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The main changes are as follows:

- removal of the reference to shot peening;
- removal of the compound layer thickness (CLT);
- introduction of standard test loads for the determination of hardness depths, and the procedure for measurements in the event of arbitration;
- extension of [Table 1](#) by Rockwell test methods;
- extension of [Table 2](#) by further abbreviations;
- precise definition of how the core hardness shall be tested;
- determination of the edge distance of the first hardness impression from the edge;
- explanation of how to determine the total thickness of surface hardening depth THD.

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