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Foreword

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ISO 5817 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 44, *Welding and allied processes*, Subcommittee SC 10, *Unification of requirements in the field of metal welding*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 5817:1992), which has been technically revised.

Extensive editorial and technical changes have been made throughout this corrected version. For example, the first paragraph of the Scope has been modified.

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Introduction

This International Standard should be used as a reference in the drafting of application codes and/or other application standards. It contains a simplified selection of fusion weld imperfections based on the designations given in ISO 6520-1.

Some of the imperfections described in ISO 6520-1 have been used directly and some have been grouped together. The basic numerical referencing system from ISO 6520-1 has been used.

The purpose of this International Standard is to define dimensions of typical imperfections which might be expected in normal fabrication. It may be used within a quality system for the production of welded joints. It provides three sets of dimensional values from which a selection can be made for a particular application. The quality level necessary in each case should be defined by the application standard or the responsible designer in conjunction with the manufacturer, user and/or other parties concerned. The quality level shall be prescribed before the start of production, preferably at the enquiry or order stage. For special purposes, additional details may be prescribed.

The quality levels given in this International Standard provide basic reference data and are not specifically related to any particular application. They refer to types of welded joint in fabrication and not to the complete product or component itself. It is possible, therefore, that different quality levels are applied to individual welded joints in the same product or component.

It would normally be expected that for a particular welded joint the dimensional limits for imperfections could all be covered by specifying one quality level. In some cases, it may be necessary to specify different quality levels for different imperfections in the same welded joint.

The choice of quality level for any application should take account of design considerations, subsequent processing (e.g. surfacing), mode of stressing (e.g. static, dynamic), service conditions (e.g. temperature, environment) and consequences of failure. Economic factors are also important and should include not only the cost of welding but also of inspection, test and repair.

Although this International Standard includes types of imperfection relevant to the fusion welding processes listed in Clause 1, only those which are applicable to the process and application in question need to be considered.

Imperfections are quoted in terms of their actual dimensions, and their detection and evaluation may require the use of one or more methods of non-destructive testing. The detection and sizing of imperfections is dependent on the inspection methods and the extent of testing specified in the application standard or contract.

This International Standard does not address the methods used for the detection of imperfections. However, ISO 17635 contains a correlation between the quality level and acceptance level for different NDT methods.

This International Standard is directly applicable to visual testing of welds and does not include details of recommended methods of detection or sizing by non-destructive means. It should be considered that there are difficulties in using these limits to establish appropriate criteria applicable to non-destructive testing methods such as ultrasonic, radiographic, eddy current, penetrate, magnetic particle testing and may need to be supplemented by requirements for inspection, examining and testing.

The values given for imperfections are for welds produced using normal welding practice. Requirements for smaller (more stringent) values as stated in quality level B may include additional manufacturing processes, e.g. grinding, TIG dressing.

Requests for official interpretations of any aspect of this International Standard should be directed to the Secretariat of ISO/TC 44/SC 10 via your national standards body. For a complete listing consult www.iso.org.

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1 Scope

This International Standard provides quality levels of imperfections in fusion-welded joints (except for beam welding) in all types of steel, nickel, titanium and their alloys. It applies to material thickness above 0,5 mm. It covers fully penetrated butt welds and all fillet welds. The principles of this International Standard may also be applied to partial-penetration butt welds.

Quality levels for beam welded joints in steel are presented in ISO 13919-1.

Three quality levels are given in order to permit application to a wide range of welded fabrication. They are designated by symbols B, C and D. Quality level B corresponds to the highest requirement on the finished weld. The quality levels refer to production quality and not to the fitness-for-purpose (see 3.2) of the product manufactured.

This International Standard applies to:

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- unalloyed and alloy steels;
 - nickel and nickel alloys; [ISO 5817:2003](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/179c3601-40ac-48e1-9265-25ab86cc47ab/iso-5817-2003)
 - titanium and titanium alloys; <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/179c3601-40ac-48e1-9265-25ab86cc47ab/iso-5817-2003>
 - manual, mechanized and automatic welding;
 - all welding positions;
 - all types of welds, e.g. butt welds, fillet welds and branch connections;
 - the following welding processes and their defined sub-processes in accordance with ISO 4063:
 - 11 metal-arc welding without gas protection;
 - 12 submerged-arc welding;
 - 13 gas-shielded metal-arc welding;
 - 14 gas-shielded welding with non-consumable electrodes;
 - 15 plasma arc welding;
 - 31 oxy-fuel gas welding (for steel only).

Metallurgical aspects, e.g. grain size, hardness, are not covered by this International Standard.

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 2553, *Welded, brazed and soldered joints — Symbolic representation on drawings*

ISO 4063, *Welding and allied processes — Nomenclature of processes and reference numbers*

ISO 6520-1:1998, *Welding and allied processes — Classification of geometric imperfections in metallic materials — Part 1: Fusion welding*

ISO 13919-1, *Welding — Electron and laser-beam welded joints — Guidance on quality levels for imperfections — Part 1: Steel*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

quality level

description of the quality of a weld on the basis of type, size and amount of selected imperfections

3.2

fitness-for-purpose

ability of a product, process or service to serve a defined purpose under specific conditions

3.3

short imperfections

in cases when the weld is 100 mm long or longer, imperfections are considered to be short imperfections if, in the 100 mm which contains the greatest number of imperfections, their total length is less than 25 mm

in cases when the weld is less than 100 mm long, imperfections are considered to be short imperfections if their total length is less than 25 % of the length of the weld

3.4

systematic imperfection

imperfections that are repeatedly distributed in the weld over the weld length to be examined, the size of a single imperfection being within the specified limits

3.5

projected area

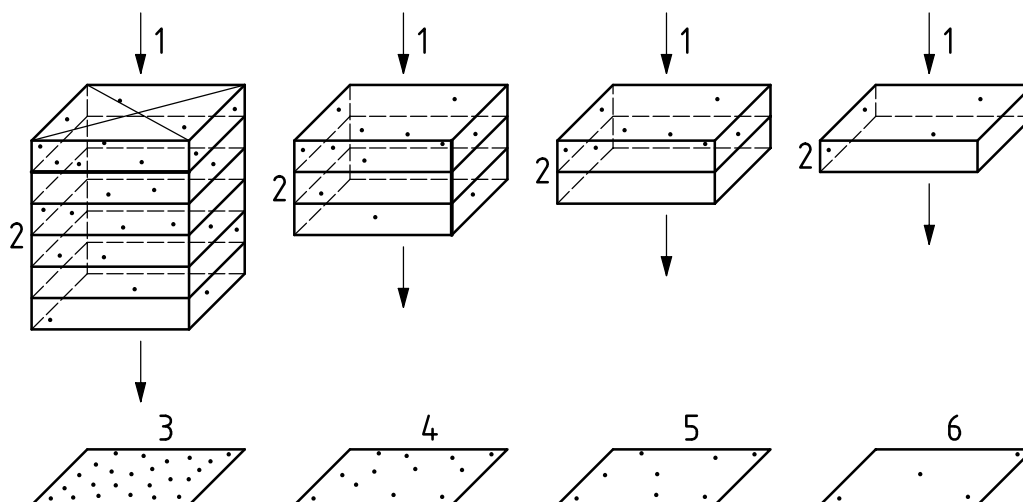
area where imperfections distributed along the volume of the weld under consideration are imaged two-dimensionally

NOTE In contrast to the cross-sectional area, the occurrence of imperfections is dependent on the weld thickness when exposed radiographically (see Figure 1).

3.6

cross-sectional area

area to be considered after fracture or sectioning

**Key**

1	X-ray detection	3	6-fold thickness	5	2-fold thickness
2	4 pores per volume unit	4	3-fold thickness	6	1-fold thickness

Figure 1 — Radiographic films of specimens with identical occurrence of pores per volume unit

4 Symbols

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The following symbols are used in Table 1.

a	nominal throat thickness of the fillet weld (see also ISO 2553)
A	area surrounding the gas pores
b	width of weld reinforcement
d	diameter of gas pore
d_A	diameter of area surrounding the gas pores
h	height or width of imperfection
l	length of imperfection in longitudinal direction of the weld
l_p	length of projected or cross-sectional area
s	nominal butt weld thickness (see also ISO 2553)
t	wall or plate thickness (nominal size)
w_p	width of the weld or width or height of the cross-sectional area
z	leg length of a fillet weld (see also ISO 2553)
α	angle of weld toe
β	angle of angular misalignment

5 Assessment of imperfections

Limits for imperfections are given in Table 1.

If, for the detection of imperfections, micro-examination is used, only those imperfections shall be considered which can be detected with a maximum of tenfold magnification. Excluded from this are micro lack of fusion (see Table 1, 1.5) and microcracks (see Table 1, 2.2).

Systematic imperfections are only permitted in quality level D, provided other requirements of Table 1 are fulfilled.

A welded joint should usually be assessed separately for each individual type of imperfection (see Table 1, 1.1 to 3.2).

Different types of imperfection occurring at any cross-section of the joint need special consideration (see multiple imperfections in Table 1, 4.1).

The limits for multiple imperfections (see Table 1) are only applicable for cases where the requirements for a single imperfection are not exceeded.

Any two adjacent imperfections separated by a distance smaller than the major dimension of the smaller imperfection shall be considered as a single imperfection.

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Table 1 — Limits for imperfections

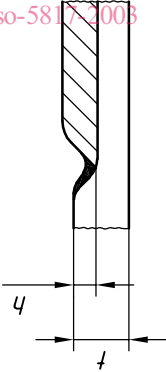
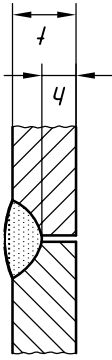
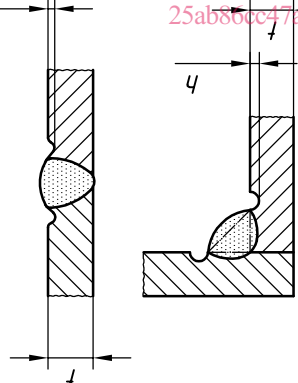
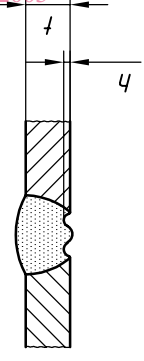
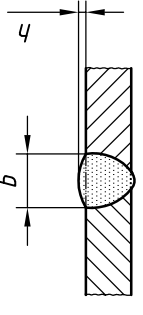
No.	Reference to ISO 6520-1:1998	Imperfection designation	Remarks	t mm	Limits for imperfections for quality levels		
					D	C	B
1 Surface imperfections							
1.1	100	Crack	—	≥ 0,5	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
1.2	104	Crater crack	—	≥ 0,5	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
1.3	2017	Surface pore	Maximum dimension of a single pore for — butt welds — fillet welds	0,5 to 3	$a \leq 0,3 s$ $d \leq 0,3 a$	Not permitted	Not permitted
1.4	2025	End crater pipe		0,5 to 3	$h \leq 0,2 t$	Not permitted	Not permitted
1.5	401	Lack of fusion (incomplete fusion)	—	≥ 0,5	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
		Micro lack of fusion	Only detectable by micro examination				
1.6	4021	Incomplete root penetration	Only for single side butt welds 	≥ 0,5	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,2 t$, but max. 2 mm	Not permitted	Not permitted

Table 1 (continued)

No.	Reference to ISO 6520-1:1998	Imperfection designation	Remarks	<i>t</i> mm	Limits for imperfections for quality levels		
					D	C	B
1.7	5011 5012	Continuous undercut Intermittent undercut	Smooth transition is required. This is not regarded as a systematic imperfection. 	0,5 to 3	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,2 t$	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,1 t$	Not permitted
				> 3	$h \leq 0,2 t$, but max. 1 mm	$h \leq 0,1 t$, but max. 0,5 mm	$h \leq 0,05 t$, but max. 0,5 mm
1.8	5013	Shrinkage groove	Smooth transition is required. 	0,5 to 3	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,2 t$ but max. 0,1 t	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,1 t$	Not permitted
				> 3	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,2 t$, but max. 2 mm	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,1 t$, but max. 1 mm	Short imperfections: $h \leq 0,05 t$, but max. 0,5 mm
1.9	502	Excess weld metal (butt weld)	Smooth transition is required. 	$\geq 0,5$	$h \leq 1 \text{ mm} + 0,25 b$, but max. 10 mm	$h \leq 1 \text{ mm} + 0,15 b$, but max. 7 mm	$h \leq 1 \text{ mm} + 0,1 b$, but max. 5 mm

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