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Introduction

The test by ultrasound described in this standard has the objective of estimating the dimension of average grain size in copper and copper alloy products.

When using this test by ultrasound technique it is important to recognize that the estimation of grain size is not a precise measurement because a metal structure is an aggregate of three-dimensional crystals of varying sizes and shapes. Clearly, no two areas of observation can then be exactly the same.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the estimation of the average grain size of copper and copper alloy products by ultrasound. This document can be applied for seamless round tubes as well as for flat products.

This method can be used in place of test methods according to EN ISO 2624, mentioned in the relevant product standards. As reference method and in case of doubt the intercept procedure or planimetric procedure will be used.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN ISO 2624, *Copper and copper alloys - Estimation of average grain size (ISO 2624)*

EN ISO 5577, *Non-destructive testing - Ultrasonic testing - Vocabulary (ISO 5577)*

EN ISO 9712, *Non-destructive testing - Qualification and certification of NDT personnel (ISO 9712)*

EN ISO 16810:2014, *Non-destructive testing - Ultrasonic testing - General principles (ISO 16810:2012)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 5577 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

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grain

area in a metal within the boundary of a crystal

Note 1 to entry: For the purpose of applying the method described in this document, a crystal and its twin bands are considered as one grain. Sub-grains, minor constituent phases, inclusions and additives are not considered in the estimation of the grain size.

4 General requirements

4.1 Personnel qualification

The ultrasonic test shall be conducted by operators trained in this technique and it shall be done under the responsibility of qualified staff. The qualified staff shall be competent. When agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier, qualification of the personnel shall be certified according to EN ISO 9712.

The qualified staff is especially responsible for the:

- issue and release of test procedures for operators;