
**Welding — Arc-welded joints in
aluminium and its alloys — Quality levels
for imperfections**

*Soudage — Assemblages en aluminium et alliages d'aluminium soudés
à l'arc — Niveaux de qualité par rapport aux défauts*



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10042:1992), which has been technically revised.

Introduction

This International Standard should be used as a reference in drafting application codes and/or other application standards. It contains a simplified selection of arc welding imperfections based on the designations given in ISO 6520-1.

Some imperfections described in ISO 6520-1 have been used directly and some have been grouped together. The basic numerical referencing system from ISO 6520-1 has been used.

The purpose of this International Standard is to define the dimensions of typical imperfections which might be expected in normal fabrication. It may be used within a quality system for the production of welded joints. It provides three sets of dimensional values from which a selection can be made for a particular application. The quality level necessary in each case should be defined by the application standard or the responsible designer in conjunction with the manufacturer, user and/or other parties concerned. The quality level will have to be prescribed before the start of production, preferably at the enquiry or order stage. For special purposes, additional details may to be prescribed.

The quality levels given in this International Standard provide basic reference data and are not specifically related to any particular application. They refer to the types of welded joint in fabrication and not to the complete product or component itself. It is possible, therefore, that different quality levels are applied to individual welded joints in the same product or component.

It would normally be expected that for a particular welded joint the dimensional limits for imperfections could all be covered by specifying one quality level. In some cases, it may be necessary to specify different quality levels for different imperfections in the same welded joint.

The choice of quality level for any application should take account of design considerations, subsequent processing (e.g. surfacing), mode of stressing (e.g. static, dynamic), service conditions (e.g. temperature, environment) and consequences of failure. Economic factors are also important and should include not only the cost of welding but also of inspection, test and repair.

Although this International Standard includes types of imperfection relevant to the arc welding processes given in Clause 1, only those which are applicable to the process and application in question need to be considered.

Imperfections are quoted in terms of their actual dimensions, and their detection and evaluation may require the use of one or more methods of non-destructive testing. The detection and sizing of imperfections is dependent on the inspection methods and the extent of testing specified in the application standard or contract.

This International Standard does not address the methods used for the detection of imperfections. However, ISO 17635 contains a correlation between the quality level and acceptance level for different NDT methods.

This International Standard is directly applicable to visual examination of welds and does not include details of recommended methods of detection or sizing by other non-destructive means. It should be considered that there are difficulties in using these limits to establish appropriate criteria applicable to non-destructive testing methods such as ultrasonic, radiographic and penetrant testing and they may need to be supplemented by requirements for inspection, examination and testing.

The values given for imperfections are for welds produced using normal welding practice. Requirements for smaller (more stringent) values as stated in quality level B may include additional manufacturing processes, e.g. grinding, TIG dressing.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies quality levels for imperfections in arc-welded joints in aluminium and its alloys. It applies to material thicknesses above 0,5 mm. It covers full-penetration butt welds and all fillet welds. The principles of this International Standard may also be applied to partial-penetration butt welds.

Quality levels for beam-welded joints are presented in ISO 13919-2.

Three quality levels are given in order to permit application to a wide range of welded constructions. They are designated by symbols B, C and D. Quality level B corresponds to the highest requirement on the finished weld. The quality levels refer to production quality and not to the fitness for purpose (see 3.2) of the product manufactured.

This International Standard applies to:

- all types of weld, e.g. butt welds, fillet welds and branch connections;
- the following welding processes and their sub-processes as defined in ISO 4063:
 - 131 metal inert gas welding (MIG welding), gas metal arc welding /USA/,
 - 141 tungsten inert gas welding (TIG welding), gas tungsten arc welding /USA/,
 - 15 plasma arc welding;
- manual, mechanized and automatic welding;
- all welding positions.

Metallurgical aspects, e.g. grain size, hardness, are not covered by this International Standard.

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 2553, *Welded, brazed and soldered joints — Symbolic representation on drawings*

ISO 4063, *Welding and allied processes — Nomenclature of processes and reference numbers*

ISO 6520-1:1998, *Welding and allied processes — Classification of geometric imperfections in metallic materials — Part 1: Fusion welding*