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Foreword

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- *Part 1: General terms [Technical Report]*
- *Part 3: Welding processes [Technical Report]*
- *Part 4: Arc welding [Technical Report]*

The following parts are under preparation:

- *Part 2: Safety and health [Technical Report]*

Friction welding is to form the subject of a future part 5.

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Welding and allied processes — Vocabulary —

Part 3: Welding processes

1 Scope

This part of ISO/TR 25901 contains terms and definitions for welding processes, classified in accordance with their physical characteristics and to the relevant energy carrier.

It does not contain terms and definitions related to specific processes or particular aspects of welding and allied processes that are covered in other parts of this Technical Report (see Foreword) or in other ISO standards.

In the main body of this part of ISO/TR 25901, terms are arranged in a systematic order. [Annex A](#) provides an index in which all terms are listed alphabetically with reference to the appropriate subclause. In addition, it provides French translations, covering two of the three official ISO languages (English, French and Russian). German translations are also provided; these are published under the responsibility of the member body for Germany (DIN) and are given for information only.

NOTE 1 Only the terms given in the official languages (English, French and Russian) are to be considered as ISO terms and definitions.

NOTE 2 All these terms and definitions are also available on the ISO Online Browsing Platform (OBP): <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/>

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1 Basic terms and definitions

2.1.1

metal welding

operation which unifies metal(s) by means of heat or pressure, or both, in such a way that there is continuity in the nature of the metal(s) which has (have) been joined

Note 1 to entry: A filler metal, the melting temperature of which is of the same order as that of the parent metal(s), can be used and the result of welding is the weld.

Note 2 to entry: This definition also includes surfacing.

2.1.2

welding with pressure

welding in which sufficient external force is applied to cause a greater or lesser degree of plastic deformation of both the faying surfaces, generally without the addition of filler metal

Note 1 to entry: Usually, but not necessarily, the faying surfaces are heated in order to permit or to facilitate unifying.

2.1.3

fusion welding

welding without application of external force in which the faying surface(s) has (have) to be molten

Note 1 to entry: Usually, but not necessarily, molten filler metal is added.

2.1.4

energy carrier

physical phenomenon which provides the energy required for welding either by transmission to or by transformation within the workpiece(s)

Note 1 to entry: The following energy carriers with their respective sequential numbers are used in 2.2:

- 1) solid body;
- 2) liquid;
- 3) gas;
- 4) electrical discharge;
- 5) radiation;
- 6) movement of a mass;
- 7) electric current;
- 8) unspecified.

Note 2 to entry: When welding using a solid body, a liquid, a gas or an electrical discharge, the heat required for welding should be applied to the workpiece(s), while when welding by means of a beam of radiant energy, movement of mass or electric current, the heat (or the mechanical energy in cold welding with pressure) is generated by energy transformation within the workpiece itself.

For a solid body, liquid and gas, the decisive factor is their enthalpy. Electrical discharge and current passage are mechanisms guiding the energy of moving charged particles to the welding zone. In the case of an electrical discharge, this is done by plasma or sparks and in the case of electric current, by resistance heat where the current is produced by induction or transmitted by conduction.

Radiation is propagation of energy in the sense of dissemination of waves by light or charged particle beams. For movement of a mass, the characteristic factors are force and displacement in time. Different kinds of movement are translational motion, rotation and oscillation.

2.2 Terms related to welding processes

2.2.1 Welding with pressure

2.2.1.1 Energy carrier: solid body

2.2.1.1.1

heated element welding

welding with pressure (2.1.2) where the workpieces are heated by the heating tool in the area where the joint will be made

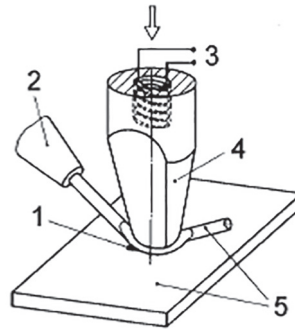
Note 1 to entry: Heating can be constant or pulsating and the weld is made by the application of force without the addition of a filler material. The force is applied by either a wedge shaped tool or through a nozzle through which one of the workpieces is fed.

2.2.1.1.2**heated wedge welding**

heated element welding ([2.2.1.1.1](#)) by means of a heated wedge

Note 1 to entry: Heated wedge welding can also be carried out by *energy carrier* ([2.1.4](#)) movement of mass (*ultrasonic welding* ([2.2.1.6.1](#))) or as a combination of both.

Note 2 to entry: Heated wedge welding is illustrated in [Figure 1](#).

**Key**

1	weld	3	power source	5	workpiece
2	workpiece feed	4	wedge-shaped tool		

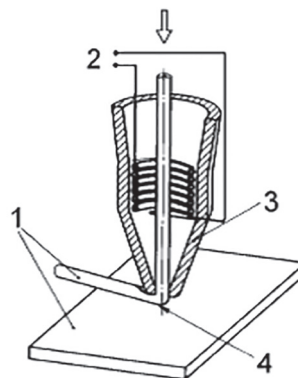
Figure 1 — Heated wedge welding

2.2.1.1.3**heated nozzle welding**

heated element welding ([2.2.1.1.1](#)) by means of a heated nozzle

Note 1 to entry: Heated nozzle welding can also be carried out by *energy carrier* ([2.1.4](#)) movement of mass (*ultrasonic welding* ([2.2.1.6.1](#))) or as a combination of both.

Note 2 to entry: Heated nozzle welding is illustrated in [Figure 2](#).

**Key**

1	workpiece	3	nozzle
2	power source	4	weld

Figure 2 — Heated nozzle welding

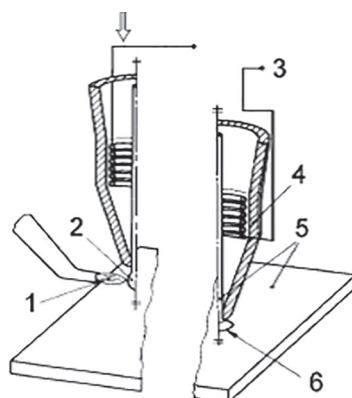
2.2.1.1.4

nail head welding

heated nozzle welding (2.2.1.1.3) in which the end of one or two wires which has been fed through the nozzle and heated by a flame or electric discharge, forms a small globule, which under the effect of the applied force is flattened into the shape of a nail head

Note 1 to entry: Nail head welding can also be carried out by *energy carrier* (2.1.4) movement of mass (*ultrasonic welding* (2.2.1.6.1)) or as a combination of both.

Note 2 to entry: Nail head welding is illustrated in Figure 3.



Key

1	flame	3	power source	5	workpiece
2	molten metal globule	4	nozzle	6	weld

Figure 3 — Nail head welding

2.2.1.2 Energy carrier: liquid

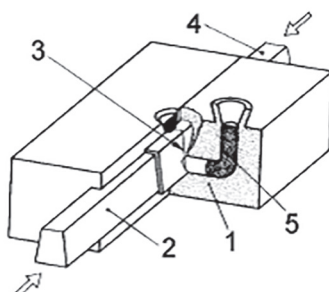
2.2.1.2.1

flow welding with pressure

welding with pressure (2.1.2) where the joint assembly is in a mould and molten metal is poured over the surfaces to be welded until the joint is made

Note 1 to entry: The molten metal is often produced by an aluminothermic reaction (see 2.2.2.2.2).

Note 2 to entry: Flow welding with pressure is illustrated in Figure 4.



Key

1	mould	3	weld	5	molten metal
2	workpiece	4	workpiece		

Figure 4 — Flow welding with pressure

2.2.1.3 Energy carrier: gas

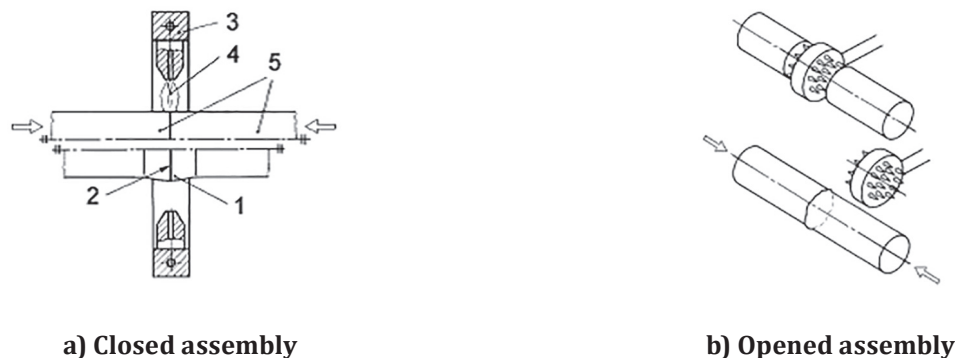
2.2.1.3.1

oxyfuel gas pressure welding

welding with pressure (2.1.2) in which the workpieces are heated at the faying surfaces by an oxyfuel gas flame and the weld is made by applying a force without addition of filler metal

Note 1 to entry: The assembly may be of the open or closed type.

Note 2 to entry: Oxyfuel gas pressure welding is illustrated in Figure 5.



Key

- | | | | | | |
|---|-------|---|------------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | upset | 3 | welding blowpipe | 5 | workpiece |
| 2 | weld | 4 | gas flame | | |

Figure 5 — Oxyfuel gas pressure welding

2.2.1.4 Energy carrier: electric discharge

2.2.1.4.1

magnetically impelled arc welding

DEPRECATED: magnetically impelled arc butt welding

arc welding (2.2.2.4.1) with pressure in which an arc, impelled by a magnetic field, moves along the joint, heating the faying surfaces which are then brought together by a force and welded

2.2.1.4.2

percussion welding

welding with pressure (2.1.2) employing the heat from an arc produced by a rapid discharge of electrical energy

Note 1 to entry: Pressure is applied percussively during or immediately following the electrical discharge. It can be accompanied by additional resistance heating.

Note 2 to entry: This process is mainly used for the welding of studs.

2.2.1.4.3

arc stud welding

arc welding (2.2.2.4.1) with pressure that uses an arc between a metal stud, or similar part, and the workpiece

Note 1 to entry: Ceramic ferrule, shielding gas or both may be used.

2.2.1.4.4

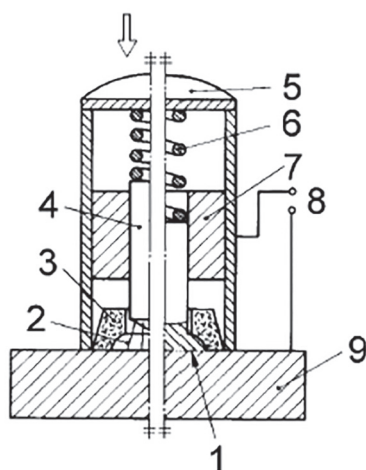
drawn arc stud welding

drawn arc stud welding with ceramic ferrule or shielding gas

arc stud welding (2.2.1.4.3) where a discharge is ignited by lifting the stud and the weld pools are shielded by a ceramic ferrule, shielding gas or both

Note 1 to entry: The welding time is usually more than 100 ms.

Note 2 to entry: Drawn arc stud welding is illustrated in [Figure 6](#).



Key

1 weld	4 stud (workpiece)	7 lifting magnet
2 arc	5 welding gun	8 power source
3 ceramic ferrule	6 spring	9 workpiece

Figure 6 — Drawn arc stud welding with ceramic ferrule

2.2.1.4.5

short-cycle drawn arc stud welding

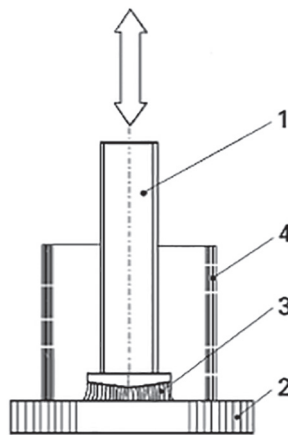
drawn arc stud welding (2.2.1.4.4) where the welding time is between 10 ms and 100 ms

2.2.1.4.6

capacitor discharge drawn arc stud welding

drawn arc stud welding (2.2.1.4.4) in which the electrical energy is provided by the discharge of a capacitor and the welding time is between 1 ms and 10 ms

Note 1 to entry: Capacitor discharge drawn arc stud welding is illustrated in [Figure 7](#).

**Key**

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1 stud | 3 arc |
| 2 workpiece | 4 support tube |

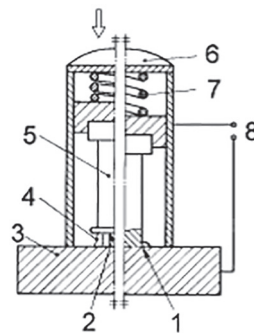
Figure 7 — Capacitor discharge drawn arc stud welding**2.2.1.4.7****capacitor discharge stud welding with tip ignition**

arc stud welding (2.2.1.4.3) where the arc is ignited by explosively melting and partially vaporizing a specially formed tip of the stud

Note 1 to entry: The workpieces are pressed together before the capacitor is totally discharged.

Note 2 to entry: Welding time is usually between 0,5 ms and 5 ms.

Note 3 to entry: Capacitor discharge stud welding with tip ignition is illustrated in [Figure 8](#).

**Key**

- | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 weld | 4 arc | 7 spring |
| 2 stud tip | 5 stud (workpiece) | 8 power source |
| 3 workpiece | 6 welding gun | |

Figure 8 — Capacitor discharge stud welding with tip ignition**2.2.1.4.8****drawn arc stud welding with fusible collar**

drawn arc stud welding (2.2.1.4.4) where a discharge is ignited by lifting the stud which has a fusible collar

2.2.1.5 Energy carrier: radiation

(No processes known so far)

2.2.1.6 Energy carrier: movement of a mass

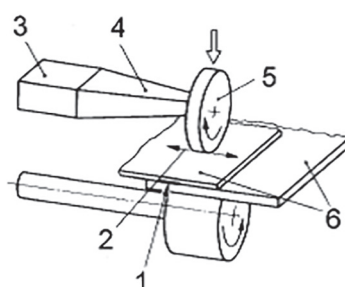
2.2.1.6.1

ultrasonic welding

welding with pressure (2.1.2) in which mechanical vibrations of high frequencies and of low amplitude, superimposed on a static force, make a weld between the two workpieces to be joined at a temperature well below the melting point of the material

Note 1 to entry: Additional heat can be applied.

Note 2 to entry: Ultrasonic welding is illustrated in [Figure 9](#).



Key

1 weld	3 transducer	5 vibrating tool
2 ultrasonic vibration	4 sonotrode	6 workpiece

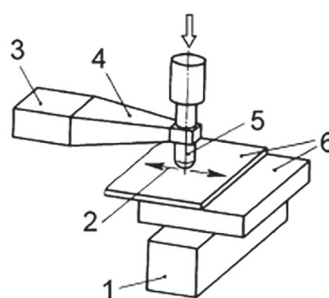
Figure 9 — Ultrasonic welding

2.2.1.6.2

ultrasonic hot welding

ultrasonic welding (2.2.1.6.1) in which the anvil is heated separately during the welding operation

Note 1 to entry: Ultrasonic hot welding is illustrated in [Figure 10](#).



Key

1 electrically heated support (anvil)	3 transducer	5 vibrating tool
2 ultrasonic vibration	4 sonotrode	6 workpiece

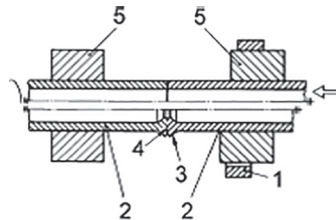
Figure 10 — Ultrasonic hot welding

2.2.1.6.3**friction welding**

welding with pressure (2.1.2) in which the interfaces are heated by friction normally by rotating one or both workpieces in contact with each other or by means of a separate rotating friction element

Note 1 to entry: The weld is completed by an upset force, generally after rotation has ceased.

Note 2 to entry: Friction welding is illustrated in Figure 11.

**Key**

1 brake	3 flash	5 clamp
2 workpiece	4 weld	

Figure 11 — Friction welding

2.2.1.6.4**direct drive friction welding**

DEPRECATED: continuous drive friction welding
friction welding (2.2.1.6.3) using constant speed rotation

2.2.1.6.5**inertia friction welding**

friction welding (2.2.1.6.3) where the rotational energy is stored in a fly wheel; thus the rotational speed decreases continuously

Note 1 to entry: Inertia friction welding is illustrated in Figure 12.

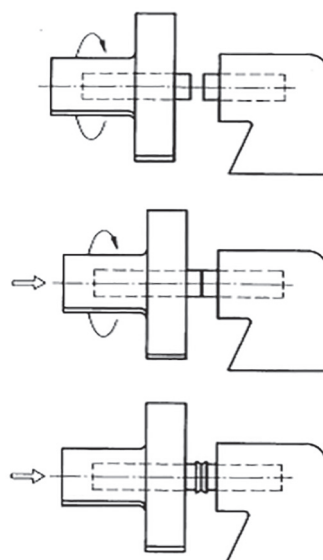


Figure 12 — Inertia friction welding

2.2.1.6.6

orbital friction welding

friction welding (2.2.1.6.3) in which an orbital motion is produced at the weld interface by rotating both the workpieces at the same speed in the same direction but displacing the axis of rotation of one workpiece slightly with respect to the other

Note 1 to entry: At the end of the displaced cycle, the workpieces are aligned again and are welded.

Note 2 to entry: Orbital friction welding is illustrated in Figure 13.

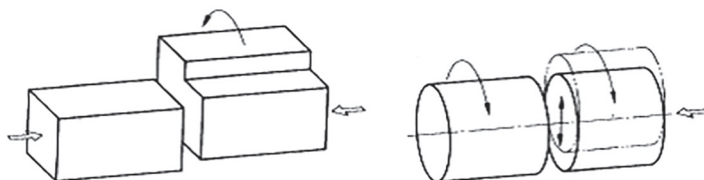


Figure 13 — Orbital friction welding

2.2.1.6.7

radial friction welding

friction welding (2.2.1.6.3) in which a shaped ring is rotated and radially compressed onto two circular hollow sections in such a manner that a joint is formed

Note 1 to entry: Conventional radial friction welding is illustrated in Figure 14 a). The technique can also be used to expand a ring inside hollow sections to form a joint; see Figure 14 b). In a third embodiment, it is possible to weld a ring usually of a dissimilar material to the outside of a solid bar; see Figure 14 c).

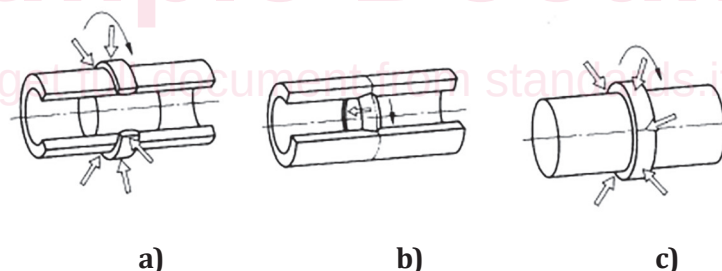


Figure 14 — Radial friction welding

2.2.1.6.8

friction stud welding

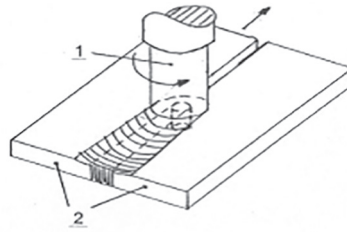
friction welding (2.2.1.6.3) of studs

2.2.1.6.9

friction stir welding

joining process producing a weld by the friction heating and mixing of material in the plastic state caused by a rotating tool that traverses along the weld

Note 1 to entry: Friction stir welding is illustrated in Figure 15.

**Key**

- | | | | |
|---|---------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | rotating tool | 2 | workpiece |
|---|---------------|---|-----------|

Figure 15 — Friction stir welding**2.2.1.6.10****shock welding**

welding with pressure (2.1.2) in which the workpieces are welded by the application of a striking force

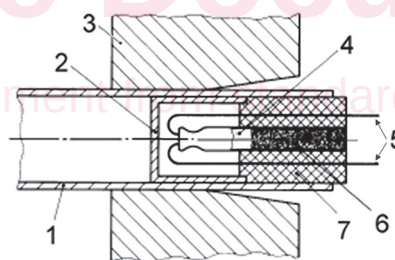
Note 1 to entry: The heat generated by the sudden collision contributes to the welding.

2.2.1.6.11**explosion welding**

DEPRECATED: explosive welding

shock welding (2.2.1.6.10) in which the workpieces are welded when impacted together by the detonation of an explosive charge

Note 1 to entry: Explosion welding is illustrated in Figure 16.

**Key**

- | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---|------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 | tube | 4 | detonator | 6 | main explosive charge |
| 2 | protective sheath | 5 | detonation wires | 7 | plastic transmission medium |
| 3 | tube plate | | | | |

Figure 16 — Explosion welding of tube to plate**2.2.1.6.12****magnetic pulse welding**

DEPRECATED: magnetic impulse welding

shock welding (2.2.1.6.10) in which a high current impulse passing through a coil surrounding the workpieces produces a magnetic field which exerts the welding force

Note 1 to entry: Magnetic pulse welding is illustrated in Figure 17.