
**Acceptance tests for CO₂-laser beam
machines for high quality welding and
cutting —**

**Part 4:
Machines with 2-D moving optics**

*Essais de réception des machines de soudage et de coupage de qualité
par faisceau laser CO₂ —*

Partie 4: Utilisation d'optiques mobiles 2D

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ISO 15616 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Acceptance tests for CO₂-laser beam machines for high quality welding and cutting*:

- *Part 1: General principles, acceptance conditions*
- *Part 2: Measurement of static and dynamic accuracy*
- *Part 3: Calibration of instruments for measurement of gas flow and pressure*
- *Part 4: Machines with 2-D moving optics*

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Acceptance tests for CO₂-laser beam machines for high quality welding and cutting —

Part 4: Machines with 2-D moving optics

1 Scope

This part of ISO 15616 provides minimum requirements for acceptance testing, using practical test methods, for CO₂-laser beam machines for high quality welding and cutting in two dimensions (2-D), having a fixed workpiece on the platen and moving optics.

This part of ISO 15616 is not applicable to CO₂-laser beam machines which use an articulated robot, nor does it apply to work stations, such as a welding positioner, fixed board cutter, etc.

This part of ISO 15616 does not cover hazard protection devices, such as those for discharging chips and particles generated during welding and cutting.

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1

deviation from intersection

longest distance between any two points that is made by three or more straight intersects

2.2

mark, verb

trace the trajectory of the machining head when the laser machine is being operated and mark it on paper using a ballpoint pen, an equivalent marking pen installed on the tip of the machining head, a low-power laser beam, or an equivalent instrument agreed between the parties concerned

3 Classification of machine type

Judgement criteria/allowance values are applied to machines classified into two types:

- Class A: the laser beam source is built into the moving machine;
- Class B: the laser beam source is not built into the moving machine.

4 Acceptance test conditions

4.1 Installation

The laser machine under test shall be installed in such a way that the welding and cutting operations will not significantly be disturbed by vibrations and temperature variations.

4.2 Power supply

The power source for the laser machine and its cooling system shall conform with the manufacturer's specifications for the equipment. Output voltage fluctuations shall be within $\pm 10\%$ of the nominal voltage.

4.3 Cooling system

If the cooling system is not supplied by the welding and cutting equipment manufacturer, it shall nevertheless conform with the welding and cutting equipment manufacturer's specifications for water flow rate, temperature control range, cooling capacity, etc.

The quality of the cooling water (purity, conductivity, pH, etc.) shall be as specified by the welding and cutting equipment manufacturer.

4.4 Gas supply and gas supply system

The flow rate and quality of the laser gases, assist gases or shield gas (for plasma removal, cutting and welding), and purging gases shall be as specified by the welding and cutting equipment manufacturer.

4.5 Instructions for use

Technical information necessary for operation, maintenance and control of equipment, and at least the minimum information related to the safety of welding and cutting equipment, shall be provided by the equipment supplier.

5 Acceptance test preparation

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5.1 Verification of parts

Verify that all specified parts of the equipment are available and properly installed.

5.2 Machine accuracy verification testing

5.2.1 Accuracy test variables

Check the following machine variables for accuracy in accordance with 5.2.3 and 5.2.4:

- a) trajectory accuracy;
- b) straightness of motion in the X-axis direction;
- c) straightness of motion in the Y-axis direction;
- d) squareness between the X and Y axes;
- e) positioning accuracy of motion in the X-axis direction;
- f) positioning accuracy of motion in the Y-axis direction;
- g) machining speed accuracy.

NOTE See also Table 1.