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**Non-destructive testing —  
Characterization and verification of  
ultrasonic test equipment —**

**Part 3:  
Combined equipment**

*Essais non destructifs — Caractérisation et vérification de  
l'appareillage de contrôle par ultrasons —*

*Partie 3: Equipement complet*



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# Non-destructive testing — Characterization and verification of ultrasonic test equipment —

## Part 3: Combined equipment

### 1 Scope

This document specifies methods, tolerances and acceptance criteria for verifying the performance of combined ultrasonic test equipment (i.e. instrument, probes and cables connected) by the use of appropriate standard calibration blocks.

These methods are specifically intended for manual test equipment, i.e. ultrasonic instruments according to ISO 22232-1, and for manual ultrasonic non-destructive testing with single- or dual-transducer probes according to ISO 22232-2. This document is also applicable for multi-channel instruments. For automated test equipment, different tests can be needed to ensure satisfactory performance.

The specified methods are intended for the use by operators working under site or shop floor conditions.

These methods are not intended to prove the suitability of the equipment for particular applications.

This document excludes ultrasonic instruments for continuous waves.

This document also excludes ultrasonic phased array systems, see e. g. ISO 18563-3. If a phased array instrument is used in combination with single- or dual-transducer probes, this document is applicable to this combination.

### 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 2400, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Specification for calibration block No. 1*

ISO 5577, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Vocabulary*

ISO 7963, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Specification for calibration block No. 2*

ISO 9712, *Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of NDT personnel*

ISO 22232-1, *Non-destructive testing — Characterization and verification of ultrasonic test equipment — Part 1: Instruments*

ISO 22232-2, *Non-destructive testing — Characterization and verification of ultrasonic test equipment — Part 2: Probes*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5577 apply.