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- Correction to typographical error for relevant wall thickness of ISO 185/JL/HBW235 in [Table 2](#); corrected from “4” to “40”. As a result of this change, the year of publication of ISO 185 in [Annex D, Table D.1](#), column 1, updated from 2019 to 2020 to conform with this new edition.
- Symbols for Brinell hardness and relative hardness updated to  $H_B$  and  $H_R$ , respectively, in [B.2](#) and Figure B.1.

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## Introduction

This document deals with the classification of grey cast irons, subdivided into two groups:

- materials specified by their tensile strength;
- materials specified by their hardness.

It is also possible to specify grey cast irons by a combination of tensile strength and hardness.

NOTE This document does not cover technical delivery conditions for grey iron castings.

The properties of grey cast iron depend on the form and distribution of the graphite and on the structure of the matrix.

For many applications, tensile strength and hardness are not the only properties of interest to casting designers. Other mechanical or physical properties can be decisive for the use of grey iron. For example:

- the thermal capacity and the thermal diffusivity for disc brakes;
- the damping capacity for engine blocks or machine beds;
- the thermocycle fatigue for exhaust manifolds or ingot moulds.

Therefore, [Annex A](#) provides additional information of interest to casting designers.

Furthermore:

- [Annex B](#) contains additional information on the relationship between hardness and tensile strength;
- [Annex C](#) contains additional information on the relationship between tensile strength, hardness and wall thickness of grey iron castings;
- [Annex D](#) provides cross-references of ISO 185 grade designations to other standard grades of grey cast irons.

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