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**Welding consumables — Covered  
electrodes for manual metal arc  
welding of non-alloy and fine grain  
steels — Classification**

*Produits consommables pour le soudage — Électrodes enrobées pour  
le soudage manuel à l'arc des aciers non alliés et des aciers à grains  
fins — Classification*



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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 2560:2009), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- all the references have been updated;
- throughout the document, “nominal electrode efficiency” now reads “electrode efficiency”;
- in 4B, “strength” has been clarified by changing to “tensile strength”;
- in Table 3B, the “Nominal level” for Mn shown in the 1st row of the table for “No symbol, -1, -P1, or -P2” was changed to 1,3;
- in Table 3B, a new footnote has been added regarding G classifications (similar to Table 3A);
- in Table 4B, a new footnote d to symbol “45” was added “Not including PF (vertical up)”;
- in [Table 8B](#), the heading of the last column has been revised to read “Impact test temperature”;
- in [Table 8B](#), NS (not specified) has been changed to NR (not required) and a new footnote c regarding testing at lower temperatures has been added;

- in [Table 10B](#), E4918, E4918-1, E5516-3M3, E5516-N3 and E5516-N7 have been updated to match values in AWS standards;
- in [Clause 8](#), *b* has been changed to *w* for width in accordance with ISO 15792-1;
- in [Clause 9](#), Rounding procedure has been updated to match current agreed wording;
- in Clause 12B, Example 1B, the %Mn was changed to 0,90 to better match the designation given in the example;

## Introduction

This document recognizes that there are two somewhat different approaches in the global market to classifying a given electrode, and allows for either or both to be used, to suit a particular market need. Application of either type of classification designation (or of both, where suitable) identifies a product as classified in accordance with this document. The classification in accordance with system A is mainly based on EN 499:1994. The classification in accordance with system B is mainly based on standards used around the Pacific Rim.

This document provides a classification in order to designate covered electrodes in terms of the yield strength, tensile strength and elongation of the all-weld metal. The ratio of yield strength to tensile strength of weld metal is generally higher than that of parent metal. Users should note that matching weld metal yield strength to parent metal yield strength does not necessarily ensure that the weld metal tensile strength matches that of the parent metal. Therefore, where the application requires matching tensile strength, selection of the consumable should be made by reference to column 3 of Table 1A or to Table 1B and [Table 3B](#).

It should be noted that the mechanical properties of all-weld metal test specimens used to classify the electrodes vary from those obtained in production joints because of differences in welding procedure such as electrode size, width of weave, welding position, welding current, interpass temperature and parent metal composition.

# Welding consumables — Covered electrodes for manual metal arc welding of non-alloy and fine grain steels — Classification

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the classification of covered electrodes and deposited metal in the as-welded condition and in the post-weld heat-treated condition for manual metal arc welding of non-alloy and fine grain steels with a minimum yield strength of up to 500 MPa or a minimum tensile strength of up to 570 MPa.

This document is a combined specification providing for classification utilizing a system based on the yield strength and the average impact energy of 47 J of all-weld metal, or utilizing a system based on the tensile strength and the average impact energy of 27 J of all-weld metal.

- a) Clauses, subclauses and tables which carry the suffix letter “A” are applicable only to covered electrodes classified to the system based on the yield strength and the average impact energy of 47 J of all weld metal in this document.
- b) Clauses, subclauses and tables which carry the suffix letter “B” are applicable only to covered electrodes classified to the system based on the tensile strength and the average impact energy of 27 J of all weld metal in this document.
- c) Clauses, subclauses and tables which do not have either the suffix letter “A” or the suffix letter “B” are applicable to all covered electrodes classified in this document.

## 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.

ISO 544, *Welding consumables — Technical delivery conditions for filler materials and fluxes — Type of product, dimensions, tolerances and markings*

ISO 2401, *Covered electrodes — Determination of the efficiency, metal recovery and deposition coefficient*

ISO 3690, *Welding and allied processes — Determination of hydrogen content in arc weld metal*

ISO 6847, *Welding consumables — Deposition of a weld metal pad for chemical analysis*

ISO 6947:2019, *Welding and allied processes — Welding positions*

ISO 14344, *Welding consumables — Procurement of filler materials and fluxes*

ISO 15792-1:2020, *Welding consumables — Test methods — Part 1: Test methods for all-weld metal test specimens in steel, nickel and nickel alloys*

ISO 15792-3:2011, *Welding consumables — Test methods — Part 3: Classification testing of positional capacity and root penetration of welding consumables in a fillet weld*

ISO 80000-1:2009, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*. Corrected by ISO 80000-1:2009/Cor 1:2011