
**Corrosion of metals and alloys —
Determination of AC corrosion —
Protection criteria**

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occasionnée par les courants alternatifs — Critères de protection*

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 18086:2015), of which it constitutes a minor revision. The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- references cited informatively (EN 13509 and EN 15257) have been moved from [Clause 2](#) to the Bibliography;
- in [Clause 7](#), the two instances of the phrase “AC current density” have been changed to “AC average current density”.

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Introduction

This document has incorporated criteria and thresholds together with experience gained from the most recent data. Various countries have a very different approach to the prevention of AC corrosion depending primarily on the DC interference situation. These different approaches are taken into account in two different ways:

- in the presence of “low” on-potentials, which allows a certain level of AC voltage (up to 15 V);
- in the presence of “high” on-potentials (with DC stray current interference on the pipeline for instance), which requires the reduction of the AC voltage towards the lowest possible levels.

This document also gives some parameters to consider when evaluating the AC corrosion likelihood, as well as detailed measurement techniques, mitigation measures, and measurements to carry out for the commissioning of any AC corrosion mitigation system. [Annex E](#) proposes other parameters and thresholds that require further validation based on practical experiences.

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