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Annex ZA provides a list of corresponding International and European Standards for which equivalents are not given in the text.

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Foreword

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1 Scope

This standard specifies the sizes of the test pieces, the specimens and the procedures for carrying out self-restraint cold cracking tests by:

— CTS(Controlled Thermal Severity)-test

— Tekken (Y-groove) or Lehigh (U-groove) test

in order to obtain information about the cold cracking sensitivity during welding.

This standard applies primarily but not exclusively to C-Mn and low alloy 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.

EN 1043-1:1995, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Hardness testing — Part 1: Hardness test on arc welded joints*

EN 1321, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Macroscopic and microscopic examination of welds*

EN ISO 3690, *Welding and allied processes - Determination of hydrogen content in ferritic arc weld metal (ISO 3690:2000)*

EN ISO 17642-1:2004, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials - Cold cracking tests for weldments - Arc welding processes - Part 1: General (ISO 17642-1:2004)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 17642-1:2004 apply.

4 Designation and symbols

The following designations and symbols given in Table 1 apply.

Table 1 — Designation and symbols

Symbol	Designation	Unit
	CTS-test	
t	material thickness	mm
L_V	leg length vertical	mm
L_H	leg length horizontal	mm
L	length of the test bead	mm
	Tekken or Lehigh test (Y and U-groove)	
t	material thickness	mm
g	root gap	mm
W	diameter of drilled hole and groove width	mm
C_f	crack ratio for surface cracks	%
C_r	crack ratio for root cracks	%
C_S	crack ratio for cracks in sections	%
l_f	length of surface crack	mm
l_r	length of root crack	mm
H_c	height root crack	mm
H	minimum thickness of test bead	mm
L	length of the test bead	mm

5 Principle

5.1 General

The self-restraint cold cracking tests are designed to assess the cold cracking sensitivity of the parent materials and the arc welding consumables. The test consists of depositing a weld bead on a test sample made of two plates with pre-defined conditions and to examine transverse cut faces of the weld with a view to detect possible cracks either in the weld metal or in the heat affected zone.

This test procedure essentially applies to metal arc welding with covered electrodes and semi-automatic gas metal arc welding using solid and tubular wires. In general this method is not used for high current processes such as submerged-arc welding.

5.2 Qualitative evaluation

When using well determined welding conditions for welding a given material, a single evaluation test is performed. In the case of the CTS-test, the two test welds are examined.

5.3 Quantitative evaluation

When aiming at determining the cracking limit, a series of tests shall be performed. The no crack test shall be repeated, on the contrary, other tests shall be performed.

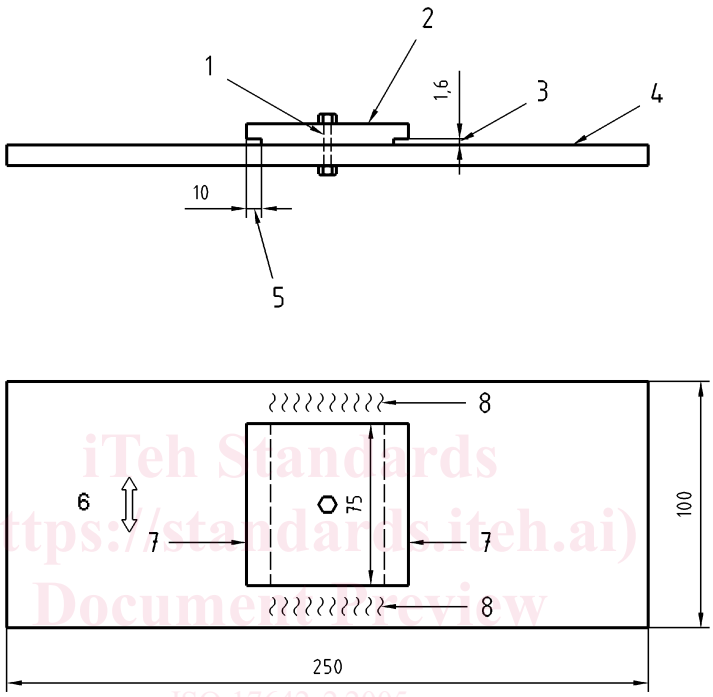
6 Test

6.1 CTS-test

6.1.1 Dimensions of the test pieces

The dimensions of the test piece shall be in accordance with Figure 1.

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

1 Clearance hole 13 mm diameter
2 Top plate
3 Root notch gap
4 Bottom plate
5 Root notch depth
6 Preferred principal rolling direction
7 Test welds
8 Anchor welds

Figure 1 — CTS test

6.1.2 Preparation of the test pieces

All test pieces shall be prepared from those parent materials which are actually to be welded with the welding consumables to be tested (see Figure 2).

Machine the test material for the pieces by sawing, milling or grinding. Ensure that surfaces to be welded are milled or ground finish. Take care to minimize heating and deformation in the material during machining.

Use the general arrangement of the test piece shown in Figure 1 and the tolerances and surface finish requirements given in Table 2.

Table 2 — CTS test piece dimensions/conditions and tolerances

Dimension/conditions	Values
Material thickness, *t* Top block	6 mm min. (75 ± 1) mm x (75 ± 1) mm x t
Bottom block	(250 ± 3) mm x (100 ± 3) mm x t
Root notch depth gap	 (10 ± 0,5) mm (1,6 ± 0,10) mm
Torque on bolt	(100 ± 5) N·m
Surface finish on mating faces	3,2 μm R_a max.
Surface finish on area to be welded	6,3 μm R_a max.
Mating face gap	0,05 mm max.

Top and bottom blocks shall both have the same thickness. Top blocks shall be machined and bottom blocks may be machined or flame cut. Both blocks shall be of the same material.

In those exceptional circumstances where it is impossible to machine both blocks from the test material, the top block shall be from the material under test and the bottom block from a material of equivalent yield strength. It is important that the susceptibility of the bottom block to HAZ hydrogen cracking is less than that of the test material.

Where the principal rolling direction of the plate can be determined, arrange the rolling directions of the top and bottom plates to be the same (see Figure 1).

Ensure that the surfaces to be welded are ground smooth and free from scale, rust, oil, grease and other contaminants.

Use a bolt with a 12 mm diameter for assembling the blocks. Degrease the bolt, a suitable plain nut and any washers to be used prior to use. Do not use nuts and bolts treated by plating processes. Insert the bolt through the top and bottom blocks, add the nut and washers and tighten to the required torque (see Table 2). Check the torque value prior to all welding operations and adjust as necessary.

6.1.3 Anchor welds

Make the anchor welds (shown in Figure 1) with a welding consumable with a yield strength equal to or greater than the yield strength of the material under test, up to parent material yield strength of 895 N/mm².

NOTE Where the yield strength of the parent material exceeds 895 N/mm², the consumable selected can have a yield strength less than that of the parent material (but greater than 895 N/mm²) and /or austenitic stainless steel weld deposit can be used.

Start and finish the anchor fillet welds 10 mm (± 3 mm) from the corners of the top plate and make them the following throat sizes:

up to 15 mm plate thickness: (6 ± 1) mm;

plate thickness 15 mm and over: (13 ± 1) mm.