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alliages de zirconium utilisés dans les réacteurs nucléaires*



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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies:

- the determination of mass gain;
- the surface inspection of products of zirconium and its alloys when corrosion tested in water at 360 °C or in steam at or above 400 °C;
- that the tests in steam shall be performed at 10,3 MPa (1 500 psi).

This International Standard is applicable to wrought products, castings, powder metallurgy products and weld metals.

This method has been widely used in the development of new alloys, heat treating practices and for the evaluation of welding techniques, and should be utilized in its entirety to the extent specified for a product acceptance test, rather than merely a means of assessing performance in service.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

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ISO 5813:1983, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved oxygen — Iodometric method*.

ISO 5814:1990, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved oxygen — Electrochemical probe method*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1 etching: A process for removal of surface metal by action of acids in water.

3.2 control coupons: Zirconium alloy specimens of known performance used to monitor the validity of the test.

3.3 high mass gain coupons: Zirconium alloy specimens that have been specially heat-treated to produce a mass gain higher than the maximum given in materials acceptance specifications and which are used for verifying the severity of the test procedure.

4 Principle

Specimens of zirconium or its alloys are exposed to high-pressure water or steam at elevated temperatures for 72 h or 336 h. The corrosion is normally measured by the gain in mass of the specimens and