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This second edition partly cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12736:2014), which has been technically revised and split into three parts.

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

- clearer delineation between validation and projects;
- introduction of material classes;
- modification of material property testing requirements, including detailed thermal conductivity testing requirements;
- introduction of additional long-term testing requirements;
- introduction of additional system testing requirements, including system interfaces;
- removal of project specific testing requirements;
- addition of requirement for risk-based analysis of the system long-term performance;
- modifications of the format and content requirements of the final validation dossier;
- addition of informative annex with guidelines for using this document.

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## Introduction

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# Petroleum and natural gas industries — Wet thermal insulation systems for pipelines and subsea equipment —

## Part 1: Validation of materials and insulation systems

### 1 Scope

This document defines the minimum requirements for validation of wet thermal insulation systems applied to pipelines and subsea equipment in the petroleum and natural gas industries.

This document is applicable to wet thermal insulation systems submerged in seawater.

This document is not applicable to:

- maintenance works on existing installed wet thermal insulation systems;
- qualification for anti-corrosion coating;
- thermal insulation in the annulus of a steel pipe-in-pipe system.

### 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 34 (all parts), *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tear strength*
- ISO 37, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tensile stress-strain properties*
- ISO 179-1, *Plastics — Determination of Charpy impact properties — Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test*
- ISO 527 (all parts), *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties*
- ISO 604, *Plastics — Determination of compressive properties*
- ISO 844, *Rigid cellular plastics — Determination of compression properties*
- ISO 868, *Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness)*
- ISO 1183 (all parts), *Plastics — Methods for determining the density of non-cellular plastics*
- ISO 6721-1, *Plastics — Determination of dynamic mechanical properties — Part 1: General principles*
- ISO 8301, *Thermal insulation — Determination of steady-state thermal resistance and related properties — Heat flow meter apparatus*
- ISO 8302, *Thermal insulation — Determination of steady-state thermal resistance and related properties — Guarded hot plate apparatus*
- ISO 11357-1, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 1: General principles*
- ISO 11357-4, *Plastics — Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) — Part 4: Determination of specific heat capacity*

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ISO 11359-2, *Plastics — Thermomechanical analysis (TMA) — Part 2: Determination of coefficient of linear thermal expansion and glass transition temperature*

ISO 12736-2, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Wet thermal insulation systems for pipelines and subsea equipment — Part 2: Qualification processes for production and application procedures*

ISO 12736-3, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Wet thermal insulation systems for pipelines and subsea equipment — Part 3: Interfaces between systems, field joint systems, field repairs, and pre-fabricated insulation*

ISO 15711, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of resistance to cathodic disbonding of coatings exposed to sea water*

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

ASTM D575, *Standard Test Methods for Rubber Properties in Compression*

### 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

**3.1 application procedure specification**  
quality specification document, or group of specifications, describing procedures, method, equipment, tools, etc. used for *system* (3.34) application

**3.2 batch**  
quantity of *material* (3.17) produced in a continuous manufacturing operation using raw materials of the same source or grade

**3.3 blown foam**  
insulation *material* (3.17) formed by incorporating a gas phase into a polymer matrix

**3.4 certificate of analysis**  
document provided by the manufacturer which indicates results of specific tests or analysis, including test methodology, performed on a defined lot of the manufacturer's product and corresponding conformity ranges

**3.5 construction joint**  
*interface* (3.12) where both *systems* (3.34) are identical

**3.6 cutback**  
length of item left uncoated at each end for joining purposes

Note 1 to entry: Joining purposes are welding, for example.

**3.7 field joint**  
uncoated area that results when two pipe sections, or a pipe section and a *fitting* (3.8), with *cutbacks* (3.6) are assembled by welding or other methods

**3.8****fitting**

receptacle on a piece of *subsea equipment* (3.32), which interfaces to a *pipeline* (3.21)

**3.9****high molecular weight precursor thermoset**

*material* (3.17), which is a polymeric compound that remains malleable until application of sufficient heat to cause network formation and then does not flow upon reheating

EXAMPLE Butyl rubber.

**3.10****inorganic syntactic foam**

insulation *material* (3.17) formed by dispersing inorganic hollow particles within a polymer matrix

**3.11****inspection and test plan**

document providing an overview of the sequence of inspections and tests, including appropriate resources and procedures

**3.12****interface**

location where two *systems* (3.34) meet and affect each other.

Note 1 to entry: A field joint system has two interfaces.

Note 2 to entry: In the case of multilayer systems, interfaces can be made up of multiple sub-interfaces.

**3.13****jumper**

short section of *pipeline* (3.21) that transfers fluid between two pieces of *subsea equipment* (3.32)

**3.14****liquid precursor elastomeric thermoset**

*material* (3.17), which is a polymeric compound with its glass transition below ambient temperature, that is produced via combination of one or more components that can be pumped and flow as liquids and which react to create a crosslinked polymer that does not flow upon reheating

EXAMPLE Liquid precursor silicone rubber.

**3.15****liquid precursor non-elastomeric thermoset**

*material* (3.17), which is a polymeric compound with its glass transition above ambient temperature, that is produced via combination of one or more components that can be pumped and flow as liquids and which react to create a crosslinked polymer that does not flow upon reheating

EXAMPLE Liquid epoxy,.

**3.16****mainline**

portion of a *pipeline* (3.21) which is not a *field joint* (3.7)

**3.17****material**

polymeric compound applied to the surface to be protected/insulated in units of discrete thickness (layers) to build up a *system* (3.34)

**3.18****material manufacturer**

legal entity responsible for the manufacture of one or more *materials* (3.17) utilized in a *system* (3.34)

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## 3.19

**material maximum and minimum rated temperature**

maximum and minimum temperature to which a particular *material* (3.17) can be continuously exposed, as per *system provider* (3.36) recommendation, during storage or in service as part of a *system* (3.34)

Note 1 to entry: For multi-layer systems, the material maximum rated temperature can be less than the *system maximum rated temperature* (3.35).

## 3.20

**maximum rated pressure**

maximum hydrostatic pressure to which the *system* (3.34) can be exposed, according to the *system provider* (3.36)

## 3.21

**pipeline****flowline**

tubular piping used to convey fluids

Note 1 to entry: Pipeline includes *jumpers* (3.13), *risers* (3.27) and *field joints* (3.7).

## 3.22

**pre-fabricated insulation**

section of stand-alone insulative *material* (3.17), which is factory manufactured into its final form and then installed in the field by mechanically fastening or bonding to a corrosion protected structure

## 3.23

**pre-production trial**

series of tests performed immediately before the start of production, designed to demonstrate that the requirements of the validated *system* (3.34) and/or *procedure qualification trial* (3.24) are achieved, as outlined in this document and as agreed

## 3.24

**procedure qualification trial**

series of tests designed to demonstrate that the *materials* (3.17), *system provider* (3.36), equipment and procedures can produce the *system* (3.34) in accordance with the *validation dossier* (3.43) and meet the specific project requirements as outlined in this document and as agreed

## 3.25

**project**

scope of work agreed upon contractually between *system purchaser* (3.37) and *system provider* (3.36)

## 3.26

**R-lay****reel-lay**

method of *pipeline* (3.21) installation in which long *stalks* (3.31) of pre-insulated pipes are pre-assembled by welding and application of *field joint* (3.7) system onshore before being spooled onto large reels onboard the installation vessel, which then lays the pipes by unspooling the reel offshore

## 3.27

**riser**

vertical portion of a *pipeline* (3.21), including the bottom bend, arriving on or departing from an offshore surface installation

**3.28****safety data sheet****DEPRACATED: material safety data sheet**

form intended to provide workers and emergency personnel with procedures for handling and working with a *material* (3.17) utilized in the manufacture of the *system* (3.34) in a safe manner including physical data

Note 1 to entry: Physical data can include flash point, toxicity and first aid.

**3.29****service life**

specified period of use for a *system* (3.34) in service

**3.30****solid/solid filled**

insulation *material* (3.17) which systematically does not contain voids, bubbles, or hollow particles

**3.31****stalk**

continuous string of welded and *field joint* (3.7) coated pipe, which is prepared in readiness for pipe spooling onto a *reel-lay* (3.26) barge

Note 1 to entry: Note1 to entry: A number of stalks will normally be required to make up a *pipeline* (3.21).

**3.32****subsea equipment**

components from a subsea production system, including subsea processing items and structures, meant to control hydrocarbons, not including *pipelines* (3.21)

EXAMPLE Valve, connector, manifold, christmas tree, flowline end termination.

**3.33****substrate**

surface to which a *material* (3.17) is applied or is to be applied

**3.34****system**

all of the various *materials* (3.17) and the combination thereof, which can include layers of anti-corrosion, insulation, adhesive, and protective materials, as defined by cross-section to the underlying *substrate* (3.33) at a single point, which function together to act as a *wet thermal insulation* (3.44)

**3.35****system maximum and minimum rated temperature**

maximum and minimum temperature to which a particular *system* (3.34) can be continuously exposed, as per *system provider* (3.36) recommendation, during storage or in service

**3.36****system provider**

legal entity which is selling/marketing the applied *system* (3.34)

**3.37****system purchaser**

legal entity which is purchasing the applied *system* (3.34)

**3.38****thermal conductivity****k-value****conductivity**

heat flow through a unit length of *material* (3.17) under the influence of a thermal gradient

Note 1 to entry: Thermal conductivity is expressed in  $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$

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## 3.39

**thermoplastic**

*material* (3.17), which is a polymeric compound that solidifies upon cooling and can flow and be reformed upon reheating

EXAMPLE Polypropylene.

## 3.40

**tie-in field joint**

connection of a *pipeline* (3.21) to a facility or *subsea equipment* (3.32), to other pipeline systems, or the connecting together of different sections of a single pipeline

## 3.41

**U-value****overall heat transfer coefficient**

rate of heat transfer from a reference surface under the influence of a thermal gradient

Note 1 to entry: Note1 to entry: U-value is expressed in  $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ .

## 3.42

**validation**

demonstration of *material* (3.17) and *system* (3.34) performance during storage, handling and operation, within a defined envelope of use, as determined by the *system provider* (3.36)

## 3.43

**validation dossier**

collection of documentation and test reports, which provides detailed information on the proposed *system* (3.34), method of application, the *materials* (3.17) which form said system, and demonstration of system performance, prepared in accordance with this document

## 3.44

**wet thermal insulation**

*system* (3.34) that provides external corrosion protection and thermal insulation, and that is in direct contact with surrounding fluid

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## 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

### 4.1 Symbols

$E_{kin}$	impact energy (kinetic energy), expressed in Joules
$g$	standard gravity, equivalent to 9,81 metres per seconds squared
$H$	pendulum height, expressed in metres
$m_h$	mass of hammer, expressed in kilograms
$Q_{ave,i}$	average value of heat flux transducers signals for sample $i$ , where $i = 1, 2, \text{ or } 3$ , expressed in microVolts
$Q_{lower}$	lower plate heat flux transducer signal, expressed in microVolts
$Q_{Lower,Average}$	average lower plate heat flux transducer signal, expressed in microVolts
$Q_{Ref Mat ave}$	average value of heat flux transducers signals for reference material sample, expressed in Watts per microVolts
$Q_{Ref Mat ave,1}$	average value of heat flux transducers signals for reference material sample 1 (typically the thinner sample), expressed in Watts per microVolts



$Q_{Ref\ Mat\ ave,2}$	average value of heat flux transducers signals for reference material sample 2 (typically the thicker sample), expressed in Watts per microVolts
$Q_{upper}$	upper plate heat flow, expressed in microVolts
$Q_{Upper,Average}$	average upper plate heat flow, expressed in microVolts
$S_{Cal}$	calibration factor, expressed in watts per microVolts
$S_{Cal1}$	single-thickness calibration factor, proportional factor between the electrical signal and heat flow, expressed in Watts per microVolts
$S_{Cal2}$	two-thickness calibration factor, proportional factor between the electrical signal and heat flow, expressed in Watts per microVolts
$S_{Cal,Lower}$	lower plate calibration factor, expressed in Watts per microVolts
$S_{Cal,Upper}$	upper plate calibration factor, expressed in Watts per microVolts
$\bar{R}_{ave}$	total average measured thermal resistance across all samples, expressed in metres square degrees Kelvin per Watt
$R_{ave,i}$	average measured thermal resistance of sample $i$ , where $i = 1, 2$ , or $3$ , expressed in metres square degrees Kelvin per Watt
$R_{cal}$	calibration contact resistance, expressed in metres square degrees Kelvin per Watt
$2R_{Cal,Lower}$	lower plate calibration contact resistance, expressed in metres square degrees Kelvin per Watt
$2R_{Cal,Upper}$	upper plate calibration contact resistance, expressed in metres square degrees Kelvin per Watt
$2R_{sample}$	contact resistance of the sample, expressed in metres square degrees Kelvin per Watt
$\Delta T$	average temperature difference across the sample(s), expressed in degrees Celsius
$T_{lower}$	lower plate temperature, expressed in degrees Celsius
$T_{upper}$	upper plate temperature, expressed in degrees Celsius
$x_{ave,i}$	average measured thickness of sample $i$ , where $i = 1, 2$ , or $3$ , expressed in metres
$\bar{x}_{ave}$	total average measured thickness across all samples
$x_{Ref\ Mat\ ave}$	average thickness of the reference material sample, expressed in metres
$x_{Ref\ Mat\ ave,1}$	average thickness of reference material sample 1 (typically the thinner sample), expressed in metres
$x_{Ref\ Mat\ ave,2}$	average thickness of reference material sample 2 (typically the thicker sample), expressed in metres
$\lambda_{Ref\ Mat}$	thermal conductivity of the calibration reference material, expressed in Watts per metre Kelvin
$\lambda_{sampleA1}$	thermal conductivity of Test Type A1 specimen, expressed in Watts per metre Kelvin
$\lambda_{sampleA2}$	thermal conductivity of Test Type A2 specimen, expressed in Watts per metre Kelvin

## 4.2 Abbreviated terms