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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 21028-2:2004), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- tables and figures on impact test temperatures and design reference have been modified;
- [Annex B](#) has been added to present an example of calculation of the lowest temperature authorized during operation.

A list of all parts in the ISO 21028 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

The use of materials at low temperatures entails special problems which should be addressed. Consideration should be given, in particular, to changes in mechanical characteristics, expansion and contraction phenomena and the thermal conduction of the various materials. The most important property to be considered is the material toughness at low temperature.

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Part 2: Temperatures between -80 degrees C and -20 degrees C

1 Scope

This document specifies the toughness requirements of metallic materials for use at temperatures between -20 °C and -80 °C to ensure their suitability for cryogenic vessels. This document is applicable to fine-grain and low-alloyed steels with specified yield strength $\leq 460\text{ N/mm}^2$, aluminium and aluminium alloys, copper and copper alloys and austenitic stainless steels.

NOTE For steel materials listed in EN 13445-2 or EN 13480-2 or for steel materials and weldings complying with the same fundamental safety requirements, the requirements for prevention of brittle fracture at low temperatures according to EN 13445-2:2014, Annex B, method 2, or EN 13480-2:2012, Annex B, method 2 can be applied.

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 148 (all parts), *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test*

ISO 9016, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Impact tests — Test specimen location, notch orientation and examination*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1

minimum metal temperature

T_M

lowest temperature defined for each of the conditions:

- temperature during normal operation;
- temperature during start-up and shut down procedures;
- temperature which may occur during possible process upsets;
- temperature which may occur during pressure or leak testing;
- ambient conditions.

Note 1 to entry: See also *temperature adjustment term* (3.2) and *design reference temperature* (3.3).

3.2 temperature adjustment term

T_S
term relevant to the calculation of the *design reference temperature*, T_R (3.3) and dependent on the pressure-induced principal membrane stress at the appropriate minimum metal temperature

3.3 design reference temperature

T_R
temperature used for determining the impact energy requirements themselves, determined by adding the *temperature adjustment term*, T_S (3.2) to the *minimum metal temperature*, T_M (3.1):

$$T_R = T_M + T_S$$

Note 1 to entry: All applicable combinations of the temperatures T_M and T_S are to be considered and the lowest possible T_R value used for the determination of the required material *impact test temperature* (3.4).

3.4 impact test temperature

T_{KV}
temperature at which the required impact energy has to be achieved

Note 1 to entry: See [Clause 5](#).

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3.5 impact energy

KV
energy determined from Charpy V-notch tests [ISO 21028-2:2018](#)

Note 1 to entry: These tests are performed in accordance with ISO 148 (all parts).
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3.6 reference thickness

e_B
thickness of a component used to relate the *design reference temperature*, T_R (3.3) of the component with its required *impact test temperature*, T_{KV} (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: The reference thickness is based on the nominal thickness (including corrosion allowance) and can be as defined in [Table 6](#). For butt-welded components, it is the nominal wall thickness of the component at the edge of the weld preparation.

Note 2 to entry: See [Figures 1](#) to [5](#).

4 Symbols

Symbol	Definition	Unit
A-W	as-welded	
a	depth of the defect	mm
e	wall thickness	mm
e_B	reference thickness	mm
KV	impact energy	J

K_C	stress intensity factor	J
K_{IC}	critical stress intensity	J
K_0	constant 25 MPa \sqrt{m}	
PWHT	post-welded heat-treatment	
R_{el}	yield point	N/mm ² or J
R_p	proof stress	N/mm ² or J
SMYS	specified minimum yield strength	N/mm ²
t	component thickness	mm
T_{KV}	impact test temperature	°C
T_M	minimum metal temperature	°C
T_R	design reference temperature	°C
T_S	temperature adjustment term	°C
β	constant 1/60	
σ	stress coefficient	
π	coefficient	
ΔT_e	correction term	°C

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5 Requirements for steels with specified yield strength ≤ 460 N/mm²

5.1 General

This method, based on fracture mechanics, may be used to determine the requirements to avoid brittle fracture in C, CMn, fine-grain and low-alloy steels with a SMYS ≤ 460 N/mm².

In this procedure, the impact test temperature, T_{KV} , is not equal to the design reference temperature, T_R .

Parent material, welds and heat-affected zones shall meet the impact energy (KV) and impact test temperature, T_{KV} , requirements given in [Table 1](#) for design reference temperatures, T_R , and reference thicknesses. Values of T_R shall be calculated from T_M using the values of T_S given in [5.2](#).

For materials with SMYS ≤ 310 N/mm², the impact energy at T_{KV} given in [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#) shall be 27 J.

For materials with a SMYS > 310 N/mm², the impact energy at T_{KV} given in [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#) shall be 40 J.

Where 27 J is specified in the product standard, [Figure 3](#) for the post-weld heat-treated condition applies.

For the as-welded case with SMYS in the range > 310 N/mm² and ≤ 360 N/mm², [Figure 4](#) applies.

For minimum yield strength > 360 N/mm², [Figure 5](#) applies.

Table 1 — Impact energy requirements

Specified min. yield strength of base material N/mm ²	Required impact energy KV (on 10 mm × 10 mm test pieces) J	Figure defining required T_{KV}	
		Non-welded/ Post-weld heat-treated (PWHT)	As-welded (A-W)
≤310	27	1	2
>310 to ≤360	40	1	2
	27	3	4
>360	40	1	2
	27	3	5

5.2 Temperature adjustments

T_S is a temperature adjustment which may be used if the pressure-induced principal membrane stress does not exceed the percentage of the maximum allowable design stress or 50 N/mm² given in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Temperature adjustments

Condition	Percentage of maximum allowable design stress			Membrane stress ^b
	>75 % to ≤100 %	>50 % to ≤75 %	≤50 %	≤50 N/mm ²
Non-welded, final post-weld heat treated ^a	0 °C	+10 °C	+25 °C	+50 °C
As-welded and reference thickness <30 mm	0 °C	0 °C	0 °C	+40 °C

^a Also applicable for equipment where all nozzles and non-temporary welded attachments are first welded to vessel components and these sub-assemblies are post-weld heat-treated before being assembled into the equipment by butt-welding, but the main seams are not subsequently post-weld heat-treated.

^b In this case, the membrane stress should take account of internal and external pressure and dead weight.

[Annex A](#) provides a case proposal for the technical justification for temperature adjustment term.

5.3 Procedure for base material <10 mm thick

Minimum T_R values are given in [Table 3](#) which shall be used when the base material is less than 10 mm thick and the testing temperature, T_{KV} , is 20 °C. The impact energy requirements are as specified in the relevant materials standards.

If these materials are to be used below the T_R values given in [Table 3](#), the testing shall be performed in accordance with the relevant curve for 10 mm in [Figure 1](#) to [Figure 5](#). The required energies for the sub-sized specimens are given in [Table 4](#).

Table 3 — Minimum T_R values for base material <10 mm thick and $T_{KV} = 20$ °C

Thickness mm	As-welded (A-W)	Post-weld heat-treated (PWHT)
	°C	
8	-20	-35
6	-25	-40
4	-40	-55
2	-55	-70

An example of calculation of the lowest temperature authorized during operation is given in [Annex B](#).

6 General test requirements

6.1 General

Where impact tests are required, they shall be Charpy V-notched tests in accordance with ISO 148 (all parts). The impact energy requirements shall be met in the base material, heat-affected zone and weld metal. The specimen position shall be in accordance with ISO 9016. From each sample, three specimens shall be tested for each of the required positions and test temperatures. The mean value of the three specimens shall be at least equal to the impact energy requirement. Only one specimen may show a lower value, but this value shall not be less than 70 % of this requirement.

The required values for base material refer to the transverse direction. If transverse properties are not obtainable, the minimum impact energy requirements in longitudinal directions specified for transverse test pieces shall be multiplied by a factor of 1,5 for C, CMn, fine-grained and low-alloyed steels with a minimum specified yield strength ≤ 460 N/mm². For other materials, refer to the product standard.

6.2 Sub-sized specimens

If the base material is less than 10 mm thick, the energy requirements shall be as given in [Table 4](#).

Alternatively, where proportional reduced energy requirements are preferred, [Table 5](#) shall be applied.

Table 4 — Corresponding impact requirements for sub-sized Charpy V-notched specimen if base material <10 mm thick

Impact requirement for full size as required by Table 1	Corresponding impact requirement for sub-sized specimen
J	J
10 mm × 10 mm	10 mm × 7,5 mm
27	14
40	20

6.3 Sub-sized specimens for components from which it is impossible to extract specimens of section size equal to reference thickness

There are cases of unusually shaped components and/or weld procedures and manufactured production plates where the Charpy V-notched specimen extracted is either <10 mm or not representative of the section thickness.

In these cases, sub-sized specimens shall be tested at lower impact test temperatures, in order to model the behaviour of a full thickness specimen, using temperature shifts in accordance with [Table 5](#).

Impact tests should be performed on the maximum thickness which can be extracted from the component under consideration.

Table 5 — Equivalent impact energy requirements when sub-sized specimens extracted from thicker sections

Required impact energy KV J	Specimen geometry mm	Sub-sized specimen requirement		
		KV J	Specimen geometry mm × mm	Shift of impact test temperature °C
27	10 × 10	20	7,5 × 10	$T_{KV} - 5$
		14	5,0 × 10	$T_{KV} - 20$
40	10 × 10	30	7,5 × 10	$T_{KV} - 5$
		20	5,0 × 10	$T_{KV} - 20$
20	7,5 × 10	14	5,0 × 10	$T_{KV} - 15$
30	7,5 × 10	20	5,0 × 10	$T_{KV} - 15$

7 Welds

When materials are to be joined by welding, the choice of consumables and procedures (see ISO 9016) shall ensure that the required impact energy properties are achieved in weld regions and heat-affected zones, when tested in accordance with [Clause 5](#).

The required impact energy shall be at least equal to the specified impact energy for the base metal.

8 Requirements for aluminium and aluminium alloys, copper and copper alloys and austenitic stainless steels (standards.iteh.ai)

Toughness of aluminium and aluminium alloys, copper and copper alloys and austenitic stainless steels is inherently high enough at low temperature to render impact tests unnecessary.

Welds of austenitic stainless steels shall be impact tested if the material of the weld consumable/filler metal has a ferrite content exceeding 10 %.