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industries — Steel pipes for use as
casing or tubing for wells**

*Industries du pétrole et du gaz naturel — Tubes d'acier utilisés
comme cuvelage ou tubes de production dans les puits*

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This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition (ISO 11960:2014), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- deletion of Groups;
- deletion of Product Specifications Levels (PSL) and re-integration of the main requirements into the body of the text or into [Annex A](#) as a supplementary requirement;
- addition of [Annex H](#) on high collapse requirements;
- modification of NDT requirements for sour service grades.

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Introduction

Users of this document are advised that further or differing requirements can be needed for individual applications. This document is not intended to inhibit a vendor from offering, or the purchaser from accepting, alternative equipment or engineering solutions for the individual application. This can be particularly applicable where there is innovative or developing technology. Where an alternative is offered, it is advisable that the vendor identify any variations from this document and provide details.

This document includes statements of various nature. These are identified by the use of certain verbal forms:

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1 Scope

This document specifies the technical delivery conditions for steel pipes (casing, tubing and pup joints), coupling stock, coupling material and accessory material.

By agreement between the purchaser and manufacturer, this document can also be applied to other plain-end pipe sizes and wall thicknesses.

This document is applicable to the following connections:

- short round thread casing (SC);
- long round thread casing (LC);
- buttress thread casing (BC);
- non-upset tubing (NU);
- external upset tubing (EU);
- integral-joint tubing (IJ).

NOTE 1 For further information, see API Spec 5B.

For such connections, this document specifies the technical delivery conditions for couplings and thread protection.

NOTE 2 Supplementary requirements that can optionally be agreed for enhanced leak resistance connections (LC) are given in [A.9](#) SR22.

This document can also be applied to tubulars with connections not covered by ISO or API standards.

This document is applicable to products including the following grades of pipe: H40, J55, K55, N80, L80, C90, R95, T95, P110, C110 and Q125.

This document is not applicable to threading requirements.

NOTE 3 Dimensional requirements on threads and thread gauges, stipulations on gauging practice, gauge specifications, as well as, instruments and methods for inspection of threads are given in API Spec 5B.

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

ISO 643, *Steels — Micrographic determination of the apparent grain size*

ISO 6506-1:2004, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6506-2, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines*

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ISO 6508-1:2006, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6508-2, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines and indenters*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

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*

ISO 8501-1, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Visual assessment of surface cleanliness — Part 1: Rust grades and preparation grades of uncoated steel substrates and of steel substrates after overall removal of previous coatings*

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

ISO 9712, *Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of NDT personnel*

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 10893-11, *Non-destructive testing of steel tubes — Part 11: Automated ultrasonic testing of the weld seam of 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*

ISO 13678, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Evaluation and testing of thread compounds for use with casing, tubing, line pipe and drill stem elements*

ANSI/NACE TM0177-2016, *Laboratory Testing of Metals for Resistance to Sulfide Stress Cracking and Stress Corrosion Cracking in H₂S Environments*

API RP 5A3, *Recommended Practice on Thread Compounds for Casing, Tubing, Line Pipe, and Drill Stem Elements*

API TR 5C3, *Technical Report on Equations and Calculations for Casing, Tubing, and Line Pipe Used as Casing or Tubing; and Performance Properties Tables for Casing and Tubing*

SPEC API 5B, *Specification for Threading, Gauging and Thread Inspection of Casing, Tubing, and Line Pipe Threads*

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, *Standard Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys and Ferroalloys*

ASTM B117, *Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus*

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

ASTM E10-18, *Standard Test Method for Brinell Hardness of Metallic Materials*

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

ASTM E29, *Standard Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications*

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

ASTM E112, *Standard Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size*

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

ASTM E273, *Standard Practice for Ultrasonic Testing of the Weld Zone of Welded Pipe and Tubing*

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

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

3.1.1

accessory material

seamless *casing* (3.1.5) or tubing, or seamless thick-walled tubes or mechanical tubes, or bar stock or hot forgings used for the manufacture of accessories

3.1.2

API threads

threads as specified in API Spec 5B

3.1.3

arc burn

localized point of surface melting caused by arcing between an electrode or ground (earth) and the product surface

Note 1 to entry: Contact marks, which are intermittent marks adjacent to the weld line of EW pipe resulting from electrical contact between the electrodes supplying the welding current and the pipe surface, or contact marks resulting from the use of a spectrometer for the detection of steel chemical composition, are not arc burns.