
**Welding for aerospace applications —
Fusion welding of metallic
components —**

**Part 2:
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Welding for aerospace applications — Fusion welding of metallic components —

Part 2: Acceptance criteria

1 Scope

This document specifies acceptance criteria for fusion weldments on metallic components.

It is to be applied provided it is referenced or approved by the responsible engineering/design authority.

This document covers the following processes given in [Table 1](#) and the material groups given in [Table 2](#).

Table 1 — Fusion welding processes covered by this document

Process	Process number (ISO 4063:2009)
Oxyfuel welding	31
Gas shielded arc welding with non-consumable tungsten electrode, gas tungsten arc welding	14
Plasma arc welding	15
Electron beam welding	51
Laser welding, laser beam welding	52

Table 2 — Material groups covered by this document

Material group	Description
A	Unalloyed steel, low alloyed steels, high alloyed ferritic steels
B	Austenitic, martensitic and precipitation hardening steels
C	Titanium and titanium alloys, niobium, zirconium and other reactive metals
D	Aluminium and magnesium alloys
E	Materials that do not conform to other material groups (e.g. molybdenum, tungsten, copper alloys)
F	Nickel alloys, cobalt alloys.

NOTE Material groups according to ISO 24394.

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 6520-1, *Welding and allied processes — Classification of geometric imperfections in metallic materials — Part 1: Fusion welding*

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

3.1 design/engineering authority
organization having the responsibility for the structural integrity or maintenance of airworthiness of the hardware and compliance with all relevant documents

[SOURCE: ISO 24394:2018, 3.8]

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

- t* nominal wall or plate thickness
- h* dimension of imperfection
- b* width of weld reinforcement or fillet
- a* nominal throat thickness
- z* nominal leg length

5 Conformance

When conformance to this document is claimed, all provisions of this document are to be complied with, except those for provisions that the design/engineering authority specifically exempts.

6 Acceptance criteria

6.1 General

The dimension of any discontinuity shall be defined by its largest dimension. Two or more discontinuities shall be treated as one when the spacing between them is less than the dimension of the larger discontinuity.

Surface imperfections of the weld may be mechanically removed provided that the weld and adjacent base metal maintain the minimum thickness without undercutting the plane of the base metal. Any additional engineering requirements (e.g. surface roughness) shall also be met. In the case of weldments with variations in cross-section along the joint, the thickness, *t*, shall be considered to be the minimum thickness at the imperfections.

Imperfections that will be removed in subsequent machining shall not be cause for rejection provided inspection is carried out after machining. Any weldment with unacceptable imperfections which has gone through a subsequent manufacturing operation that affects the metallurgical characteristics (other than hydrogen embrittlement relief) or that cannot be rewelded without affecting final metallurgical or surface characteristics shall be rejected.

For fillet welds, the minimum size shall be as specified on the engineering drawings.

When fillet weld size is not specified, the minimum leg length shall be:

- for single side weld: $1,5 t_{\min}$;
- for double side weld: $1 t_{\min}$;

where t_{\min} is the minimum nominal wall or plate thickness.