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Non-destructive testing of welds — Acceptance levels for radiographic testing —

Part 2:

Aluminium and its alloys

1 Scope

This part of ISO 10675 specifies acceptance levels for indications from imperfections in aluminium butt welds detected by radiographic testing. If agreed, the acceptance levels may be applied to other types of welds or materials.

The acceptance levels may be related to welding standards, application standards, specifications or codes.

This part of ISO 10675 assumes that the radiographic testing has been carried out in accordance with ISO 17636.

When assessing whether a weld meets the requirements specified for a weld quality level, the sizes of imperfections permitted by standards are compared with the dimensions of indications revealed by a radiograph made of the weld.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 6520-1, Welding and allied processes — Classification of geometric imperfections in metallic materials — Part 1: Fusion welding

ISO 10042, Welding — Arc-welded joints in aluminium and its alloys — Quality levels for imperfections

ISO 17636, Non-destructive examination of welds — Radiographic examination of welded joints

3 Radiographic technique

Depending on the weld quality level, radiographic technique A or B in accordance with ISO 17636 shall be used as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 — Radiographic testing

Quality levels in accordance with ISO 10042	Testing techniques and classes in accordance with ISO 17636	Acceptance levels in accordance with this part of ISO 10675	
В	В	1	
С	B ^a	2	
D	A	3	

^a However, the minimum number of exposure for circumferential weld testing may correspond to the requirements of class A of ISO 17636.

4 General

Welded joints should be visually tested in accordance with ISO 17637 and evaluated before radiographic testing.

The acceptance levels in this part of ISO 10675 are basically valid for evaluation of imperfections which cannot be detected and evaluated by visual testing (Table 2). Surface imperfections (Table 3; such as undercut and excessive penetration, surface damage, weld spatter, etc.) which due to object geometry cannot be evaluated, but where the interpreter suspects the ISO 10042 quality levels are not fulfilled, shall be subject to more specific testing.

When quantification of undercut and/or excessive penetration by radiographic testing is required, specific procedures using test exposures may be applied in order to establish a basis for approximate quantification in accordance with the requirements of ISO 10042. This shall be specified.

5 Acceptance levels

The acceptance levels for indications are shown in Tables 2 and 3. The types of imperfections are selected from ISO 10042 and defined in ISO 6520-1.

The symbols used in Tables 2 and 3 are the following:

- A sum of projected areas of indications related to $L \times w_0$ in %;
- b width of excess penetration of weld, in millimetres;
- d diameter of pore, in millimetres;
- d_A diameter of area surrounding a cluster, in millimetres;
- h width of indication, the width or height of surface or cross surface imperfection, in millimetres;
- *l* length of indication, in millimetres;
- L any 100 mm testing length, in millimetres;
- s nominal butt weld thickness, in millimetres;
- t material thickness, in millimetres;
- $w_{\rm p}$ width of the weld in millimetres;
- Σl summary length of imperfections within L.

Any two adjacent imperfections separated by a distance smaller than the major dimension of the smaller imperfection shall be considered as a single imperfection.

Indications shall not be divided into different ranges L.

Table 2 — Acceptance levels for indications in butt welds

No	Type of internal imperfections in accordance with ISO 6520-1	Acceptance level 3 a	Acceptance level 2 a	Acceptance level 1
1	Cracks (100)	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted
2a	Gas pores (2011)	<i>d</i> ≤ 0,4 <i>s</i> , max. 6 mm	d ≤ 0,3 s , max. 5 mm	d ≤ 0,2 s , max. 4 mm
2b	Porosity (2012)	<i>A</i> ≤ 6 %	<i>A</i> ≤ 2 %	<i>A</i> ≤ 1 %
	material thickness 0,5 mm to 3 mm	L = 100 mm	L = 100 mm	L = 100 mm
2c	Porosity (2012)	<i>A</i> ≤ 10 %	<i>A</i> ≤ 4 %	<i>A</i> ≤ 2 %
	material thickness > 3 mm to 12 mm	L = 100 mm	L = 100 mm	L = 100 mm
2d	Porosity (2012)	<i>A</i> ≤ 15 %	<i>A</i> ≤ 6 %	<i>A</i> ≤ 3 %
	material thickness > 12 mm to 30 mm	L = 100 mm	L = 100 mm	L = 100 mm
2e	Porosity (2012)	<i>A</i> ≤ 20 %	<i>A</i> ≤ 8 %	<i>A</i> ≤ 4 %
	material thickness > 30 mm	L = 100 mm	L = 100 mm	L = 100 mm
3 b	Clustered (localized) porosity (2013)	$d_{A} \le 25 \text{ mm or}$ $d_{A,max} \le w_{p}$	$d_{A} \le 20 \text{ mm or}$ $d_{A,\text{max}} \le w_{p}$	$d_{A} \le 15 \text{ mm or}$ $d_{A,max} \le w_{p}/2$
4 ^c	Linear porosity (2014)	<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm <i>L</i> = 100 mm	Not permitted	Not permitted
5 d	Elongated cavities (2015) and wormholes (2016)	<i>l</i> ≤ 0,4 <i>s</i> , max. 6 mm	<i>l</i> < 0,3 <i>s</i> , max. 4 mm	<i>l</i> < 0,2 <i>s</i> , max. 3 mm
6	Oxide inclusion (303)	<i>l</i> < <i>s</i> , max. 10 mm	<i>l</i> < 0,5 <i>s</i> , max. 5 mm	<i>l</i> < 0,2 <i>s</i> , max. 3 mm
7	Tungsten inclusions (3041)	<i>l</i> < 0,4 <i>s</i> , max. 6 mm	<i>l</i> < 0,3 <i>s</i> , max. 4 mm	<i>l</i> < 0,2 <i>s</i> , max. 3 mm
8 e	Lack of fusion (401)	Permitted, but only intermittently and not breaking the surface	Not permitted	Not permitted
		<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm, <i>L</i> = 100 mm		
9 e	Lack of penetration (402)	l < 25 mm, L = 100 mm	Permitted provided welded from both sides and not breaking the surface	Not permitted
			<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm, <i>L</i> = 100 mm	

a Acceptance levels 3 and 2 may be specified with suffix X which denotes that all indications over 25 mm are unacceptable.

b See Annex C, Figure C.1 and Figure C.2 (normative).

^c See Annex C, Figure C.3 and Figure C.4 (normative).

See Annex C, Figure C.5 and Figure C.6 (normative).

If the length of the weld is below 100 mm, the maximum length of indications shall not exceed 25 % of that weld.

Table 3 — Surface imperfections: The acceptance levels are those defined for visual testing. These imperfections are normally evaluated by visual testing

No	Type of surface imperfections in accordance with ISO 6520-1	Acceptance level 3 a	Acceptance level 2 a	Acceptance level 1
10	Crater cracks (104)	<i>l</i> ≤ 0,4 <i>s</i>	Not permitted	Not permitted
11a	Continuous undercut (5011)	Smooth transition is required	Smooth transition is required	Not permitted
		$h \le 0,2t, \text{ max. 1 mm}$	$h \le 0,1t$, max. 0,5 mm	
11b	Intermittent undercut (5012)	Smooth transition is required	Smooth transition is required	Smooth transition is required
		$h \le 0.2t$, max. 1.5 mm	$h \le 0,1t, \text{ max. 1 mm}$	$h \le 0.1t$, max. 0.5 mm
		<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm	<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm	<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm
12	Excess penetration (504)	<i>h</i> ≤ 5 mm	<i>h</i> ≤ 4 mm	<i>h</i> ≤ 3 mm
13	Root concavity (515)	<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm	<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm	<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm
		$h \le 0.2t$, max. 1,5 mm	$h \le 0,1t$, max. 1 mm	$h \le 0.05t$, max. 0.5 mm
14	Shrinkage groove	<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm	<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm	<i>l</i> ≤ 25 mm
	(5013)	$h \le 0.2t$, max. 1,5 mm	$h \le 0,1t$, max. 1 mm	$h \le 0.05t$, max. 0.5 mm

Annex A (informative)

Guide to the limitations of radiographic testing¹⁾

A.1 Volumetric imperfections in butt welds

Porosities and gas pores (2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017)

Wormholes and elongated cavities (2016 and 2015)

Oxide inclusions (303)

Tungsten inclusions (3041)

The above imperfections listed in Table 2 will be readily detected using radiographic technique A or B of ISO 17636 as shown in Table 1 of this part of ISO 10675.

A.2 Cracks in butt welds

Crater cracks (104)

Cracks (100)

The detectability of cracks by radiographic testing depends on the crack height, the ramification (presence of branching parts), opening width, direction of the X-ray beam to crack orientation and radiographic technique parameters.

Reliable detection of all cracks is therefore limited. The use of radiographic technique B or better, as specified in ISO 17636, will provide better crack detectability than radiographic technique A.

A.3 Planar imperfections in butt welds

Lack of fusion (401)

Lack of penetration (402)

The detection of lack of fusion and lack of penetration depends on characteristics of imperfections and radiographic technique parameters.

Lack of side wall fusion will probably not be detected (except it is associated with other imperfections such as slag inclusions) unless it is radiographed in direction of the side wall.

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¹⁾ The numbers between brackets conform to those used in ISO 6520-1.

Annex B (informative)

Examples for determination of percentage (%) of imperfections

The following figures give a presentation of different area percentage (%) of imperfections. This should assist the assessment of imperfections on radiographs and fracture surfaces.



Figure B.1 — 1 %



Figure B.2 — 2 %

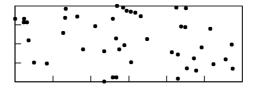


Figure B.3 — 3 %

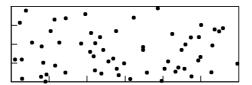


Figure B.4 — 4 %



Figure B.5 — 6 %

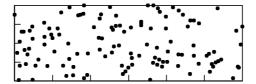


Figure B.6 — 8 %

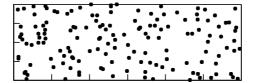


Figure B.7 — 10 %

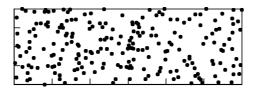


Figure B.8 — 15 %

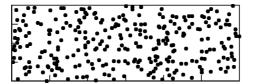


Figure B.9 — 20 %

Annex C (informative)

Sum of acceptable areas

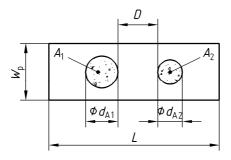


Figure C.1 — Clustered porosity, $D > d_{A2}$

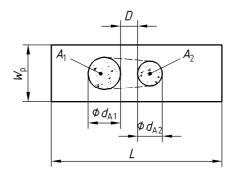


Figure C.2 — Clustered porosity, $D = d_{A2}$

The sum of the different pore areas (A_1 + A_2) related to the evaluation area $L \times w_p$ (Figure C.1).

If D is less than $d_{\rm A1}$ or $d_{\rm A2}$, whatever is smaller, an envelope surrounding the porosity area A_1+A_2 shall be considered as one area of imperfection (Figure C.2).

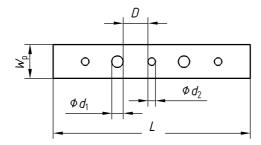


Figure C.3 — Linear porosity, $D > d_2$

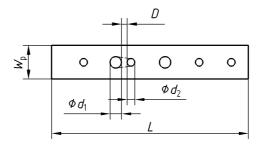


Figure C.4 — Linear porosity, $D = d_2$

The sum of the different pore areas $\left(\frac{{d_1}^2 \cdot \pi}{4} + \frac{{d_2}^2 \cdot \pi}{4} + ...\right)$ related to the evaluation area $L \times w_p$ (Figure C.3).

If D is smaller than the smaller diameter of one of the neighbouring pores, the full connected area of the two pores is to be taken into the sum of imperfections (Figure C.4).

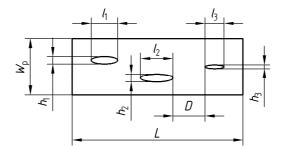


Figure C.5 — Elongated cavities and wormholes, $D > l_3$

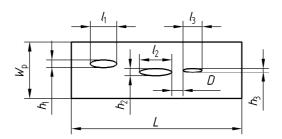


Figure C.6 — Elongated cavities and wormholes, $D = l_3$

The sum of the length of indications Σl shall be determined for each testing length L (Figure C.5).

If D is smaller than the shorter length of one of the neighbouring imperfections, the full connection of the two imperfections is to be taken into the sum of imperfections (Figure C.6).

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