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- Part 4: Finishing welding of aluminium castings
- Part 5: Arc welding of titanium, zirconium and their alloys
- Part 6: Arc welding of copper and its alloys
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## Introduction

All new welding procedure tests are to be in accordance with this standard from the date of its issue.

However, this standard does not invalidate previous welding procedure tests made to former national standards or specifications.

Were additional tests have to be carried out to make the qualification technically equivalent, it is only necessary to do the additional tests on a test piece which should be made in accordance with this standard.

## 1 Scope

This standard is part of a series of standards. Details of this series are given in EN ISO 15607, Annex A.

This standard specifies how a welding procedure specification is qualified by welding procedure tests.

This standard defines the conditions for the execution of welding procedure tests and the range of qualification for welding procedures for all practical welding operations within the range of variables listed in clause 8.

Tests shall be carried out in accordance with this standard. Additional tests may be required by application standards.

This standard applies to the arc welding of copper and copper alloys in all product forms.

Arc and gas welding are covered by the following processes in accordance with EN ISO 4063:

- 111 manual metal arc welding;
- 131 metal inert gas welding, MIG welding;
- 141 tungsten inert gas welding, TIG welding;
- 15 plasma arc welding;
- 311 gas welding.

The principles of this standard may be applied to other fusion welding processes.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 439, *Welding consumables – Shielding gases for arc welding and cutting.*

EN 473, *Non-destructive testing – Qualification and certification of NDT personnel – General principles.*

EN 571-1, *Non destructive testing – Penetrant testing – Part1: General principles.*

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- EN 729 - relevant part, *Quality requirements for fusion welding of metallic materials.*
- EN 895, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials – Transverse tensile test.*
- EN 910, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials – Bend tests.*
- EN 970, *Non-destructive examination of fusion welds – Visual examination.*
- EN 1320, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials – Fracture test.*
- EN 1321, *Destructive tests on welds – Microscopic and macroscopic examination of welds.*
- EN 1418, *Welding personnel – Approval testing of welding operators for fusion welding and resistance weld setters for fully mechanised and automatic welding of metallic materials.*
- EN 1435, *Non-destructive examination of welds – Radiographic examination of welded joints.*
- EN ISO 4063, *Welding and allied processes – Nomenclature of processes and reference numbers,*
- EN-ISO 6520-1, *Welding and allied processes – Classification of geometric imperfections in metallic materials.*
- EN ISO 6947:1997, *Welds – Working positions – Definitions of angles of slope and rotation. (ISO 6947:1993)*
- EN ISO 9606-3, *Approval testing of welders – Fusion welding – Part 3: Copper and copper alloys. (ISO 9606-3:1999)*
- EN 12062, *Non-destructive examination of welds – General rules for metallic material.*
- EN 12345, *Welding – Multilingual terms for welded joints with illustrations.*
- EN ISO 15607, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials – General rules..*
- CR ISO/TR 15608:2000, *Welding – Guidelines for a metallic material grouping system. (ISO/TR 15608:2000)\*)*
- prEN ISO 15609-1, *Specification and qualification of welding procedure for metallic materials – Welding procedure specification – Part 1: Arc welding (ISO/DIS 15609-1:2000)*
- EN ISO 15609-2, *Specification and qualification of welding procedure for metallic materials – Welding procedure specification – Part 2: Gas welding*
- EN ISO 15613, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials – Approval by a pre-production test.*
- EN 30042, *Arc-welded joints in aluminium and its weldable alloys – Guidance on quality levels for imperfections. (ISO 10042:1992)*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this European standard, the terms and definitions given in prEN ISO 15607 shall apply.

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\*) See foreword

## 4 Preliminary welding procedure specification (pWPS)

The preliminary welding procedure specification shall be prepared in accordance with prEN ISO 15609-1 or EN ISO 15609-2.

## 5 Welding procedure test

The making and testing of test pieces shall be in accordance with clauses 6 and 7 of this standard.

The welder or welding operator who undertakes the welding procedure test satisfactorily in accordance with this standard is qualified for the appropriate range of qualification given in EN ISO 9606-3 or EN 1418 providing that the relevant testing requirements are met.

## 6 Test piece

### 6.1 General

The welded joint to which the welding procedure will relate in production shall be represented by making a standardized test piece or pieces, as specified in 6.2. Where the production/joint geometry requirements do not represent the standardized test pieces as shown in this standard, the use of EN ISO 15613 shall be required.

### 6.2 Shape and dimensions of test pieces

The length or number of test pieces shall be sufficient to allow all required tests to be carried out.

Additional test pieces, or longer test pieces than the minimum size, may be prepared in order to allow for extra and/or for re-testing specimens (see 7.6).

For all test pieces except branch connections (Figure 5) and fillet welds (Figure 4) the material thickness,  $t$ , shall be the same for both plates/pipes to be welded.

If required by the application standard, the direction of plate rolling shall be marked on the test piece.

The thickness and/or pipe outside diameter of the test pieces shall be selected in accordance with 8.3.2.1 to 8.3.2.4.

The shape and minimum dimensions of the test piece shall be as follows :

#### 6.2.1 Butt joint in plate with full penetration

The test piece shall be prepared in accordance with figure 1.

#### 6.2.2 Butt weld between plates with raised edges

The test piece shall be prepared in accordance with figure 2.

#### 6.2.3 Butt joint in pipe with full penetration

The test piece shall be prepared in accordance with figure 3.

NOTE The word « pipe », alone or in combination, is used to mean « pipe », « tube » or « hollow section ».

### 6.2.4 T-joint

The test piece shall be prepared in accordance with figure 4.

This may be used for fully penetrated butt welds or fillet welds.

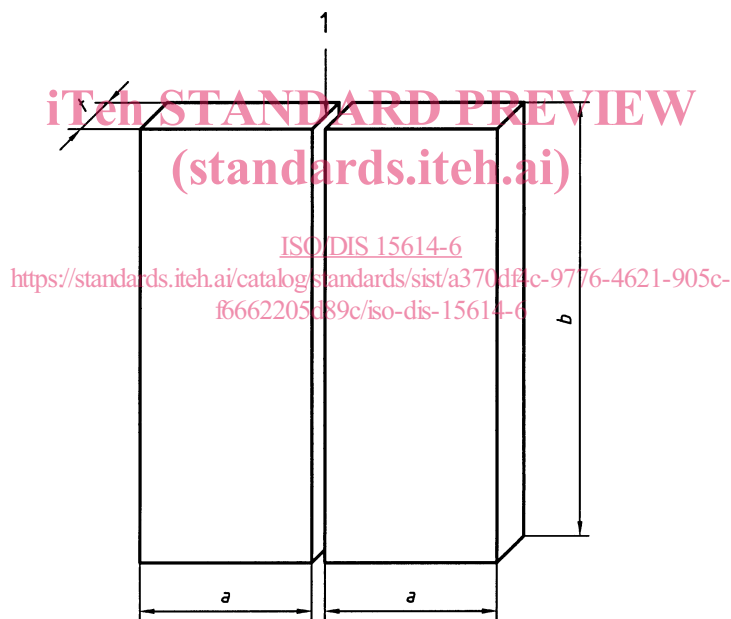
### 6.2.5 Branch connection

The test piece shall be in accordance with figure 5. The angle  $\alpha$  is the minimum to be used in production. This may be used for fully penetrated joints (set-on or set-in or set-through joint and for fillet welds).

### 6.3 Welding of test pieces

Preparation and welding of test pieces shall be carried out in accordance with the pWPS, and under the general conditions of welding in production which they shall represent. Welding positions and limitations for the angle of slope and rotation of the test piece shall be in accordance with EN ISO 6947. If tack welds are to be fused into the final joint they shall be included in the test piece.

Welding and testing of the test pieces shall be witnessed by an examiner or examining body.



#### Key

- 1 Joint preparation and fit-up as detailed in the preliminary Welding Procedure Specification (pWPS)
- a Minimum value 125 mm.
- b Minimum value 300 mm.
- t Material thickness

Figure 1 – Test piece for a butt joint in plate with full penetration