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Introduction

Acoustic emission testing (AT) is well established for the detection of discontinuities in metallic structures. Furthermore, AT is widely accepted and applied during hydraulic or pneumatic test. In-service acoustic emission (AE) monitoring can provide global surveillance of structural details for early detection of active cracks and damage evolution. It allows through life damage assessment guiding subsequent non-destructive testing (NDT) for damage verification and damage sizing purposes.

1 Scope

This document specifies general requirements for in-service acoustic emission (AE) monitoring. It relates to detection, location and grading of AE sources with application to metallic pressure equipment and other structures such as bridges, bridge ropes, cranes, storage tanks, pipelines, wind turbine towers, marine applications, offshore structures. The monitoring can be periodic, temporary or continuous, on site or remote-controlled, supervised or automated. The objectives of AE monitoring are to define regions which are acoustically active as a result of damage or defect evolution.

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 1330-1:2014, *Non destructive testing — Terminology — Part 1: List of general terms*

EN 1330-2:1998, *Non destructive testing — Terminology — Part 2: Terms common to the non-destructive testing methods*

EN 1330-9:2017, *Non-destructive testing — Terminology — Part 9: Terms used in acoustic emission testing*

EN 13477-1:2001, *Non-destructive testing — Acoustic emission — Equipment characterisation — Part 1: Equipment description*

EN 13477-2:2010, *Non-destructive testing — Acoustic emission — Equipment characterisation — Part 2: Verification of operating characteristic*

EN 13554:2011, *Non-destructive testing — Acoustic emission testing — General principles*

EN 60529:1991, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*¹

EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025:2017)*

3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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4 Personnel qualification

It is assumed that acoustic emission monitoring is performed by qualified personnel. In order to prove this qualification, it is recommended to qualify the personnel in accordance with EN ISO 9712.

¹ As impacted by EN 60529:1991/corrigendum May 1993, EN 60529:1991/A1:2000, EN 60529:1991/A2:2013, EN 60529:1991/AC:2016-12 and EN 60529:1991/A2:2013/AC:2019-02.