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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 3690:2012), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- an additional specimen size D has been added;
- changes have been made in required diffusion times for high temperature tests, see [5.3.3.4](#), [5.3.4](#) and [Table 5](#).

Welding and allied processes — Determination of hydrogen content in arc weld metal

1 Scope

This document specifies the sampling and analytical procedure for the determination of diffusible hydrogen in martensitic, bainitic, and ferritic steel weld metal arising from the welding of such steels using arc welding processes with filler material.

The techniques specified in this document include collection of diffusible hydrogen via displacement of mercury or collection into a headspace filled with an inert gas such as argon. The amount of hydrogen collected is determined by measuring the displaced volume in the former and by, for example, thermal conductivity in the latter.

The temperature for collection of diffusible hydrogen is controlled to avoid thermal activation of non-diffusible hydrogen.

NOTE Recommendations and restrictions in regard to older methods of measurement using glycerine are given in [Annex B](#) for any comparison work to these older methods.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 14175, *Welding consumables — Gases and gas mixtures for fusion welding and allied processes*

ISO/TR 17671-1, *Welding — Recommendations for welding of metallic materials — Part 1: General guidance for arc welding*

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

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principle

Filler material is deposited on to a standard test coupon in a manner that ensures control of pertinent variables to produce a representative specimen for analysis. Subsequent storage and handling of the specimen is controlled to prevent premature loss of hydrogen. Finally, the specimen is transferred to a gas collection apparatus (mercury method) or to a suitable vessel filled with an inert gas (thermal conductivity method) and held for a period of time at a temperature sufficient to quantitatively release the diffusible hydrogen into an evacuated gas burette or into the inert gas headspace, respectively. The amount of hydrogen collected is determined by measuring the displaced volume (mercury method) or by thermal conductivity. Finally, quantification of the mass of deposited metal or volume of fused weld

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metal enables calculations of diffusible hydrogen in deposited metal, H_D , or diffusible hydrogen in fused weld metal, H_F , to be made.

NOTE [Annex C](#) gives information on determination of accuracy of results when a method other than displacement of mercury or thermal conductivity detection is used for diffusible hydrogen analysis.

5 Test procedures

5.1 Production of weld specimens

5.1.1 Summary

The welding consumable to be tested is used to deposit a single weld bead, which is rapidly quenched and subsequently stored at -78 °C or lower until analysis. Cleaning and slag removal are performed on the chilled specimen.

5.1.2 Welding fixture

An example of a suitable welding fixture to provide uniform test pieces for the welding processes specified in [5.2](#) is shown in [Figure 1](#). It is designed to hold the uniform test pieces securely in alignment during welding and, in particular, to ensure that unclamping upon completion of welding can be carried out in a single operation according to the conditions specified in [5.1.4 c\)](#). The surface temperature of the fixture shall be between ambient and 25 °C above ambient at the start of each test weld. The fixture may be water-cooled to decrease the cycle time. The temperature of the cooling water shall be controlled to prevent condensation of water on the surface of the fixture between test welds.

For all welding processes, the test piece assembly is clamped in the welding fixture using annealed copper foil as shown in [Figure 1](#). The foil may be annealed repeatedly and quenched in water after each annealing. Oxide scale after annealing is removed by pickling with dilute nitric acid (10 % by volume) followed by washing with distilled water and drying.