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Introduction

The aim of this International Standard is to establish common test methods for quality control of microstructure of ferritic/austenitic (duplex) stainless steels for the oil and gas industry, enabling the manufacturers to apply the same test procedures for their clients.

Duplex stainless steels have a dual phase microstructure consisting of ferrite and austenite. Ideally, these phases are present in equal proportions although in commercial alloys the ferrite phase volume fraction may vary between 35 % and 65 % for products in the solution annealed condition. They are characterized by high chromium (19 % to 33 %) and low nickel contents compared with austenitic stainless steels.

Some duplex stainless steels are prone to precipitation of intermetallic phases and nitrides possibly causing embrittlement and reduced corrosion resistance. The formation of intermetallic phases such as Sigma and Chi occurs depending on exposure time in the approximate temperature range 590 °C to 1000 °C (1 094 °F to 1 832 °F) and decomposition of ferrite to Alpha Prime occurs in the range 300 °C to 540 °C (572 °F to 1 004 °F).

The microstructure of components or fabrication welds is affected by amongst others the thermal-mechanical history associated with hot working, solution annealing and with subsequent forming and welding. The destructive test methods with acceptance criteria specified herein are considered relevant to verify that exposure time at above stated temperature ranges have been within acceptable limits and to ensure that desired corrosion resistance and mechanical properties are obtained in final products.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies quality control testing methods and test conditions for the characterization of microstructure in relation to relevant properties in ferritic/austenitic (duplex) stainless steel components supplied in the solution annealed condition and fabrication welds in the as welded condition.

This International Standard supplements the relevant product and fabrication standards with respect to destructive testing methods including sampling of test specimens, test conditions and test acceptance criteria to show freedom from deleterious intermetallic phases and precipitates in duplex stainless steels. In addition this International Standard specifies how testing and test results shall be documented by the testing laboratory.

NOTE 1 This International Standard is based upon experience with duplex stainless steels in offshore oil and gas industry applications including topside and subsea hydrocarbon service, sea water service as well as structural use.

NOTE 2 The austenite spacing is relevant to the susceptibility of duplex stainless steels to hydrogen induced stress cracking (HISC) in subsea applications where cathodic protection is applied. This falls outside the scope of this International Standard. Reference is made to DNV/GL RP-F112 [6].

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 148-1¹⁾, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 15614-1²⁾, *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*

ASTM A 1084, *Standard test method for detecting detrimental phases in lean duplex austenitic/ferritic stainless steels*

ASTM E 3, *Standard practice for preparation of metallographic specimens*

ASTM E 562, *Standard test method for determining volume fraction by systematic manual point count*

ASTM E 1245, *Standard practice for determining the inclusion or second-phase constituent content of metals by automatic image analysis*

ASTM G 48, *Standard test methods for pitting and crevice corrosion resistance of stainless steels and related alloys by use of ferric chloride solution*

1)) For the purpose of this International Standard, the following documents are considered equivalent:—
ASTM A 370, *Standard test methods and definitions for mechanical testing of steel products*— ASTM A 1058,
Standard test methods and definitions for mechanical testing of steel products – Metric

2)) For the purpose of this International Standard, the following documents are considered equivalent:—
ASME Boiler and pressure vessel code, section IX Welding and brazing qualifications

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3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

For limitations in chemical composition of each specific material grade of duplex stainless steel reference is made to the appropriate product standards or UNS number. For nominal chemical composition of duplex stainless steels and grouping of different types, used within this International Standard, reference is made to [Annex A](#).

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

3.1 Terms and definitions

3.1.1

centreline intermetallic stringer

group of intermetallic phases aligned within the mid-thickness area due to alloy segregation

Note 1 to entry: They can be observed as both continuous and discontinuous precipitates.

3.1.2

fabrication

building of structures or equipment by cutting, bending, and assembling processes such as welding, riveting, threaded fasteners or other joining methods

3.1.3

ferritic/austenitic (duplex) steel

stainless steel with a high chromium mass fraction (19 % to 33 %) with or without molybdenum additions up to 5 %, and a nickel mass fraction intermediate to those of ferritic and austenitic stainless steels

3.1.4

intermetallic phase

solid-state compounds, containing two or more metallic elements, whose ordered structure differs from that of its constituents

Note 1 to entry: In duplex stainless steel the relevant phases are identified as σ -phase, χ -phase and R-phase.

3.1.5

pitting resistance equivalent number

PREN

number indicating the resistance of stainless steel to pitting corrosion related to chemical composition and derived from one of the equations $PREN = \% Cr + 3,3 \% Mo + 16 \% N$ or $PREN = \% Cr + 3,3 \times \% (Mo + 0,5W) + 16 \times \% N$ (mass fraction)

Note 1 to entry: All PREN limits are absolute limits based upon the heat analysis. The calculated value is not to be rounded.

3.1.6

precipitate

solid-state compounds, containing two or more elements, whose ordered structure differs from that of its constituents

Note 1 to entry: In duplex stainless steel the relevant precipitates are chromium carbides and nitrides.

3.1.7

stainless steel

steel with at least 10,5 % mass fraction or more chromium, possibly with other elements added to secure special properties

3.1.8

type 20Cr duplex Group A

ferritic/austenitic stainless steel alloys with $24,0 \leq PREN < 28,0$

3.1.9**type 20Cr duplex Group B**ferritic/austenitic stainless steel alloys with $28,0 \leq \text{PREN} < 30,0$ **3.1.10****type 22Cr duplex**ferritic/austenitic stainless steel alloys with $30,0 \leq \text{PREN} < 40,0$ and $\text{Cr} \geq 19\%$ (mass fraction)**3.1.11****type 25Cr duplex**ferritic/austenitic stainless steel alloys with $40,0 \leq \text{PREN} < 48,0$ **3.1.12****type 27Cr duplex**ferritic/austenitic stainless steel alloys with $48,0 \leq \text{PREN} \leq 55,0$ and $\text{Cr} \leq 33,0\%$ (mass fraction)**3.2 Abbreviations**

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations are used:

ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials

CVN Charpy V-notch

HIP hot isostatically-pressed

NA not applicable

OD outside diameter

PREN pitting resistance equivalent number

QL quality level

UNS unified numbering system

4 Sampling of test specimens**4.1 General**

The test samples shall be made from a sacrificial product or from a prolongation/extension of a product in the final solution annealed condition with location of test specimens as defined in [Table 1](#) representing the thickest product within the lot.

Table 1 — Sampling of test specimens dependent of product

Product	Test sample	Product dimension	Test method	Test direction ^a	Thickness location
Plates, and seamless tubes, pipes and fittings	Prolongation of the product	All	CVN	Transverse	Mid-thickness
			Corrosion Micro-structure	Transverse	Full thickness ^b
Welded pipes and fittings	Prolongation or welded extension piece	All	CVN	Transverse	Mid-thickness
			Corrosion ^c Micro-structure	Transverse	Full thickness ^b