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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2005. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- dimensions given in Annex A become normative;
- designation is based on the range of cross-sectional area of the welding cable intended to be connected.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Part 12: Coupling devices for welding cables

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60974 is applicable to coupling devices for cables used in arc welding and allied processes, designed for connection and disconnection without using tools.

This part of IEC 60974 specifies safety and performance requirements of coupling devices.

This part of IEC 60974 is not applicable to coupling devices for underwater welding.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60974-1, *Arc welding equipment – Part 1: Welding power sources*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in the IEC 60050-151, the IEC 60974-1, as well as the following apply.

3.1

coupling device

device connecting two welding cables together or connecting a welding cable to welding equipment

3.2

retaining means

mechanical arrangement that holds the coupling device in position and prevents an unintentional withdrawal, when properly connected

3.3

arc striking and stabilizing voltage

voltage superimposed on the welding circuit to initiate or maintain the arc