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Foreword

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ISO 21028 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Cryogenic vessels — Toughness requirements for materials at cryogenic temperature*:

— Part 1: *Temperatures below – 80 °C*

— Part 2: *Temperatures between – 80 °C and – 20 °C*

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Introduction

The use of materials at low temperatures entails special problems which have to be addressed. Consideration has to be given, in particular, to changes in mechanical characteristics, expansion and contraction phenomena and the thermal conduction of the various materials. The most important property to be considered is the material toughness at low temperature.

This part of ISO 21028 is based on European Standard EN 1252-2:2001.

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Cryogenic vessels — Toughness requirements for materials at cryogenic temperature —

Part 2: Temperatures between – 80 °C and – 20 °C

1 Scope

This part of ISO 21028 specifies the toughness requirements of metallic materials for use at temperatures between – 20 °C and – 80 °C to ensure their suitability for cryogenic vessels. It is applicable to fine-grain and low-alloyed steels with specified yield strength ≤ 460 N/mm², aluminium and aluminium alloys, copper and copper alloys and austenitic stainless steels.

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 148 (all parts), *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test*
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ISO 15614-1, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test — Part 1: Arc and gas welding of steels and arc welding of nickel and nickel alloys*¹⁾

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

minimum metal temperature

T_M
lowest temperature defined for each of the conditions

- temperature during normal operation,
- temperature during start-up and shut down procedures,
- temperature which may occur during possible process upsets,
- temperature which may occur during pressure or leak testing, and
- ambient conditions

NOTE See also 3.2 and 3.3.

1) To be published.

3.2
temperature adjustment term

T_S
term relevant to the calculation of the **design reference temperature** T_R (3.3) and dependent on the pressure-induced principal membrane stress at the appropriate minimum metal temperature

3.3
design reference temperature

T_R
temperature used for determining the impact energy requirements, themselves determined by adding the **temperature adjustment term** T_S (3.2) to the **minimum metal temperature** T_M (3.1):

$$T_R = T_M + T_S$$

NOTE All applicable combinations of the temperatures T_M and T_S are to be considered, and the lowest possible T_R value used for the determination of the required material **impact test temperature** (3.4).

3.4
impact test temperature

T_{KV}
temperature at which the required impact energy has to be achieved

NOTE See Clause 5.

3.5
impact energy

KV
energy determined from Charpy V-notch tests performed in accordance with ISO 148.

3.6
reference thickness

e_B
thickness of a component used to relate the **design reference temperature** T_R (3.3) of the component with its required **impact test temperature** T_{KV} (3.4)

See Figures 1 to 5.

NOTE The reference thickness is based on the nominal thickness (including corrosion allowance) and shall be as defined in Table 6. For butt-welded components, it is the nominal wall thickness of the component at the edge of the weld preparation

4 Requirements for steels with specified yield strength ≤ 460 N/mm²

4.1 General

This method, based on fracture mechanics, may be used to determine the requirements to avoid brittle fracture in C, CMn, fine-grain and low-alloy steels with a specified minimum yield strength ≤ 460 N/mm².

In this procedure, the impact test temperature T_{KV} is not equal to the design reference temperature T_R .

Parent material, welds and HAZ shall meet the impact energy (KV) and impact test temperature T_{KV} requirements given in Table 1 for design reference temperatures T_R and reference thicknesses. Values of T_R shall be calculated from T_M using the values of T_S given in 4.2.

For materials with a specified minimum yield strength > 310 N/mm², the impact energy at T_{KV} given in Figure 1 and Figure 2 shall be 40 J.

Where 27 J is specified in the product standard, Figure 3 for the post-weld heat-treated condition applies.

For the as-welded case with minimum yield strength in the range $> 310 \text{ N/mm}^2$ and $\leq 360 \text{ N/mm}^2$, Figure 4 applies.

For minimum yield strength $> 360 \text{ N/mm}^2$, Figure 5 applies.

Table 1 — Impact energy requirements

Specified min. yield strength of base material N/mm ²	Required impact energy KV (on 10 mm × 10 mm test pieces) J	Figure defining required T_{KV}	
		Non-welded/ Post-weld heat-treated (PWHT)	As-welded (A-W)
< 310	27	1	2
> 310, ≤ 360	40	1	2
	27	3	4
> 360	40	1	2
	27	3	5

4.2 Temperature adjustments

T_S is a temperature adjustment which may be used if the pressure-induced principal membrane stress does not exceed the percentage of the maximum allowable design stress or 50 N/mm^2 given in Table 2.

Table 2 — Temperature adjustments

Condition	Percentage of maximum allowable design stress			Membrane stress ^b
	> 75 % ; ≤ 100 %	≤ 75 %	≤ 50 %	$\leq 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$
Non-welded, post-weld heat treated ^a	0 °C	+ 10 °C	+ 25 °C	+ 50 °C
As-welded and reference thickness < 30 mm	0 °C	0 °C	0 °C	+ 40 °C

^a Also applicable for equipment where all nozzles and non-temporary welded attachments are first welded to vessel components and these sub-assemblies are post-weld heat-treated before being assembled into the equipment by butt-welding, but the main seams are not subsequently post-weld heat-treated.

^b In this case, the membrane stress should take account of internal and external pressure and dead weight.

4.3 Procedure for base material < 10 mm thick

Minimum T_R values are given in Table 3 which shall be used when the base material is less than 10 mm thick and the testing temperature T_{KV} is 20 °C. The impact energy requirements are as specified in the relevant materials standards.

If these materials are to be used below the T_R values given in Table 3, the testing shall be performed in accordance with the relevant curve for 10 mm in Figure 1 to Figure 5. The required energies for the sub-sized specimens are given in Table 4.

Table 3 — Minimum T_S values for base material < 10 mm thick and $T_{KV} = 20\text{ °C}$

Thickness mm	As-welded (A-W)	Post-weld heat-treated (PWHT)
	°C	
8	-20	-35
6	-25	-40
4	-40	-55
2	-55	-70

5 General test requirements

5.1 General

Where impact tests are required they shall be Charpy V-notched tests in accordance with ISO 148. The impact energy requirements shall be met in the base material, heat-affected zone and weld metal. The specimen position shall be in accordance with ISO 15614-1. From each sample three specimens shall be tested for each of the required positions and test temperatures. The mean value of the three specimens shall be at least equal to the impact energy requirement. Only one specimen may show a lower value, but this value shall not be less than 70 % of this requirement.

The required values for base material refer to the transverse direction. If transverse properties are not obtainable, the minimum impact energy requirements specified for transverse test pieces shall be multiplied by a factor of 1,5 for C, CMn, fine-grained and low-alloyed steels with a minimum specified yield strength $\leq 460\text{ N/mm}^2$. For other materials refer to the product standard.

5.2 Sub-sized specimens

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If the base material is less than 10 mm thick the energy requirements shall be as given in Table 4.

Alternatively, where proportional reduced energy requirements are preferred, Table 5 shall be applied.

Table 4 — Impact requirements for sub-sized Charpy V-notched specimen if base material < 10 mm thick

Specimen geometry		
mm × mm		
10 × 10	10 × 7,5	10 × 5
27 J	22 J	19 J
40 J	32 J	28 J

5.3 Sub-sized specimens for components from which it is impossible to extract specimens of section size equal to reference thickness

There are cases of unusually shaped components and/or weld procedure and production plates where the Charpy V-notched specimen extracted is either < 10 mm or not representative of the section thickness.

In these cases sub-sized specimens shall be tested at lower impact test temperatures, in order to model the behaviour of a full thickness specimen, using temperature shifts in accordance with Table 5.

Impact tests should be performed on the maximum thickness which can be extracted from the component under consideration.

Table 5 — Equivalent impact energy requirements when sub-sized specimens extracted from thicker sections

Required impact energy KV J	Specimen geometry mm	Sub-sized specimen requirement		
		KV J	Specimen geometry mm × mm	Shift of impact test temperature °C
27	10 × 10	20	7,5 × 10	$T_{KV} - 5$
		14	5,0 × 10	$T_{KV} - 20$
40	10 × 10	30	7,5 × 10	$T_{KV} - 5$
		20	5,0 × 10	$T_{KV} - 20$
20	7,5 × 10	14	5,0 × 10	$T_{KV} - 15$
30	7,5 × 10	20	5,0 × 10	$T_{KV} - 15$

6 Welds

When materials are to be joined by welding, the choice of consumables and procedures (see ISO 15614-1) shall ensure that the required impact energy properties are achieved in weld regions and heat-affected zones, when tested in accordance with Clause 5.

The required impact energy shall be at least equal to the specified impact energy for the base metal.

7 Requirements for aluminium and aluminium alloys, copper and copper alloys and austenitic stainless steels

Toughness of aluminium and aluminium alloys, copper and copper alloys and austenitic stainless steels is inherently high enough at low temperature to render impact tests unnecessary.

Welds of austenitic stainless steels shall be impact tested if the material for the weld consumable shows that it has a ferrite content exceeding 10 %.