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**Destructive tests on welds in metallic  
materials — Fracture test**

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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 9017 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 44, *Welding and allied processes*, Subcommittee SC 5, *Testing and inspection of welds*.

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# Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Fracture test

## 1 Scope

This International standard specifies the sizes of test specimen and the procedures for carrying out fracture tests in order to obtain information about types, sizes and distribution of internal imperfections such as porosities, cracks, lack of fusion, lack of penetration and solid inclusions on the fracture surface.

This International Standard applies to metallic materials in all forms of product with joints made by any fusion welding process with a thickness greater or equal to 2 mm.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 5817:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Welding — Fusion-welded joints in steel, nickel, titanium and their alloys (beam welding excluded) — Quality levels for imperfections*

ISO 10042, *Arc-welded joints in aluminium and its weldable alloys — Guidance on quality levels for imperfections.*

EN 970, *Non-destructive examination of fusion welds — Visual examination.*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1 examination length

$L_f$   
length of the test specimen measured along the weld axis between any side notches

See Figure 6.

### 3.2 total examination length

$\Sigma L_f$   
sum of the lengths of all the test specimens comprising the test piece, measured along the weld axis, of the fracture faces between the side notches of the test specimens

See Figure 6.

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**3.3 examination thickness**

$a_f$   
thickness of the fracture area for each test specimen

See Figures 7 and 8.

**3.4 examination area**

$A_f$   
product of the examination length and the examination thickness for each test specimen

**3.5 total examination area**

$\Sigma A_f$   
sum of all examination areas

**4 Principle**

Fracture the joint through the weld metal in order to examine the fracture surface. The fracture can be induced by bending or tension, static or dynamic loading. Furthermore, notch dimensions and temperature can be varied to induce the fracture.

Unless otherwise specified, the test shall be carried out at ambient temperature ( $23 \pm 5$ ) °C.

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**5 Symbols and abbreviated terms**

The symbols and abbreviated terms to be used for fracture tests are specified in Table 1 and represented in Figures 5 to 8.

Normally, it is sufficient to give the basic denomination, but for special applications, additional denominations about the notching and test method can be requested.

EXAMPLE 1 Test specimen taken from a fillet weld with an examination length of 40 mm and examination thickness of 10 mm.

Without any requirement about notching and test method:

Basic denomination:  $FW/(L_f a_f)$

i.e. for this example:

$FW/(40 \times 10)$

With additional requirement (square face notching and test method):

Comprehensive denomination:  $FW/(L_f a_f)/Fq$

See Figure 8

i.e. for this example:

$FW/(40 \times 10)/Fq$

See Figure 8

EXAMPLE 2 Test specimen taken from a butt weld with an examination length of 40 mm and examination thickness of 10 mm.

Without any requirement about notching and test method:

Basic denomination:  $BW/(L_f a_f)$

i.e. for this example:

$BW/(40 \times 10)$

With additional requirement (round side notching and test method):

Comprehensive denomination:  $BW/(L_f a_f)/Sr$

See Figure 6

i.e. for this example:

$BW/(40 \times 10)/Sr$

See Figure 6

Table 1 — Symbols and abbreviated terms

Denomination	Symbol or abbreviated term	Unit
Butt weld	BW	—
Fillet weld	FW	—
Thickness of test piece	$t, t_1, t_2$	mm
Length of test piece	$l_1, l_2$	mm
Outside diameter of tube	$D$	mm
Test specimen and test piece examination length	$L_f$	mm
examination thickness	$a_f$	mm
examination area	$A_f$	mm <sup>2</sup>
area of imperfections	$A_i$	mm <sup>2</sup>
Side notch	S	—
square (q)	Sq	—
round (r)	Sr	—
sharp (s)	Ss	—
Longitudinal notch		
Face notch	F	—
square (q)	Fq	—
round (r)	Fr	—
sharp (s)	Fs	—
Root notch	R	—
square (q)	Rq	—
round (r)	Rr	—
sharp (s)	Rs	—

### 6 Dimensions of test pieces

Unless otherwise specified by the application standard or by agreement between the contracting parties, test piece dimensions shall be in accordance with Figures 1 to 4. The test piece shall provide sufficient test specimens for the required total examination length ( $\Sigma L_f$ ) and area ( $\Sigma A_f$ ).

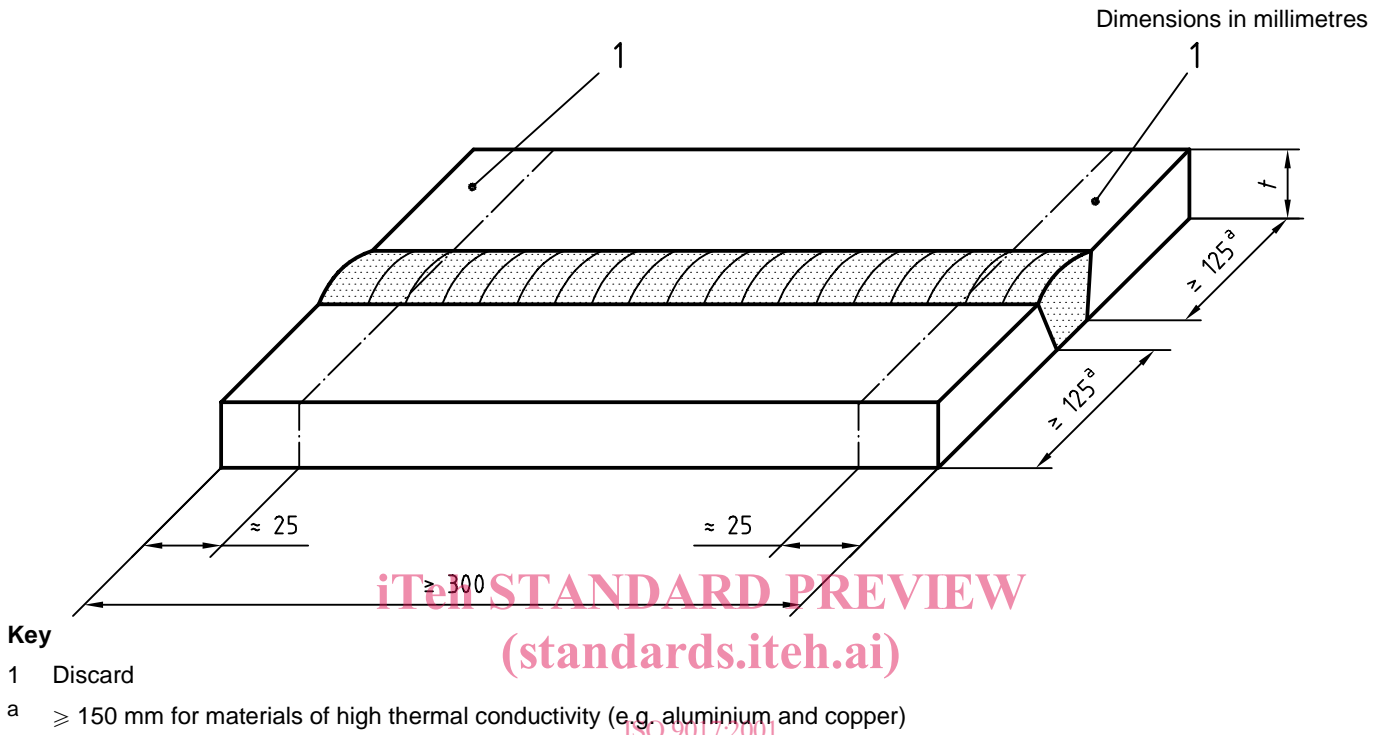


Figure 1 — Test piece for butt welds in plate

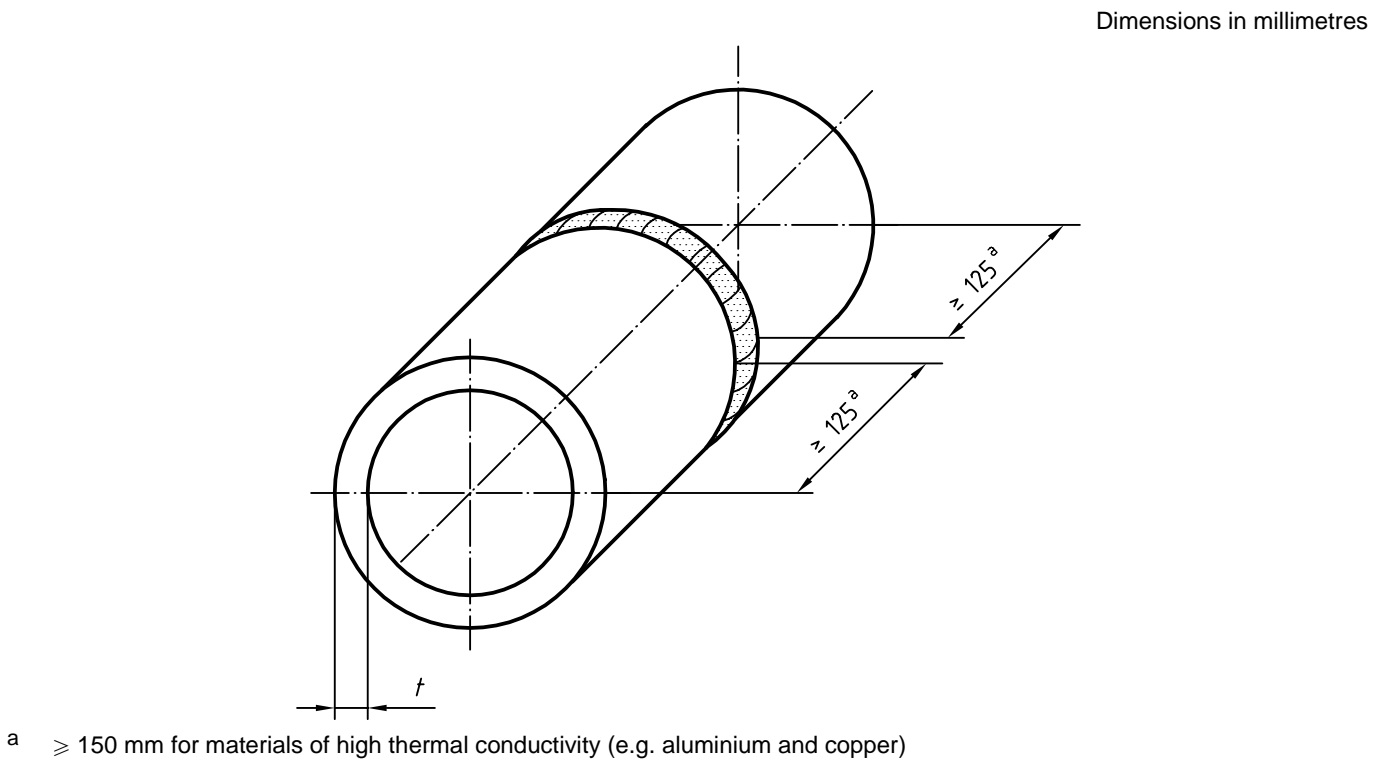
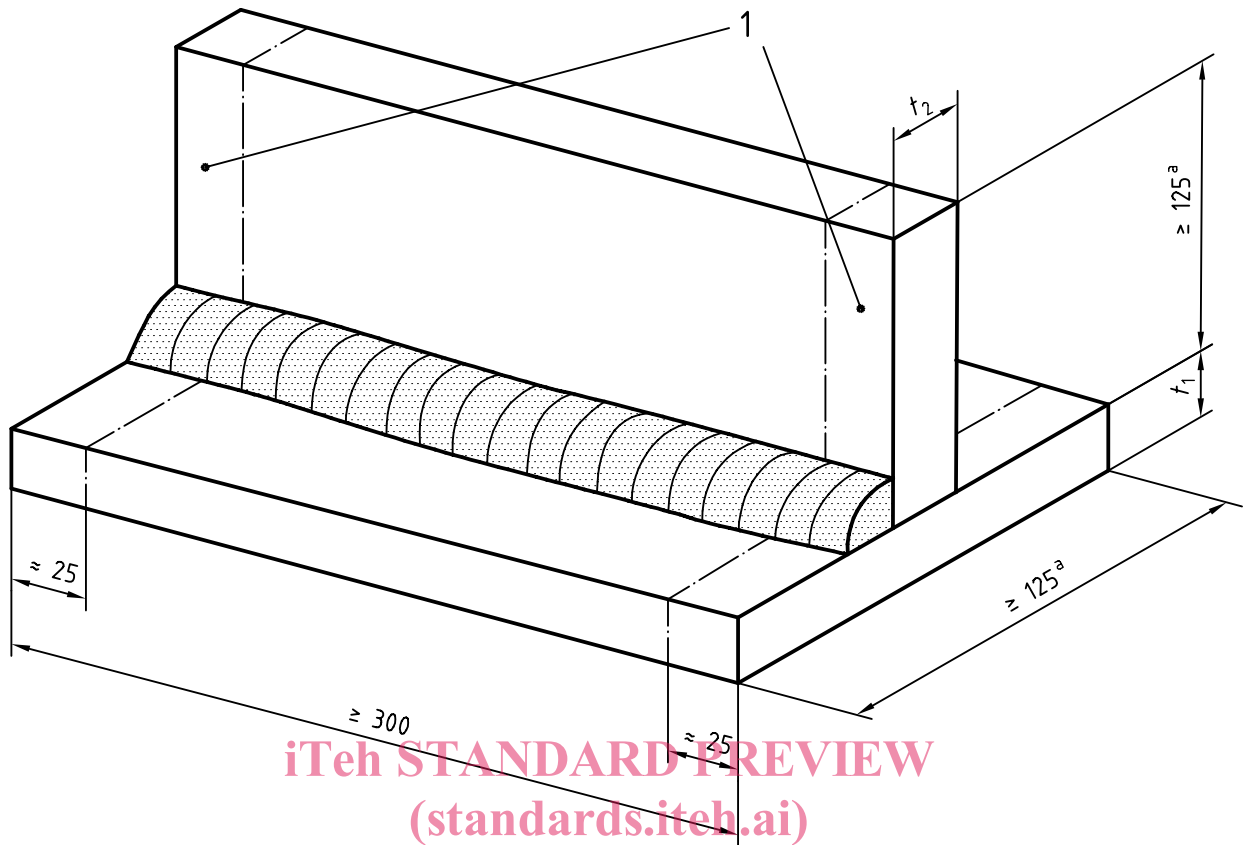


Figure 2 — Test piece for butt welds in pipe



Dimensions in millimetres



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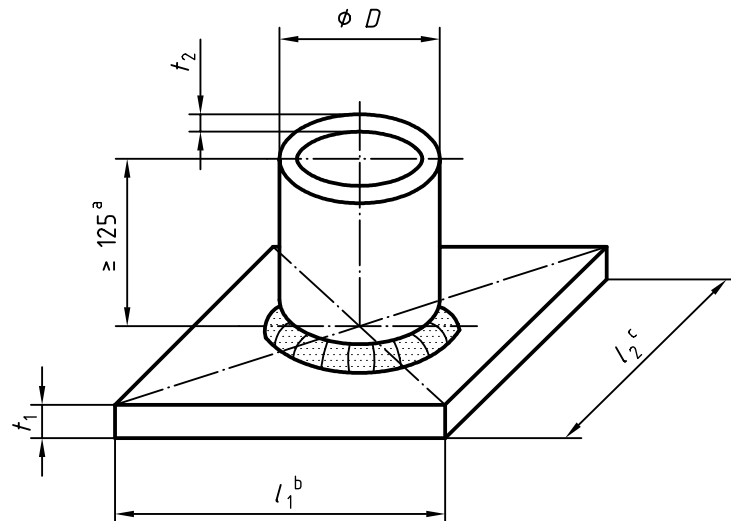
a  $\geq 150$  mm for materials of high thermal conductivity (e.g. aluminium and copper)

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**Figure 3 — Test piece for fillet welds on plate**

Dimensions in millimetres



a  $\geq 150$  mm for materials of high thermal conductivity (e.g. aluminium and copper)

b  $l_1 \approx l_2$ ;  $l_1 \geq (D + 100)$

c  $l_2 \geq (D + 100)$

**Figure 4 — Test piece for fillet welds on pipe**