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Introduction

In the past, there are three ISO standards for measuring surface-hardened layer. Because those standards employed almost the same principle of measuring, it is intended to make it easy for maintenance of the standards and application of test by integrating these three standards.

The method of estimating uncertainty of measurement is not included in this document. In future revision, uncertainty of measurement may be reflected based on real applications to this test.

Steel — Determination of the thickness of surface-hardened layers

1 Scope

This document specifies a method of measuring the case hardening depth, surface hardening depth, nitriding hardness depth and total thickness of surface hardening depth obtained, e.g. thermal (flame and induction hardening, electron beam hardening, laser beam hardening, etc.) or thermochemical (carbonitriding, carburizing and hardening, hardening and nitriding, etc.) treatment.

NOTE Surface-hardened layer can be produced by mechanical method (shot blasting, shot peening, etc.). The depth of these layers is generally shallow. Measuring a profile of hardened depth may require lower test force of hardness test.

2 Normative reference

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 4545-1, *Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 4545-2, *Metallic materials — Knoop hardness test — Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines*

ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6507-2, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 2: Verification and calibration of testing machines*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

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case hardening depth

CHD

perpendicular distance between the surface and the layer having a hardness of 550 HV in accordance with ISO 6507-1 or equivalent Knoop hardness in accordance with ISO 4545-1

Note 1 to entry: For steels which present a hardness greater than 450 HV at a distance of three times the case hardening depth (determined with a limiting hardness value of 550 HV) from the surface, a limiting hardness value greater than 550 HV, in steps of 25 units, can be selected for the determination of the case hardening depth by agreement between interested parties.

Note 2 to entry: In general, case hardening consists of carburizing or carbonitriding followed by quench hardening (see ISO 4885).