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International Standard ISO 8249 was prepared in collaboration with the International Institute of Welding which has been approved by the ISO Council as an international standardizing body in the field of welding.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8249:1985), which has been technically revised.

Annexes A and B of this International Standard are for information only.

Introduction

At present, there is no universal opinion concerning the best experimental method that gives an absolute measurement of the amount of ferrite in a weld metal, either destructively or non-destructively. This situation has led to the development and use, internationally, of the concept of a "Ferrite Number" or FN. A Ferrite Number is a description of the ferrite content of a weld metal determined using a standardized procedure. Such procedures are laid down in this International Standard. The Ferrite Number of a weld metal has been considered approximately equivalent to the percentage ferrite content, particularly at low FN values. More recent information suggests that the FN may overstate the volume percent ferrite at higher FN by a factor in the order of 1,3 to 1,5, which depends to a certain extent upon the actual composition of the alloy in question.

Although other methods are available for determining the Ferrite Number, the standardized measuring procedure, laid down in this International Standard, is based on assessing the tear-off force needed to pull the weld metal sample from a magnet of defined strength and size. The relationship between tear-off force and FN is obtained using primary standards consisting of a non-magnetic coating of specified thickness on a magnetic base. Each non-magnetic coating thickness is assigned an FN value.

The ferrite content determined by this method is arbitrary and is not necessarily the true or absolute ferrite content. In recognition of this fact, the term "Ferrite Number" (FN) shall be used instead of "ferrite per cent" when quoting a ferrite content determined by this method. To help convey the message that this standardized calibration procedure has been used, the terms "Ferrite Number" and "FN" are capitalized as proper nouns.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the method and apparatus for

— the measurement of the delta ferrite content, expressed as Ferrite Number (FN), in largely austenitic and duplex ferritic-austenitic stainless steel[1)] weld metal through the attractive force between a weld metal sample and a standard permanent magnet;

— the preparation and measurement of standard pads for manual metal arc covered electrodes. The general method is also recommended for the ferrite measurement of production welds and for weld metal from other processes, such as gas tungsten arc welding, gas shielded metal arc welding and submerged arc welding (in these cases, the way of producing the pad should be defined);

— the calibration of other instruments to measure FN.

The method laid down in this International Standard is intended for use on weld metals in the as-welded state and on weld metals after thermal treatments causing complete or partial transformation of ferrite to any non-magnetic phase. Austenitizing thermal treatments which alter the size and shape of the ferrite will change the magnetic response of the ferrite.

The method is not intended for measurement of the ferrite content of cast, forged or wrought austenitic or duplex ferritic-austenitic steel samples.

2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, this publication do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO/TR 15510:1997, *Stainless steels — Chemical composition*.

3 Principle

The measurement of the ferrite content of largely austenitic stainless steel weld metal through the attractive force between a weld metal sample and a permanent magnet is based upon the fact that the attractive force between a two-phase (or multiphase) sample containing one ferromagnetic phase and one (or more) non-ferromagnetic phase(s) increases as the content of the ferromagnetic phase increases. In largely austenitic and duplex ferritic-austenitic stainless steel weld metal, ferrite is magnetic, whereas austenite, carbides, sigma phase and inclusions are non-ferromagnetic.

1) The term "austenitic-ferritic (duplex) stainless steel" is sometimes applied in place of "duplex ferritic-austenitic stainless steel".