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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 25, *Cast irons and pig irons*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17804:2005), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

- a) the normative references have been updated;
- b) the terms and definitions have been improved and supplemented;
- c) a side-by-side cast sample has been included;
- d) the method of manufacturing has been made more detailed (including pouring/heat treatment);
- e) a subclause (9.4) for graphite structure examination has been added;
- f) in [Annex C](#) (formerly Annex B), a new conversion table for tensile test results has been added;
- g) in [Annex H](#) (formerly Annex G), new fatigue data have been added for five different test methods from an international survey;
- h) in [Annex I](#) (formerly Annex H), nodularity has been made more detailed, in accordance with ISO 945-4^[2];
- i) the previous Annex I on machinability has been deleted as it is no longer necessary;
- j) in [Annex J](#), Chinese GB/T grades have been added and several other international grade changes have been made;
- k) the Bibliography has been revised.

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Introduction

Ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast iron is a cast alloy, iron, carbon and silicon based, carbon primarily in the form of spheroidal graphite particles.

Compared to the spheroidal graphite cast iron grades (see ISO 1083^[3]), four material grades combine high strength, ductility and toughness properties while two grades combine higher strength with wear resistance as a result of ausferrite matrix structures.

This document deals with the classification of ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons in accordance with the mechanical properties of the material.

The mechanical properties of these ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast irons depend on their structure, e.g. the form of the graphite and the structure of the matrix.

The required structure is developed by selecting the appropriate composition and subsequent processing.

The mechanical properties of the material can be evaluated on machined test pieces prepared from:

- separately cast samples with an appropriate gating system, able to provide metallurgical conditions similar to those of the castings they represent;
- samples cast in the mould alongside the casting, with a joint running system, hereafter called “side-by-side cast samples”;
- samples cast onto either the casting or the running system, hereafter referred to as “cast-on samples”;
- samples cut from a casting (only by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser, the agreement specifying, in particular, the conditions of sampling and the values to be obtained).

Two grades of ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast iron are specified in [Annex A](#), in accordance with their hardness. These cast irons are used in applications where high abrasion resistance is required (e.g. mining, earth moving and manufacturing industries).

Five grades of ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast iron are specified by their mechanical properties. When, for these grades, hardness is a requirement for the application, [Annex D](#) provides the means for determining appropriate hardness ranges.

Some ausferritic spheroidal graphite cast iron grades can be used for pressure equipment.