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and reference numbers**

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- incorporation of processes and reference numbers for welding and thermal joining of plastics.

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1 Scope

This document establishes a nomenclature for:

- welding;
- brazing, soldering and weld brazing;
- thermal cutting;

with each process identified by a reference number.

It covers the main processes (one digit), groups (two digits) and sub-groups (three digits). The reference number for any process has a maximum of three digits. This system is intended as an aid in computerization and the drafting of, for example, drawings, working papers and welding procedure specifications, and enables the uniform international designation of the processes.

This document does not cover all process variants. The process numbers can be supplemented with additional information for variants not listed.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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/>

4 Designation

4.1 General

Where a full designation is required for a joining process, it shall have the following structure: the number of this document (i.e. "ISO 4063"), separated by a dash from the reference number of the process, as shown in these examples.

EXAMPLE 1 Process "Cold pressure welding" with reference number 48 is designated as:

ISO 4063 – 48

EXAMPLE 2 Process "Radio frequency welding" with reference number 62 is designated as:

ISO 4063 – 62

EXAMPLE 3 Process "Heated wedge welding with hot gas" with reference number 662-A is designated as:

4.2 Hybrid joining processes

When multiple processes are used simultaneously in one process area, the processes shall be described using the designations for each process separated by the symbol “+”.

EXAMPLE Process “Gas laser welding” (reference number 522) together with process “Plasma arc welding” (reference number 15) is designated as:

ISO 4063 – 522 + 15

5 List of processes and reference numbers

5.1 General

The first designation listed is the preferred one and any subsequent designations are synonyms. Terms used in the United States of America (USA) are shown for information where there are differences.

[Annex A](#) provides supplementary options for process variants.

[Annex B](#) provides an overview for replaced and obsolete processes.

[Annex C](#) provides a list of commonly used acronyms and abbreviations for the welding processes in the United States of America included in this document.

5.2 Welding

1 Arc welding

11 Metal arc welding without gas protection

111 Manual metal arc welding

Shielded metal arc welding, USA

112 Gravity welding

Gravity arc welding with covered electrode

Gravity feed welding, USA

114 Self-shielded tubular cored arc welding

12 Submerged arc welding

121 Submerged arc welding with solid wire electrode

122 Submerged arc welding with strip electrode

124 Submerged arc welding with metal powder addition

125 Submerged arc welding with tubular cored electrode

126 Submerged arc welding with cored strip electrode

13 Gas-shielded metal arc welding

Metal inert gas (MIG) welding/Metal active gas (MAG) welding

Gas metal arc welding (GMAW), USA

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- 132 MIG welding with flux cored electrode
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- 133 MIG welding with metal cored electrode
GMAW using inert gas and metal cored wire, USA
- 135 MAG welding with solid wire electrode
GMAW using active gas with solid wire electrode, USA
- 136 MAG welding with flux cored electrode
GMAW using active gas and flux cored electrode, USA
- 138 MAG welding with metal cored electrode
GMAW using active gas and metal cored electrode, USA
- 14 Gas-shielded arc welding with non-consumable tungsten electrode
Tungsten inert gas (TIG) welding/Tungsten active gas (TAG) welding
Gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW), USA**
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GTAW using inert gas and solid filler material, USA
- 142 Autogenous TIG welding
Autogenous gas tungsten arc welding using inert gas, USA
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GTAW using inert gas and tubular cored filler material, USA
- 145 TIG welding using reducing gas and solid filler material
GTAW using inert gas plus reducing gas additions and solid filler material, USA
- 146 TIG welding using reducing gas and tubular cored filler material
GTAW using inert gas plus reducing gas additions and tubular cored filler material, USA
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GTAW using active gas, USA
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21 Resistance spot welding

211 Indirect spot welding

212 Direct spot welding

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222 Mash seam welding

223 Prep-lap seam welding

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225 Foil butt-seam welding

226 Seam welding with strip

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231 Indirect projection welding

232 Direct projection welding

24 Flash welding

241 Flash welding with preheating

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Upset welding, USA

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27 HF resistance welding

High-frequency resistance welding

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422 Inertia friction welding

423 Friction stud welding

424 Linear friction welding (generally referred to as “vibration welding” when the base materials are plastics)

425 Radial friction welding

426 Orbital friction welding

43 Friction stir welding

431 Friction stir spot welding

432 Refill friction stir spot welding [ISO 4063:2023](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/c6c72140-a2ee-425a-90b0-6778832cea66/iso-4063-2023)433 Stitch friction stir spot welding <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/c6c72140-a2ee-425a-90b0-6778832cea66/iso-4063-2023>

434 Swept friction stir spot welding

435 Swing friction stir spot welding

44 Impact welding (referred to as shock welding in ISO/TR 25901-3:2016, 2.2.1.6.10)

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511 Electron beam welding in vacuum

512 Electron beam welding in atmosphere

513 Electron beam welding with addition of shielding gases

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Laser beam welding, USA

521 Solid state laser welding

522 Gas laser welding

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Semi-conductor laser welding, USA

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611 Electrofusion welding

62 Radio frequency welding

High-frequency welding

Dielectric welding

63 Solvent welding

631 Solvent cement welding

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641 Hot gas speed welding

642 Hot gas round nozzle welding

643 Hot gas manual welding without welding rod

644 Hot gas machine welding without welding rod

645 Hot gas machine welding with welding rod

646 Hot gas convection welding

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Induction upset welding, USA

742 Induction seam welding

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784 Short-cycle drawn arc stud welding

785 Capacitor discharge drawn arc stud welding

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