**3.5.3****malleable cast iron**

white cast iron that is thermally treated to convert most or all of the cementite to graphite (temper carbon)

3.5.4**ductile cast iron**

nodular cast iron

cast iron that has been treated while molten with an element (usually magnesium or cerium) that spheroidizes the graphite

3.6**cementite**

microstructural constituent of steels composed principally of iron carbide (Fe_3C)

3.7**cold working**

cold deforming

cold forging

cold forming

deforming metal plastically under conditions of temperature and strain rate that induce strain-hardening, usually, but not necessarily, conducted at room temperature

3.8**fitness-for-purpose**

suitability for use under the expected service conditions

3.9**free-machining steel**

steel to which elements such as sulfur, selenium and lead have been added intentionally to improve machineability

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3.10**lower critical temperature**

temperature of a ferrous metal at which austenite begins to form during heating or at which the transformation of austenite is completed during cooling

3.11**nitriding**

case-hardening process in which nitrogen is introduced into the surface of metallic materials (most commonly ferrous alloys)

EXAMPLES Liquid nitriding, gas nitriding, ion nitriding and plasma nitriding.

3.12**normalizing**

heating a ferrous metal to a suitable temperature above the transformation range (austenitizing), holding at temperature for a suitable time and then cooling in still air (or protective atmosphere) to a temperature substantially below the transformation range

3.13**plastically deformed**

permanently deformed by stressing beyond the limit of elasticity, i.e. the limit of proportionality of stress to strain

3.14**pressure-containing parts**

those parts whose failure to function as intended would result in a release of retained fluid to the atmosphere

NOTE Examples are valve bodies, bonnets and stems.

3.15**quenched and tempered**

quench hardened and then tempered

3.16**Rockwell C hardness****HRC**

hardness value, measured in accordance with ISO 6508, obtained using a diamond cone indenter and a force of 1 471 N

3.17**shot peening**

inducing compressive stresses in the surface layer of a material by bombarding it with a selected medium (usually round steel shot) under controlled conditions

3.18**stress relieving**

heating a metal to a suitable temperature, holding at that temperature long enough to reduce residual stresses, and then cooling slowly enough to minimize the development of new residual stresses

3.19**tempering**

heat treatment by heating to a temperature below the lower critical temperature, for the purpose of decreasing the hardness and increasing the toughness of hardened steel, hardened cast iron and, sometimes, normalized steel

3.20**tensile strength**

ultimate strength

ratio of maximum load to original cross-sectional area

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3.21**test batch**

group of items representing a production batch whose conformity with a specified requirement can be determined by testing representative samples in accordance with a defined procedure

3.22**tubular component**

cylindrical component (pipe) having a longitudinal hole, used in drilling/production operations for conveying fluids

3.23**Vickers hardness****HV**

hardness value, measured in accordance with ISO 6507-1, obtained using a diamond pyramid indenter and one of a variety of possible applied loads

3.24**weldment**

that portion of a component on which welding has been performed, including the weld metal, the heat-affected zone (HAZ), and the adjacent parent metal

3.25**weld metal**

that portion of a weldment that has been molten during welding