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**Welding — Measurement of  
preheating temperature, interpass  
temperature and preheat  
maintenance temperature**

*Soudage — Mesurage de la température de préchauffage, de la  
température entre passes et de la température de maintien du  
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# Welding — Measurement of preheating temperature, interpass temperature and preheat maintenance temperature

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the measurement of preheating temperature, interpass temperature and preheat maintenance temperature for fusion welding. This document can also be applied as appropriate in the case of other welding processes. This document does not cover the measurement of post weld heat treatment temperatures.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 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:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>  
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### 3.1 preheating temperature

$T_p$

temperature of the workpiece in the weld zone immediately prior to any welding operation

Note 1 to entry: It is normally expressed as a minimum and is usually equal to the minimum interpass temperature.

### 3.2 interpass temperature

$T_i$

temperature in a multi-run weld and adjacent parent metal immediately prior to the application of the next run

Note 1 to entry: It is normally expressed as a maximum temperature.

### 3.3 preheat maintenance temperature

$T_m$

minimum temperature in the weld zone which to be maintained if welding is interrupted

## 4 Requirements

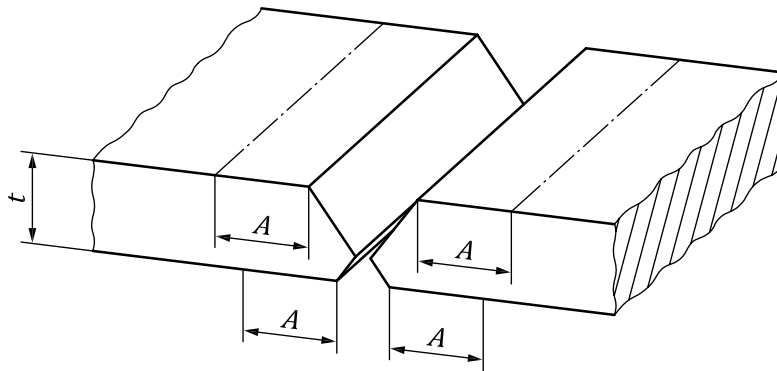
### 4.1 Point of measurement

The temperature measurement shall normally be made on the surface of the workpiece facing the welder, at a distance of  $A = 4 \times t$ , but not more than 50 mm, from the longitudinal edge of the groove (see [Figure 1](#)). This shall apply for workpieces thickness  $t$  not exceeding 50 mm in the weld.

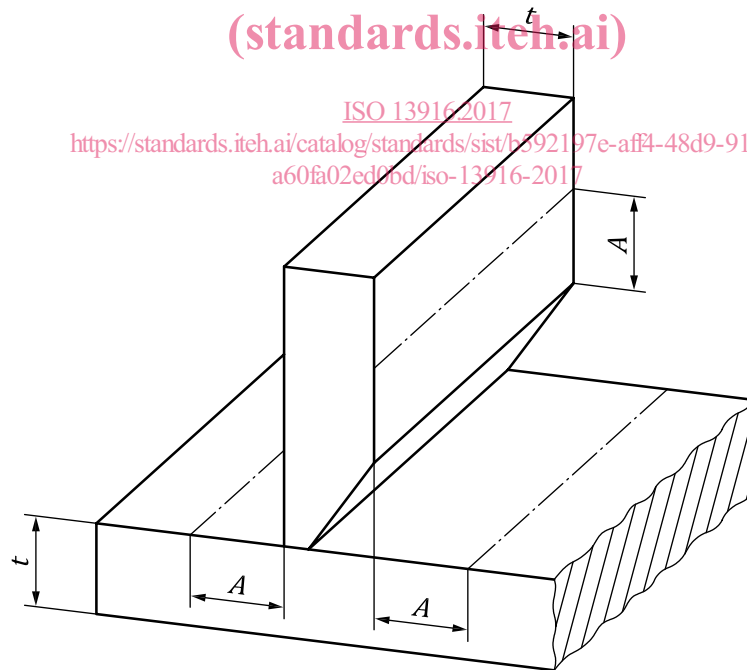
When the thickness exceeds 50 mm, the required temperature shall exist in the parent metal for a distance of minimum 75 mm or as otherwise agreed in any direction from the joint preparation. Where practicable, the temperature shall be measured on the face opposite to that being heated. Otherwise, the temperature shall be confirmed on the heated face at a time after removal of the heat source related to parent metal thickness to allow for temperature equalization. Where fixed permanent heaters are in use and there is no access to the reverse face for temperature measurement, readings shall be taken on the exposed parent metal surface immediately adjacent to the weld preparation. The time allowed for the temperature equalization shall be of the order of 2 min for each 25 mm of parent metal thickness.

Interpass temperature shall be measured on the weld metal or the immediately adjacent parent metal.

Dimensions in millimetres



**a) Butt joint**



**b) T-joint**

**Key**

- $t \leq 50$  mm:  $A = 4 \times t$ , max. 50 mm
- $t > 50$  mm:  $A = \text{min. } 75$  mm

**Figure 1 — Distance between points of measurement**

## 4.2 Time of measurement

Interpass temperature shall be measured in the weld area immediately before welding the next layer.

If the preheat maintenance temperature is specified, it shall be monitored during the period of welding interruption.

## 4.3 Test equipment

Equipment used for temperature measurement should be specified in the welding procedure specifications, for example:

- temperature sensitive materials (e.g. crayons or paints) (TS);
- contact thermometer (CT);
- thermocouple (TE);
- optical or electrical devices for contactless measurement (TB).

## 5 Test report

If a test report is required, it shall refer to this document and give the following minimum information in accordance with the specification in welding procedure specification:

- measured preheating temperature, in °C;
- measured interpass temperature, in °C;
- measured preheat maintenance temperature, in °C;
- any deviation from this document, if applicable.

## 6 Designation

### 6.1 General

Examples of designation, which should be used in test reports, are as follows.

### 6.2 Example 1

A preheating temperature,  $T_p$ , measured only once in accordance with this document as 155 °C ( $T_p$  155) using a contact thermometer (CT) shall be designated as follows:

Temperature ISO 13916:2017  $T_p$  155 — CT.

### 6.3 Example 2

An interpass temperature,  $T_i$ , measured more than once in accordance with this document as 130 °C, 153 °C and 160 °C ( $T_i$  130/160) using a thermocouple (TE) shall be designated as follows:

Temperature ISO 13916:2017  $T_i$  130/160 — TE.

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