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## Foreword

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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 H<sub>2</sub>S-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 H<sub>2</sub>S 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 H<sub>2</sub>S 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 H<sub>2</sub>S 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 Number 16 in 1995 and EFC Publication Number 17 in 1996. These documents are generally complementary to those of NACE, though they differ in scope and detail.

This part of ISO 15156 utilises the above sources to provide requirements and recommendations for materials qualification and selection for application in environments containing wet H<sub>2</sub>S in oil and gas production systems.

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Changes will be incorporated into this International Standard by amendments or revisions in accordance with *Interpretation and maintenance of ISO 15156* by ISO/TC 67/WG 7, copies of which can be obtained from the ISO/TC 67 Secretariat. Experts from both NACE and EFC are members of ISO/TC 67/WG 7.

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## Part 3: Cracking-resistant CRAs (corrosion-resistant alloys) and other alloys

**WARNING — CRAs (corrosion-resistant alloys) and other alloys selected using this part of ISO 15156 are resistant to cracking in defined H<sub>2</sub>S-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 CRAs and other alloys suitable for the intended service.**

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15156 gives requirements and recommendations for the selection and qualification of CRAs (corrosion-resistant alloys) and other alloys for service in equipment, used in oil and natural gas production and natural gas treatment plants in H<sub>2</sub>S-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 materials to damage that may be caused by sulfide stress-cracking (SSC), stress-corrosion cracking (SCC) and galvanically-induced hydrogen stress-cracking (GHSC).

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.

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 <sup>a</sup> Drill bits Blowout Preventer (BOP) shear blades <sup>b</sup> Drilling riser systems Work strings Wireline and wireline equipment <sup>c</sup> Surface and intermediate casing
Wells, including subsurface equipment, gas lift equipment, wellheads and christmas trees	Sucker rod pumps and sucker rods <sup>d</sup> 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
<sup>a</sup> See ISO 15156-2:2003, A.2.3.2.3 for more information.	
<sup>b</sup> See ISO 15156-2:2003, A.2.3.2.1 for more information.	
<sup>c</sup> Wireline lubricators and lubricator connecting devices are not permitted exclusions.	
<sup>d</sup> 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 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — 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 11960, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Steel pipes for use as casing or tubing for wells*

ISO 15156-1:2001, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Materials for use in H<sub>2</sub>S-containing environments in oil and gas production — Part 1: General principles for selection of cracking-resistant materials*

ISO 15156-2:2003, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Materials for use in H<sub>2</sub>S-containing environments in oil and gas production — Part 2: Cracking-resistant carbon and low alloy steels, and the use of cast irons*

ASTM A 747/A 747M<sup>1)</sup>, *Standard specification for steel castings, stainless, precipitation hardening*

EFC Publications Number 17<sup>2)</sup>, *Corrosion resistant alloys for oil and gas production: guidelines on general requirements and test methods for H<sub>2</sub>S in service*

NACE CORROSION/95<sup>3)</sup>, Paper 47, (Houston), 1995, *Test methodology for elemental sulfur-resistant advanced materials for oil and gas field equipment*, by G. Steinbeck, W. Bruckhoff, M. Köhler, H. Schlerkmann, G. Schmitt

NACE TM0177-96, *Laboratory testing of metals for resistance to sulfide stress cracking and stress corrosion cracking in H<sub>2</sub>S environments*

SAE<sup>4)</sup> – ASTM, *Metals and alloys in the Unified Numbering System*, ISBN 0-7680-04074

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15156-1 and ISO 15156-2 and the following apply.

#### 3.1 ageing

change in metallurgical properties that generally occurs slowly at room temperature (natural ageing) and more rapidly at higher temperature (artificial ageing)

#### 3.2 anneal

heat to and hold at a temperature appropriate for the specific material and then cool at a suitable rate, for such purposes as reducing hardness, improving machineability, or obtaining desired properties

#### 3.3 austenite

face-centred cubic crystalline phase of iron-base alloys

#### 3.4 duplex stainless steel

austenitic/ferritic stainless steel

stainless steel whose microstructure at room temperature consists primarily of a mixture of austenite and ferrite

#### 3.5 ferrite

body-centred cubic crystalline phase of iron-base alloys

1) ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, PO Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, USA

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

3) NACE International, P.O. Box 2183140, Houston, TX 77218-8340, USA

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

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- 3.6**  
**ferritic stainless steel**  
stainless steel whose microstructure, at room temperature, consists predominantly of ferrite
- 3.7**  
**galvanically-induced hydrogen stress-cracking**  
**GHSC**  
cracking that results due to the presence of hydrogen in a metal, induced in the cathode of a galvanic couple, and tensile stress (residual and/or applied)
- 3.8**  
**martensite**  
hard, supersaturated solid solution of carbon in iron characterized by an acicular (needle-like) microstructure
- 3.9**  
**martensitic steel**  
steel in which a microstructure of martensite can be attained by quenching at a cooling rate fast enough to avoid the formation of other microstructures
- 3.10**  
**pitting resistance equivalent number**  
**PREN**  
 $F_{PREN}$   
number, developed to reflect and predict the pitting resistance of a CRA, based upon the proportions of Cr, Mo, W and N in the chemical composition of the alloy
- NOTE See 6.3 for further information.
- 3.11**  
**solid solution**  
single crystalline phase containing two or more elements
- 3.12**  
**stainless steel**  
steel containing 10,5 % or more chromium, possibly with other elements added to secure special properties

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**4 Symbols and abbreviated terms**

For the purposes of this document, the symbols and abbreviated terms shown in ISO 15156-1 and ISO 15156-2 apply, some of which are repeated for the purpose of convenience, together with the following:

AYS	actual yield strength
CRA	corrosion-resistant alloy
HBW	Brinell hardness
HRB	Rockwell hardness (scale B)
HRC	Rockwell hardness (scale C)
$p_{CO_2}$	partial pressure of CO <sub>2</sub>
$p_{H_2S}$	partial pressure of H <sub>2</sub> S
PWHT	post-weld heat treatment

S <sup>0</sup>	elemental sulfur
RSRT	rippled strain rate test
SSRT	slow strain rate test
UNS	unified (alloy) numbering system

## 5 Factors affecting the cracking resistance of CRAs and other alloys in H<sub>2</sub>S-containing environments

The cracking behavior of CRAs and other alloys in H<sub>2</sub>S-containing environments can be affected by complex interactions of parameters, including the following:

- chemical composition, strength, heat treatment, microstructure, method of manufacture and finished condition of the material;
- H<sub>2</sub>S partial pressure or equivalent dissolved concentration in the water phase;
- acidity (*in situ* pH) of the water phase;
- chloride or other halide ion concentration;
- presence of oxygen, sulfur or other oxidants;
- exposure temperature;
- pitting resistance of the material in the service environment;
- galvanic effects;
- total tensile stress (applied plus residual);
- exposure time.

These factors shall be considered when using this part of ISO 15156 for the selection of materials suitable for environments containing H<sub>2</sub>S in oil and gas production systems.

## 6 Qualification and selection of CRAs and other alloys with respect to SSC, SCC and GHSC in H<sub>2</sub>S-containing environments

### 6.1 General

CRAs and other alloys shall be selected for their resistance to SSC, SCC and/or GHSC as required by the intended service.

Compliance of a CRA or other alloy with this part of ISO 15156 implies cracking resistance within defined environmental service limits. These limits are dependent on the material type or the individual alloy.

To enable qualification and/or selection of CRAs and other alloys, the equipment purchaser may be required to provide information on the proposed conditions of exposure to the equipment supplier.

In defining the severity of H<sub>2</sub>S-containing environments, exposures that might occur during system upsets or shutdowns, etc. shall also be considered. Such exposures can include unbuffered, low pH, condensed water