
**Specification and qualification of welding
procedures for metallic materials —
Welding procedure specification —**

**Part 1:
Arc welding**

*Descriptif et qualification d'un mode opératoire de soudage pour les
matériaux métalliques — Descriptif d'un mode opératoire de
soudage —*

Partie 1: Soudage à l'arc



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Throughout the text of this document, read “...this European Standard...” to mean “...this International Standard...”.

ISO 15609 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure specification*:

- *Part 1: Arc welding*
- *Part 2: Gas welding*
- *Part 3: Electron beam welding*
- *Part 4: Laser beam welding*
- *Part 5: Resistance welding*
- *Part 6: Laser beam cladding*

Annex ZA provides a list of corresponding International and European Standards for which equivalents are not given in the text.

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This document (EN ISO 15609-1:2004) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 121 "Welding", the secretariat of which is held by DIN, in collaboration with Technical Committee ISO/TC 44 "Welding and allied processes".

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2005.

This document supersedes EN 288-2:1992.

NOTE Normative references to International Standards are listed in annex ZA (normative).

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1 Scope

This standard specifies requirements for the content of welding procedure specifications for arc welding processes.

This standard is part of a series of standards, details of this series are given in EN ISO 15607:2003, Annex A.

The variables listed in this standard are those influencing the quality of the welded joint.

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.

EN 439, *Welding consumables – Shielding gases for arc welding and cutting.*

EN 26848, *Tungsten electrodes for inert gas shielded arc welding and for plasma cutting and welding – Codification.*

EN ISO 4063, *Welding and allied processes – Nomenclature of processes and reference numbers.* (ISO 4063:1998)

EN ISO 6947, *Welds – Working positions - Definitions of angles of slope and rotation.* (ISO 6947:1993)

EN ISO 13916, *Welding – Guidance on the measurement of preheating temperature, interpass temperature and preheat maintenance temperature.* (ISO 13916:1996)

EN ISO 15607:2003, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials – General rules.* (ISO 15607:2003)

CR ISO 15608, *Welding – Guidelines for a metallic material grouping system* (ISO/TR 15608:2000).

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 15607:2003 apply.

4 Technical content of welding procedure specification (WPS)

4.1 General

A preliminary Welding Procedure Specification/Welding Procedure Specification (pWPS/WPS) shall provide all the necessary information required to make a weld. The information required in a pWPS/WPS is given in 4.2 to 4.5.

NOTE For some applications it may be necessary to supplement or reduce the list.

Welding procedure specifications cover a certain range of material thickness and also cover a range of parent materials and even welding consumables. Some manufacturers prefer additionally to prepare work instructions for each specific job as part of detailed production planning.

Ranges and tolerances, according to the relevant standard of the series (see EN ISO 15607) and to the manufacturer's experience, shall be specified where appropriate.