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The main changes are as follows:

- scope has been updated to introduce guided transverse bend tests with a roller and longitudinal bend tests as alternative methods of testing for heterogeneous assemblies;
- in [Clause 4](#), the testing temperature has been removed;
- [Subclause 7.2.2](#) has been modified accordingly;
- figures have been corrected;
- document has been aligned with the latest ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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# Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Bend tests

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for making transverse root, face and side bend tests on test specimens taken from butt welds, butt welds with cladding (subdivided into welds in clad plates and clad welds) and cladding without butt welds, in order to reveal imperfections on or near the surface of the test specimen which is under tension during bend testing and/or assess ductility. It also gives the dimensions of the test specimen.

In addition, this document specifies methods to be used instead of transverse bend tests with a former for welded joints when base materials, heat affected zones and/or weld metal have a significant difference in their physical and mechanical properties in relation to bending.

This document applies to metallic materials in all forms of product with welded joints made by any welding process.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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>
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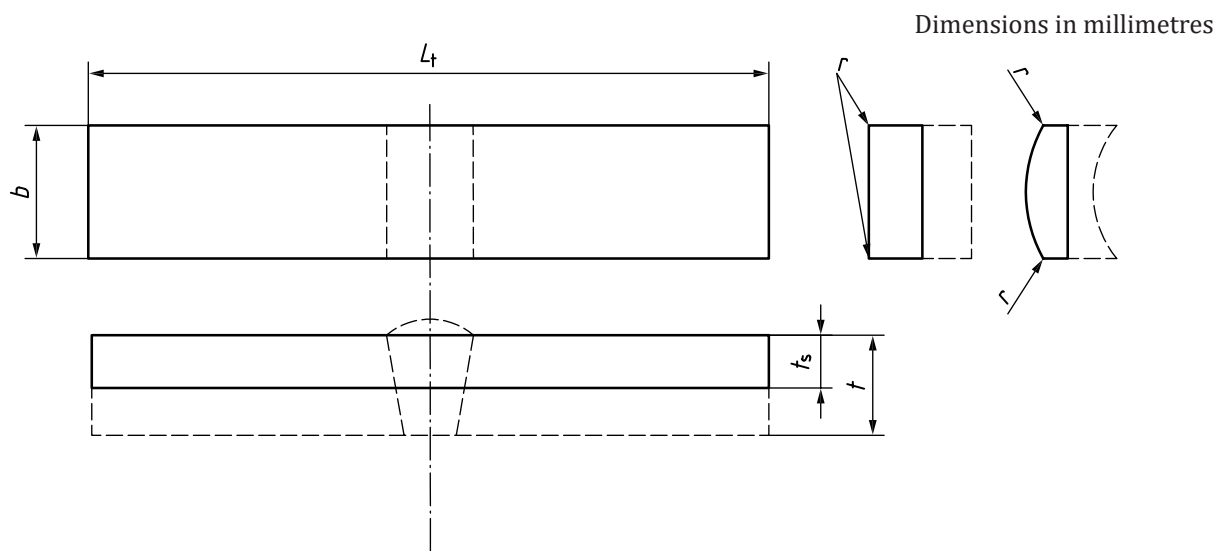
### 3.1

#### **transverse face bend test specimen for a butt weld**

#### **TFBB**

transverse butt weld specimen where the face is in tension

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



**Key**

- $b$  width of the test specimen
- $L_t$  total length of the test specimen
- $r$  radius of the test specimen edges
- $t$  thickness of the test piece
- $t_s$  thickness of the test specimen

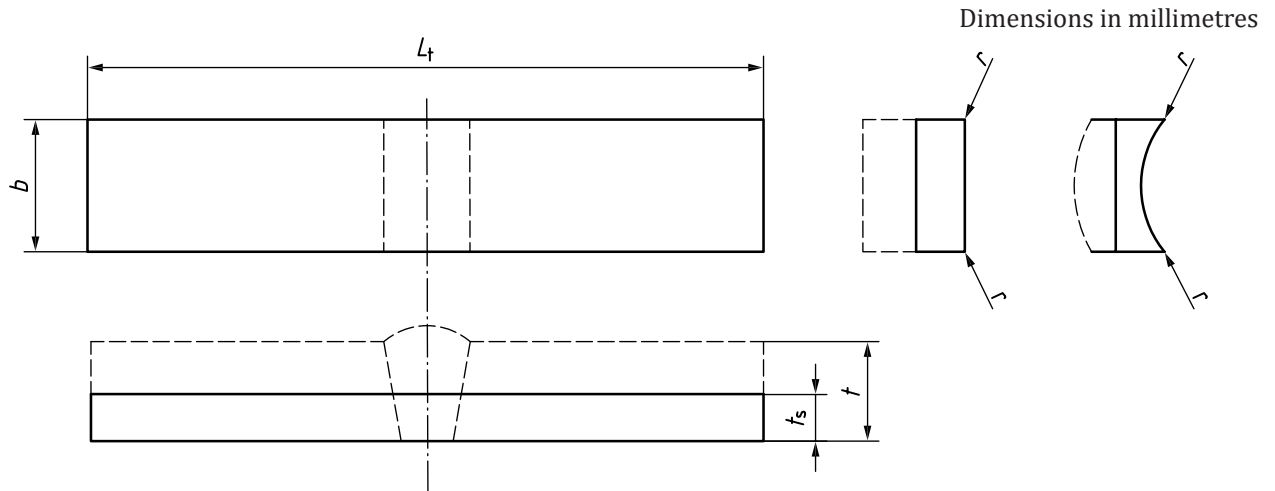
**Figure 1 — Transverse face bend test specimen for a butt weld (TFBB)**

**3.2**

**transverse root bend test specimen for a butt weld  
TRBB**

transverse butt weld specimen where the root is in tension

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#).



**Key**

- $b$  width of the test specimen
- $L_t$  total length of the test specimen
- $r$  radius of the test specimen edges
- $t$  thickness of the test piece
- $t_s$  thickness of the test specimen

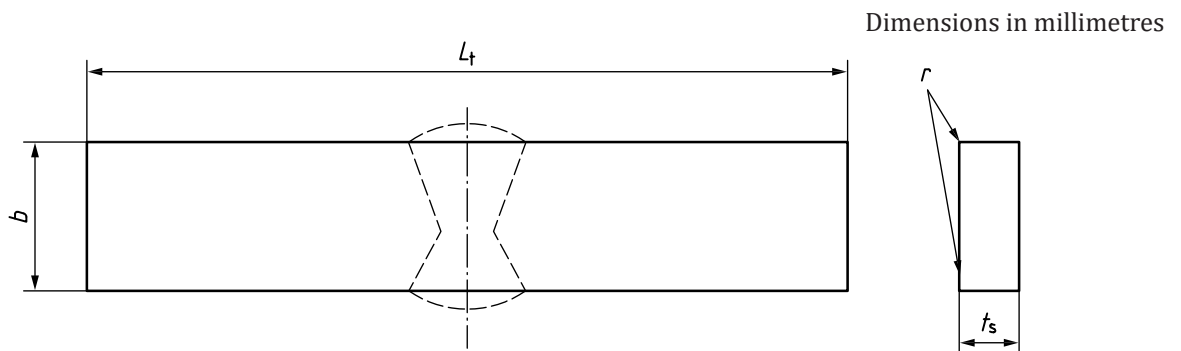
**Figure 2 — Transverse root bend test specimen for a butt weld (TRBB)**

**3.3 transverse side bend test specimen for a butt weld**

**TSBB**

specimen where the surface in tension is a cross-section of the weld

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3](#).



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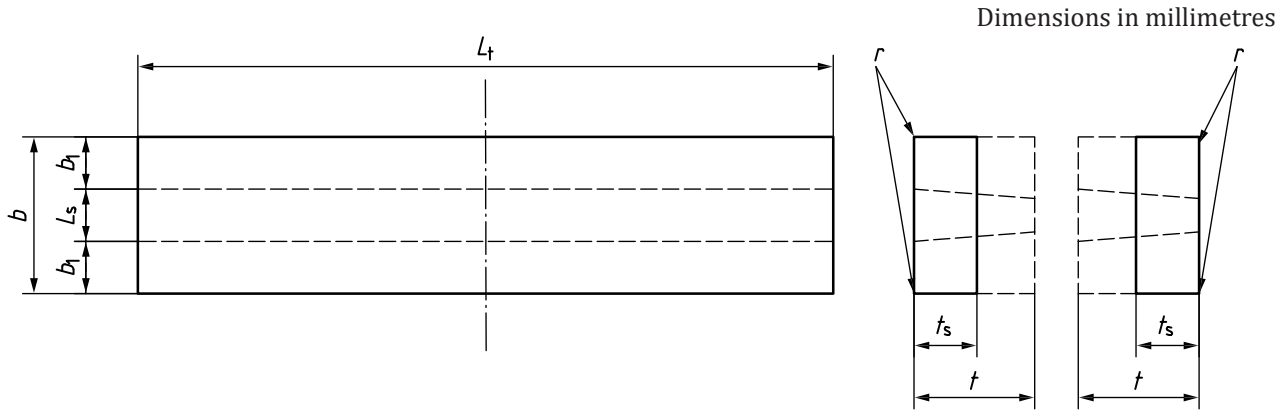
- $b$  width of the test specimen
- $L_t$  total length of the test specimen
- $r$  radius of the test specimen edges
- $t_s$  thickness of the test specimen

**Figure 3 — Transverse side bend test specimen for a butt weld (TSBB)**

**3.4 longitudinal face bend test specimen for a butt weld LFBB**

specimen where the direction is parallel to the butt weld direction and where the face is in tension

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 4](#)



**Key**

- $b$  width of the test specimen
- $L_s$  maximum width after machining
- $L_t$  total length of the test specimen
- $r$  radius of the test specimen edges
- $t$  thickness of the test piece
- $t_s$  thickness of the test specimen
- $b_1$  width of outside fusion line

**Figure 4 — Longitudinal face/root bend test specimen for a butt weld (LFBB and LRBB)**

**3.5 longitudinal root bend test specimen for a butt weld LRBB**

specimen where the direction is parallel to the butt weld direction and where the root is in tension

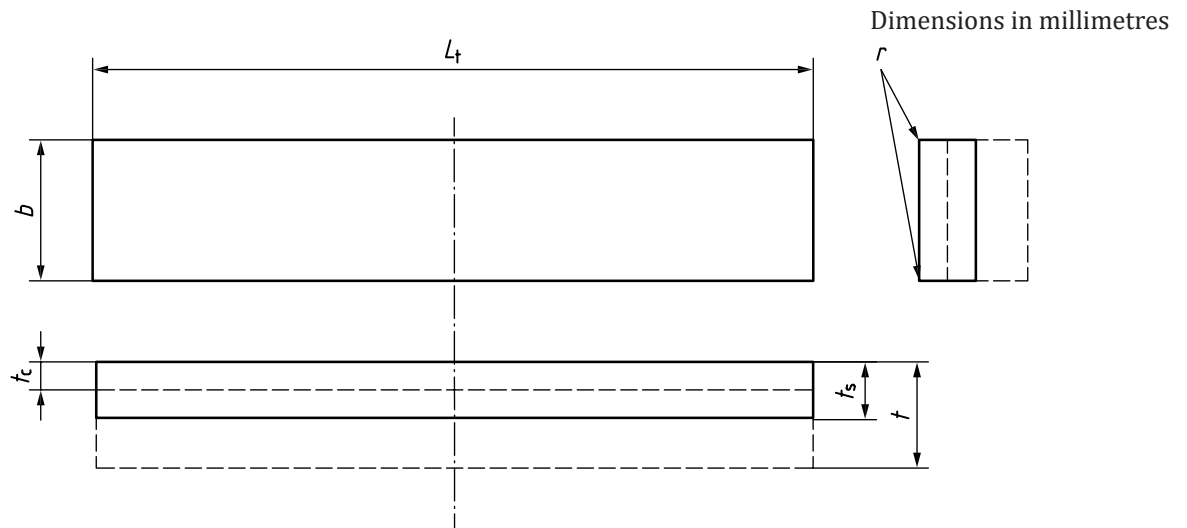
Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 4](#).

**3.6 face bend test specimen for cladding without a butt weld FBC**

specimen for which the cladding is in tension, applicable to both transverse and longitudinal specimens

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 5](#).



**Key**

- $b$  width of the test specimen
- $L_t$  total length of the test specimen
- $r$  radius of the test specimen edges
- $t$  thickness of the test piece
- $t_s$  thickness of the test specimen
- $t_c$  thickness of the cladding

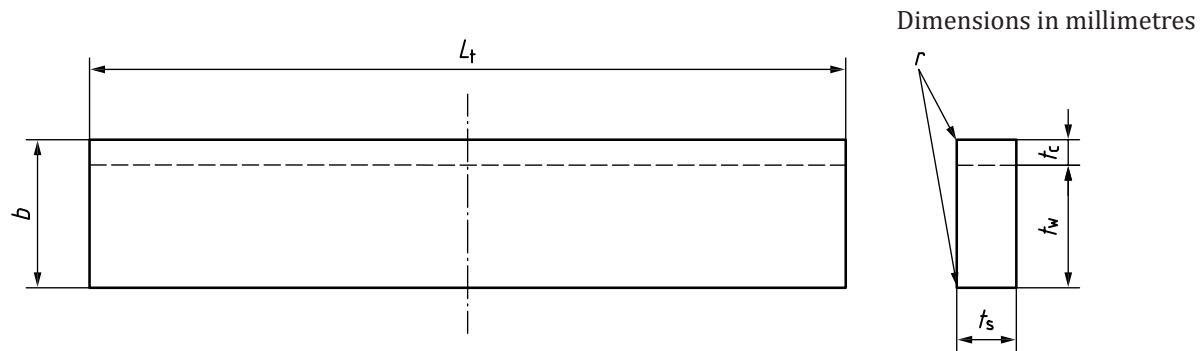
**Figure 5 — Face bend test specimen for cladding without a butt weld (FBC)**

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**side bend test specimen for cladding without a butt weld** 6881d-8ce5-4675-87a9-4686647e9503/iso-5173-2023  
**SBC**

specimen for which the cross-section of the cladding overlay is in tension, applicable to both transverse and longitudinal specimens

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 6](#).



**Key**

- $b$  width of the test specimen
- $L_t$  total length of the test specimen
- $r$  radius of the test specimen edges
- $t$  thickness of the test piece
- $t_s$  thickness of the test specimen
- $t_w$  thickness of parent material under cladding
- $t_c$  thickness of the cladding

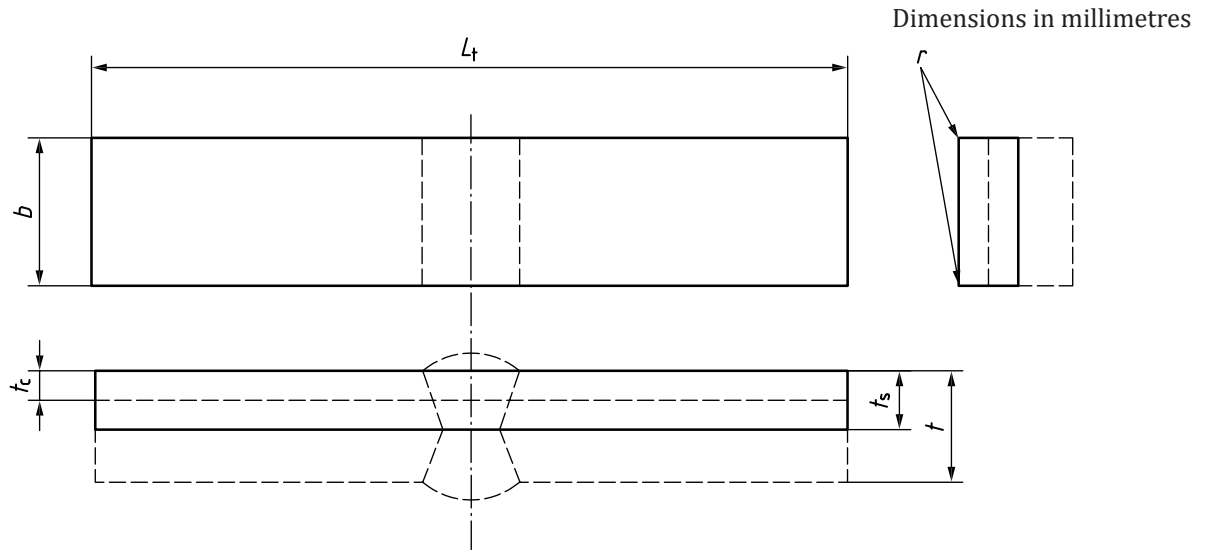
**Figure 6 — Side bend test specimen for cladding without a butt weld (SBC)**

**3.8 face bend test specimen for cladding with a butt weld (FBCB)**

specimen containing a butt weld where the cladding is in tension

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 7](#).

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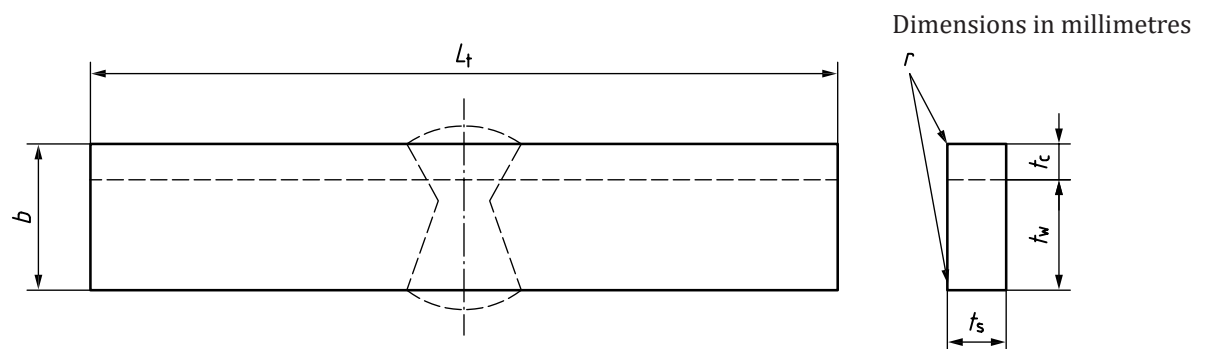
- $b$  width of the test specimen
- $L_t$  total length of the test specimen
- $r$  radius of the test specimen edges
- $t$  thickness of the test piece
- $t_s$  thickness of the test specimen
- $t_c$  thickness of the cladding

**Figure 7 — Face bend test specimen for cladding with a butt weld (FBCB)**

**3.9 side bend test specimen for cladding with a butt weld SBCB**

specimen containing a butt weld where the cross-section of the cladding is in tension

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 8](#).



**Key**

- $b$  width of the test specimen
- $L_t$  total length of the test specimen
- $r$  radius of the test specimen edges
- $t_s$  thickness of the test specimen
- $t_w$  thickness of parent material under cladding
- $t_c$  thickness of the cladding

**Figure 8 — Side bend test specimen for cladding with a butt weld (SBCB)**

## 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

Table 1 — Symbols

Symbol	Designation	Unit
$A$	minimum percentage elongation after fracture required by the parent material specification	%
$b$	width of the test specimen	mm
$b_1$	width of outside fusion line	mm
$d$	diameter of the former or the inner roller	mm
$D$	outside diameter of the pipe <sup>a</sup>	mm
$l$	distance between the rollers	mm
$L_b$	length of additional backing plate	mm
$L_f$	initial distance between contact of the roller and the centre line of the weld	mm
$L_o$	original gauge length	mm
$L_s$	maximum width of the weld after machining	mm
$L_t$	total length of the test specimen	mm
$r$	radius of the test specimen edges	mm
$r_p$	plunger radius	mm
$r_D$	die radius	mm
$R$	radius of the rollers	mm
$t$	thickness of the test piece	mm
$t_c$	thickness of the cladding	mm
$t_b$	thickness of additional backing plate	mm
$t_s$	thickness of the test specimen	mm
$t_w$	thickness of parent material under cladding	mm
$\alpha$	bending angle	°

<sup>a</sup> The term “pipe”, alone or in combination, is used to mean “pipe”, “tube” or “hollow section (without rectangular cross section)”.

## 5 Principle

Submitting a test specimen, taken transversely or longitudinally from a welded joint, to plastic deformation by bending it, without reversing the bending direction, in such a way that one of the surfaces or cross-sections of the welded joint is in tension.

The temperature at which the tests are carried out shall be recorded (see [Clause 9](#)).

The testing speed should be constant and recorded when known (see [Clause 9](#)).

The test shall be made in accordance with one of the methods described in [Clause 7](#).

## 6 Preparation of test specimens

### 6.1 General

Specimens shall be prepared in such a manner that the preparation does not affect either the parent material or the weld metal.