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electrodes for manual metal arc
welding of non-alloy and fine grain
steels — Classification**

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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 2560:2009), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- all the references have been updated;
- throughout the document, "nominal electrode efficiency" now reads "electrode efficiency";
- in 4B, "strength" has been clarified by changing to "tensile strength";
- in Table 3B, the "Nominal level" for Mn shown in the 1st row of the table for "No symbol, -1, -P1, or -P2" was changed to 1,3;
- in Table 3B, a new footnote has been added regarding G classifications (similar to Table 3A);
- in Table 4B, a new footnote d to symbol "45" was added "Not including PF (vertical up)";
- in [Table 8B](#), the heading of the last column has been revised to read "Impact test temperature";
- in [Table 8B](#), NS (not specified) has been changed to NR (not required) and a new footnote c regarding testing at lower temperatures has been added;

- in [Table 10B](#), E4918, E4918-1, E5516-3M3, E5516-N3 and E5516-N7 have been updated to match values in AWS standards;
- in [Clause 8](#), *b* has been changed to *w* for width in accordance with ISO 15792-1;
- in [Clause 9](#), Rounding procedure has been updated to match current agreed wording;
- in Clause 12B, Example 1B, the %Mn was changed to 0,90 to better match the designation given in the example;

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Introduction

This document recognizes that there are two somewhat different approaches in the global market to classifying a given electrode, and allows for either or both to be used, to suit a particular market need. Application of either type of classification designation (or of both, where suitable) identifies a product as classified in accordance with this document. The classification in accordance with system A is mainly based on EN 499:1994. The classification in accordance with system B is mainly based on standards used around the Pacific Rim.

This document provides a classification in order to designate covered electrodes in terms of the yield strength, tensile strength and elongation of the all-weld metal. The ratio of yield strength to tensile strength of weld metal is generally higher than that of parent metal. Users should note that matching weld metal yield strength to parent metal yield strength does not necessarily ensure that the weld metal tensile strength matches that of the parent metal. Therefore, where the application requires matching tensile strength, selection of the consumable should be made by reference to column 3 of Table 1A or to Table 1B and [Table 8B](#).

It should be noted that the mechanical properties of all-weld metal test specimens used to classify the electrodes vary from those obtained in production joints because of differences in welding procedure such as electrode size, width of weave, welding position, welding current, interpass temperature and parent metal composition.

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