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Introduction

The primary purpose of welding procedure qualification is to demonstrate that the joining process proposed for construction, including preliminary and subsequent treatment, is capable of producing joints having the necessary mechanical properties and conforming to the non-destructive testing (NDT) requirements for the intended application.

Before a particular welding procedure is used in production, the manufacturer should determine and document the suitability of the welding procedure specification (WPS) to produce a weld of the required quality.

In this document, the term "welding procedure specification" comprises all the activities which influence the welding result, such as preparation, welding parameters, and post treatment.

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Part 9: Underwater hyperbaric wet welding

1 Scope

This document specifies how a preliminary welding procedure specification (pWPS) is qualified by welding procedure tests.

This document is applicable to production welding and repair welding.

This document is applicable to fusion welding of steels covered by groups 1, 2, 3 and 8 in accordance with ISO/DIS 15608¹⁾ in a hyperbaric wet environment.

This document is applicable to the following welding processes, in accordance with ISO 4063:2023, applicable in hyperbaric wet environment:

- 111 manual metal arc welding (metal arc welding with covered electrode);
- 114 self-shielded tubular-cored arc welding.

The principles of this document can be applied to other steel groups and fusion welding processes not listed.

This document specifies three weld quality levels, A, B, and Z in order to permit application to a wide range of weldments. Each weld quality level defines a set of criteria for weldment properties that are established during qualification.

This document does not address the selection of the weld quality level to meet the requirements of a particular application.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 4136, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Transverse tensile test*

ISO 5173, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Bend tests*

ISO 5178, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Longitudinal tensile test on weld metal in fusion welded joints*

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