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## Introduction

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# Petroleum and natural gas industries — Steel drill pipe

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the technical delivery conditions for steel drill-pipes with upset pipe-body ends and weld-on tool joints for use in drilling and production operations in petroleum and natural gas industries for three product specification levels (PSL-1, PSL-2 and PSL-3). The requirements for PSL-1 form the basis of this document. The requirements that define different levels of standard technical requirements for PSL-2 and PSL-3 are in [Annex G](#).

This document covers the following grades of drill-pipe:

- grade E drill-pipe;
- high-strength grades of drill-pipe, grades X, G and S;
- enhanced H<sub>2</sub>S resistance drill pipe, grades D and F.

A typical drill-pipe configuration is given, showing main elements and lengths (see [Figure B.1](#)). The main dimensions and masses of the grades of drill-pipe are given in both SI units (see [Table A.1](#)) and in USC units (see [Table C.1](#)).

This document can also be used for drill-pipe with tool joints not specified by ISO or API standards.

By agreement between purchaser and manufacturer, this document can also be applied to other drill-pipe body and/or tool-joint dimensions. This document lists supplementary requirements that can optionally be agreed between purchaser and manufacturer, for testing, performance verification and non-destructive examination (see [Annex E](#)).

This document does not consider performance properties, nor performance degradation of the product when in service.

**NOTE 1** In this document, drill-pipe is designated by label 1, label 2, grade of material (E, X, G, S, D and F), upset type and type of rotary shouldered connection. Designations are used for the purpose of identification in ordering.

**NOTE 2** Reference can be made to ISO 10424-2 or API Spec 7-2 for the detailed requirements for the threading of drill-pipe tool joints.

**NOTE 3** Reference can be made to API RP 7G for the performance properties of the drill-pipe.

## 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 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6892, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing*

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Calibration and verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system*

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ISO 9513, *Metallic materials — Calibration of extensometer systems used in uniaxial testing*

ISO 10424-2, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Rotary drilling equipment — Part 2: Threading and gauging of rotary shouldered thread connections*

ISO 10893-2, *Non-destructive testing of steel tubes — Part 2: Automated eddy current testing of seamless and welded (except submerged arc-welded) steel tubes for the detection of imperfections*

ISO 10893-3, *Non-destructive testing of steel tubes — Part 3: Automated full peripheral flux leakage testing of seamless and welded (except submerged arc-welded) ferromagnetic steel tubes for the detection of longitudinal and/or transverse imperfections*

ISO 10893-5, *Non-destructive testing of steel tubes — Part 5: Magnetic particle inspection of seamless and welded ferromagnetic steel tubes for the detection of surface imperfections*

ISO 10893-10, *Non-destructive testing of steel tubes — Part 10: Automated full peripheral ultrasonic testing of seamless and welded (except submerged arc-welded) steel tubes for the detection of longitudinal and/or transverse imperfections*

ISO 11484, *Steel products — Employer's qualification system for non-destructive testing (NDT) personnel*

SPEC API 7-2, *Specification for Threading and Gauging of Rotary Shouldered Thread Connections*

ANSI/NACE TM0177, *Laboratory testing of metals for Resistance to Sulfide Stress Cracking and Stress Corrosion Cracking in H<sub>2</sub>S Environments*

ASME. *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX*

ASNT SNT-TC-1A, *Recommended Practice, Personnel Qualification and Certification in Non-Destructive Testing*

ASTM A370, *Standard Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products*

ASTM A751, *Standard Test Methods, Practices and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products*

ASTM A941, *Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys, and Ferroalloys*

ASTM E4, *Standard Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines*

ASTM E10, *Standard Test Method for Brinell Hardness of Metallic Materials*

ASTM E18, *Standard Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness of Metallic Materials*

ASTM E23, *Standard Test Methods for Notched Bar Impact Testing of Metallic Materials*

ASTM E83, *Standard Practice for Verification and Classification of Extensometer Systems*

ASTM E92, *Standard Test Method for Vickers Hardness of Metallic Materials*

ASTM E213, *Standard Practice for Ultrasonic Examination of Metal Pipe and Tubing*

ASTM E309, *Standard Practice for Eddy-Current Examination of Steel Tubular Products Using Magnetic Saturation*

ASTM E570, *Standard Practice for Flux Leakage Examination of Ferromagnetic Steel Tubular Products*

ASTM E709, *Standard Guide for Magnetic Particle Testing*

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ASTM A941 and the following 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/>

### 3.1.1

#### **bevel diameter**

outer diameter of the sealing shoulder of a rotary shouldered connection

### 3.1.2

#### **defect**

imperfection of sufficient magnitude to warrant rejection of the product based on criteria defined in this document

[SOURCE: ISO 11960:2014, definition 4.1.12]

### 3.1.3

#### **drill-pipe**

drill-pipe body with weld-on tool joints

### 3.1.4

#### **drill-pipe body**

seamless pipe with upset ends

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.1](#).

### 3.1.5

#### **drill-pipe-body manufacturer** (standards.iteh.ai)

firm, company or corporation that operates facilities for making drill-pipe bodies and is responsible for compliance with the requirements of this document applicable to the drill-pipe body

Note 1 to entry: See [7.21](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/8048abe4-fb23-4919-9bde-339c296635e7/iso-11961-2018).

### 3.1.6

#### **drill-pipe manufacturer**

firm, company or corporation responsible for compliance with all the applicable requirements of this document

Note 1 to entry: See [6.16](#).

### 3.1.7

#### **drill-pipe torsion-strength ratio**

torsion strength of the tool-joint connection divided by the drill-pipe-body torsion strength

### 3.1.8

#### **drill-pipe weld neck**

machined part of the drill-pipe comprising the tool-joint weld neck, the weld and the drill-pipe-body upset

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.1](#).

### 3.1.9

#### **elephant hide**

wrinkled outside diameter surfaces of the drill-pipe body caused by the upsetting process

### 3.1.10

#### **enhanced H<sub>2</sub>S resistance**

classification of drill pipe that includes Sulfide Stress Cracking testing as part of its qualification and quality control

**3.1.11**

**essential variable**

variable parameter in which a change affects the mechanical properties of the weld joint

**3.1.12**

**gouge**

elongated groove or cavity caused by mechanical removal of metal

**3.1.13**

**hard banding**

application of material onto tool joints to reduce external wear of the tool joint

Note 1 to entry: This is also known as hard facing.

**3.1.14**

**hardness number**

result from a single hardness impression

**3.1.15**

**heat**

**heat of steel**

metal produced by a single cycle of a batch-melting process

**3.1.16**

**heat analysis**

chemical analysis representative of a heat as reported by the metal producer

[SOURCE: ISO 11960:2014, definition 4.1.18]

**3.1.17**

**imperfection**

discontinuity in the product wall or on the product surface that can be detected by an NDE method included in this document

[SOURCE: ISO 11960:2014, definition 4.1.19, modified]

**3.1.18**

**indication**

evidence of a discontinuity that requires interpretation to determine its significance

**3.1.19**

**inspection**

process of measuring, examining, testing, gauging or otherwise comparing the product with the applicable requirements

**3.1.20**

**label 1**

dimensionless designation for the drill-pipe-body size that may be used when ordering

**3.1.21**

**label 2**

dimensionless designation for the drill-pipe-body mass per unit length that may be used when ordering

**3.1.22**

**linear imperfection**

imperfection that includes, but is not limited to, seams, laps, cracks, plug scores, cuts, gouges and elephant hide

Note 1 to entry: See API 5T1.

[SOURCE: ISO 11960:2004, definition 4.1.28, modified]

**3.1.23****lot**

definite quantity of product manufactured under conditions that are considered uniform for the attribute being inspected

**3.1.24****lot size**

number of units in a lot

**3.1.25****manufacturer**

maker of drill-pipe, drill-pipe body or tool joints

Note 1 to entry: The manufacturer can be the maker of one or more of the specified components, depending on context.

**3.1.26****mean hardness number**

result of averaging the hardness numbers for the single specimen or location being evaluated

**3.1.27****non-essential variable**

variable parameter in which a change may be made in the WPS without re-qualification

**3.1.28****non-linear imperfection**

imperfection that includes, but is not limited to, pits

Note 1 to entry: See API Std 5T1.

**3.1.29****pipe body**

seamless pipe excluding upset and upset-affected areas

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.1](#).

**3.1.30****procedure qualification record****PQR**

written documentation stating an assessment that a specific WPS produces welds in accordance with the requirements of this document.

**3.1.31****product**

drill-pipe, drill-pipe body or tool joint

**3.1.32****purchaser**

party responsible for both the definition of requirements for a product order and for payment for that order

[SOURCE: ISO 11960:2014, definition 4.1.39]

**3.1.33****quench crack**

crack in steel resulting from stresses produced during the transformation from austenite to martensite

Note 1 to entry: This transformation is accompanied by an increase in volume.

[SOURCE: ISO 11960:2014, definition 4.1.40]