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welding of stainless and heat resisting  
steels — Classification**

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14343:2002), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 14343:2002/Amd.1:2006.

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## Introduction

It is recognized that there are two somewhat different approaches in the global market to classifying a given stainless steel welding consumable, and that either or both can be used to suit a particular market need. One is the *nominal composition* approach, which uses designators to indicate the principal alloying elements at their nominal levels, in a particular sequence, and which is sometimes followed by chemical element symbols to indicate compositional modifications to the original grade. The other is the *alloy type* approach, which uses tradition-based three- or four-digit designations for certain original grades, sometimes followed by one or more chemical element symbols indicating compositional modifications of the original. In both approaches, classification is based upon the chemical composition of the product. In many cases, a given product can be classified using both approaches, because the composition ranges, although slightly different, overlap to a considerable extent between the two.

Designation by either type of classification, or both where suitable, identifies a product as being classified according to this International Standard. Many, but not all, commercial products addressed by this International Standard can be classified using both approaches, and suitable products can be so marked. Classification according to system A, by nominal composition, is based mainly on EN 12072<sup>[1]</sup>, while that of system B, by alloy type, is mainly based upon standards used around the Pacific Rim.

For stainless steel welding consumables, there is no unique relationship between the product form (wire electrode, strip electrode, wire or rod) and the welding process used (gas-shielded metal arc welding, gas tungsten arc welding, plasma arc welding, submerged arc welding, electroslag welding and laser beam welding). For this reason, the wire electrodes, strip electrodes, wires or rods can be classified on the basis of any of the above product forms and can be used, as appropriate, for more than one of the above processes.

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1) This was replaced by “EN ISO 14343:2007” when CEN adopted the previous edition of this International Standard.

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# Welding consumables — Wire electrodes, strip electrodes, wires and rods for arc welding of stainless and heat resisting steels — Classification

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for classification of wire electrodes, strip electrodes, wires and rods for gas-shielded metal arc welding, gas tungsten arc welding, plasma arc welding, submerged arc welding, electroslag welding and laser beam welding of stainless and heat-resisting steels. The classification of the wire electrodes, strip electrodes, wires and rods is based upon their chemical composition.

This International Standard is a combined specification providing for classification utilizing a system based upon nominal composition (system A), or utilizing a system based upon alloy type (system B).

- a) Paragraphs which carry the label “classification according to nominal composition” and the suffix letter “A”, or “ISO 14343-A”, are applicable only to products classified according to system A;
- b) Paragraphs which carry the label “classification according to alloy type” and the suffix letter “B”, or “ISO 14343-B”, are applicable only to products classified according to system B.
- c) Paragraphs which carry neither label nor suffix letter are applicable to products that can be classified according to either system A or B or both.

## 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 80000-1:2009, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

ISO 544, *Welding consumables — Technical delivery conditions for welding filler materials — Type of product, dimensions, tolerances and markings*

ISO 14344, *Welding and allied processes — Flux and gas shielded electrical welding processes — Procurement guidelines for consumables*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1 rod

form of welding filler metal, normally packaged in straight lengths, that does not conduct the welding current, used in gas tungsten arc and plasma arc welding

3.2

**strip electrode**

form of welding filler metal, normally packaged as coils, having a rectangular cross-section of width much greater than thickness, that becomes part of the welding circuit through which current is conducted, and that terminates at the arc for submerged arc welding, or at the slag bath for electroslag welding

3.3

**wire**

form of welding filler metal, normally packaged as coils, spools or drums, that does not conduct the welding current, for gas tungsten arc, plasma arc welding and laser beam welding

3.4

**wire electrode**

form of welding filler metal, normally packaged as coils, spools or drums, that becomes part of the welding circuit through which electrical current is conducted, and that terminates at the arc, used in gas-shielded metal arc and submerged arc welding

**4 Classification**

**4.1 General**

A wire electrode, strip electrode, wire or rod shall be classified according to its chemical composition as given in Table 1.

The classification is divided into two parts:

- a) the first gives a symbol indicating the product/process to be identified;
- b) the second gives a symbol indicating the chemical composition of the wire electrode, strip electrode, wire or rod.

**4.2 Symbols for products/processes**

**4.2A Classification according to nominal composition**

The symbol for the wire electrode, strip electrode, wire or rod used in the arc welding process shall be the letter

- “G” for gas metal arc welding,
- “W” for gas tungsten arc welding,
- “P” for plasma arc welding,
- “S” for submerged arc welding,
- “B” for submerged arc welding or electroslag welding with strip electrode, or
- “L” for laser beam welding,

placed at the beginning of the designation.

See Clause 10 for designation examples.

**4.2B Classification according to alloy type**

No symbol is used to indicate the welding process.

The symbol for solid stainless and heat-resisting steel wire electrodes, wires and rods for use in all welding processes shall be the letters “SS”. The initial “S” indicates solid wire as distinguished from covered electrodes or from tubular cored wires or tubular cored rods.

The symbol for strip electrodes for use in submerged arc welding or electroslag welding shall be the letters “BS”. The “B” indicates a strip electrode, while the second “S” in “SS” and the “S” in “BS” indicates that the alloy system is stainless or heat-resisting steel.

See Clause 10 for designation examples.



### 4.3 Symbols for chemical composition

The symbols presented in Table 1 indicate the chemical composition of the wire electrode, strip electrode, wire or rod determined using the analysis specified in Clause 6.

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Table 1 — Chemical composition requirements

Alloy designation <sup>a</sup> , classification according to Nominal composition <sup>c</sup> ISO 14343-A		Chemical composition, % by mass <sup>b</sup>													
Alloy type ISO 14343-B		C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	N	Cu	Nb <sup>d</sup>	Other		
		Martensitic/ferritic types													
—	409	0,08	0,8	0,8	0,03	0,03	10,5 to 13,5	0,6	0,50	—	0,75	—	Ti 10 × C to 1,5		
—	409Nb	0,12	0,5	0,6	0,03	0,03	10,5 to 13,5	0,6	0,75	—	0,75	8 × C to 1,0	—		
13	(410)	0,15	1,0	1,0	0,03	0,02	12,0 to 15,0	0,5	0,5	—	0,5	—	—		
(13)	410	0,12	0,5	0,6	0,03	0,03	11,5 to 13,5	0,6	0,75	—	0,75	—	—		
13 L	—	0,05	1,0	1,0	0,03	0,02	12,0 to 15,0	0,5	0,5	—	0,5	—	—		
13 4	(410NiMo)	0,05	1,0	1,0	0,03	0,02	11,0 to 14,0	3,0 to 5,0	0,4 to 1,0	—	0,5	—	—		
(13 4)	410NiMo	0,06	0,5	0,6	0,03	0,03	11,0 to 12,5	4,0 to 5,0	0,4 to 0,7	—	0,75	—	—		
—	420	0,25 to 0,40	0,5	0,6	0,03	0,03	12,0 to 14,0	0,75	0,75	—	0,75	—	—		
16 5 1	—	0,04	0,2 to 0,7	1,2 to 3,5	0,02	0,01	15,0 to 17,0	4,5 to 6,5	0,9 to 1,5	—	0,5	—	—		
17	(430)	0,12	1,0	1,0	0,03	0,02	16,0 to 19,0	0,5	0,5	—	0,5	—	—		
(17)	430	0,10	0,5	0,6	0,03	0,03	15,5 to 17,0	0,6	0,75	—	0,75	—	—		
—	430Nb	0,10	0,5	0,6	0,03	0,03	15,5 to 17,0	0,6	0,75	—	0,75	8 × C to 1,2	—		
(18 L Nb)	430LNb	0,03	0,5	0,6	0,03	0,03	15,5 to 17,0	0,6	0,75	—	0,75	8 × C to 1,2	—		
18 L Nb	(430LNb)	0,02	0,5	0,8	0,03	0,02	17,8 to 18,8	0,5	0,5	0,02	0,5	0,05 + 7(C+N) up to 0,5	—		
—	439	0,04	0,8	0,8	0,03	0,03	17,0 to 19,0	0,6	0,5	—	0,75	—	Ti 10 × C to 1,1		

Table 1 (continued)

Nominal composition <sup>c</sup> ISO 14343-A	Alloy designation <sup>a</sup> , classification according to Alloy type ISO 14343-B	Chemical composition, % by mass <sup>b</sup>											
		C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	N	Cu	Nb <sup>d</sup>	Other
Austenitic types													
—	308	0,08	0,65	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	19,5 to 22,0	9,0 to 11,0	0,75	—	0,75	—	—
—	308Si	0,08	0,65 to 1,00	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	19,5 to 22,0	9,0 to 11,0	0,75	—	0,75	—	—
19 9 L	(308L)	0,03	0,65	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,02	19,0 to 21,0	9,0 to 11,0	0,5	—	0,5	—	—
(19 9 L)	308L	0,03	0,65	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	19,5 to 22,0	9,0 to 11,0	0,75	—	0,75	—	—
19 9 L Si	(308LSi)	0,03	0,65 to 1,2	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,02	19,0 to 21,0	9,0 to 11,0	0,5	—	0,5	—	—
(19 9 L Si)	308LSi	0,03	0,65 to 1,00	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	19,5 to 22,0	9,0 to 11,0	0,75	—	0,75	—	—
19 9 Nb	(347)	0,08	0,65	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,02	19,0 to 21,0	9,0 to 11,0	0,5	—	0,5	10 × C to 1,0	—
(19 9 Nb)	347	0,08	0,65	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	19,0 to 21,5	9,0 to 11,0	0,75	—	0,75	10 × C to 1,0	—
19 9 Nb Si	(347Si)	0,08	0,65 to 1,2	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,02	19,0 to 21,0	9,0 to 11,0	0,5	—	0,5	10 × C to 1,0	—
(19 9 Nb Si)	347Si	0,08	0,65 to 1,00	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	19,0 to 21,5	9,0 to 11,0	0,75	—	0,75	10 × C to 1,0	—
—	347L	0,03	0,65	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	19,0 to 21,5	9,0 to 11,0	0,75	—	0,75	10 × C to 1,0	—
—	316	0,08	0,65	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	18,0 to 20,0	11,0 to 14,0	2,0 to 3,0	—	0,75	—	—
—	316Si	0,08	0,65 to 1,00	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	18,0 to 20,0	11,0 to 14,0	2,0 to 3,0	—	0,75	—	—
19 12 3 L	(316L)	0,03	0,65	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,02	18,0 to 20,0	11,0 to 14,0	2,5 to 3,0	—	0,5	—	—
(19 12 3 L)	316L	0,03	0,65	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,03	18,0 to 20,0	11,0 to 14,0	2,0 to 3,0	—	0,75	—	—
19 12 3 L Si	(316LSi)	0,03	0,65 to 1,2	1,0 to 2,5	0,03	0,02	18,0 to 20,0	11,0 to 14,0	2,5 to 3,0	—	0,5	—	—