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Introduction

This International Standard is based on EN 583-5:2000+A1:2003, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination — Part 5: Characterization and sizing of discontinuities*.

The following International Standards are linked.

ISO 16810, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — General principles*

ISO 16811, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Sensitivity and range setting*

ISO 16823, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Transmission technique*

ISO 16826, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Examination for discontinuities perpendicular to the surface*

ISO 16827, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Characterization and sizing of discontinuities*

ISO 16828, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Time-of-flight diffraction technique as a method for detection and sizing of discontinuities*

Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Characterization and sizing of discontinuities

1 Scope

This document specifies the general principles and techniques for the characterization and sizing of previously detected discontinuities in order to ensure their evaluation against applicable acceptance criteria. It is applicable, in general terms, to discontinuities in those materials and applications covered by ISO 16810.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 16810:2012, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — General principles*

ISO 16811, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Sensitivity and range setting*

ISO 16823, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Transmission technique*

ISO 16828, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Time-of-flight diffraction technique as a method for detection and sizing of discontinuities*

ISO 23279, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Ultrasonic testing — Characterization of indications in welds*

3 Principles of characterization of discontinuities

3.1 General

Characterization of a discontinuity involves the determination of those features which are necessary for its evaluation with respect to known acceptance criteria.

Characterization of a discontinuity may include:

- a) determination of basic ultrasonic parameters (echo height, time of flight);
- b) determination of its basic shape and orientation;
- c) sizing, which may take the form of either:
 - i) the measurement of one or more dimensions (or area/volume), within the limitations of the methods; or
 - ii) the measurement of some agreed parameter e.g. echo height, where this is taken as representative of its physical size;
- d) location e.g. the proximity to the surface or to other discontinuities;
- e) determination of any other parameters or characteristics that may be necessary for complete evaluation;