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Foreword

This document (EN ISO 18273:2004) 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”.

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Introduction

For aluminium welding consumables there is no unique relationship between the product form (solid wire or rod) and the welding process used (e.g. gas shielded metal arc welding, gas tungsten arc welding, plasma arc welding or other welding processes). For this reason the solid wires or rods may be classified on the basis of any of the above product forms and can be used as appropriate, for more than one of the above processes.

1 Scope

This standard specifies requirements for classification of solid wires and rods for fusion welding of aluminium and aluminium alloys. The classification of the solid wires and rods is based on their chemical composition.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN ISO 544, *Welding consumables – Technical delivery conditions for welding filler metals – Type of product, dimensions, tolerances and markings (ISO 544:2003).*

ISO 31-0:1992, *Quantities and units – Part 0: General principles.*

ISO 14344, *Welding and allied processes – Flux and gas shielded electrical welding processes – Procurement guidelines for consumables.*

3 Classification

The classification is divided into two parts:

a) the first part indicates the product form being solid wires or rods, see 4.1;

b) the second part gives a numerical symbol indicating the chemical composition of the solid wire or rod, see Table 1.

The aluminium or aluminium alloy chemical composition limits specified are strictly identical to those registered to the Aluminum Association, Washington DC 20006, USA, for the corresponding alloys.

4 Symbols and requirements

4.1 Symbols for the product form

The symbol for the solid wire and rod shall be S.

NOTE One product form may be used for more than one welding process.

4.2 Symbol for the chemical composition

The numerical symbol in Table 1 indicates the chemical composition of a solid wire and rod, determined under conditions given in clause 6.

NOTE In addition the chemical symbol may be used.

5 Mechanical properties of the weld metal

Mechanical properties of the weld metal are not part of the classification.