
**Resistance welding — Spot welding of
aluminium and aluminium alloys —
Weldability, welding and testing**

*Soudage par résistance — Soudage par points de l'aluminium et des
alliages d'aluminium — Soudabilité, soudage et essais*



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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for resistance spot welding in the fabrication of assemblies of aluminium sheet, extrusions (both work- and age-hardening alloys) and/or cast material comprising two or three thicknesses of metal, where the maximum single (sheet) thickness of components to be welded is within the range 0,6 mm to 6 mm.

This International Standard is applicable to the welding of sheets or plates of dissimilar thickness where the thickness ratio is less than or equal to 3:1. It applies to the welding of three thicknesses where the total thickness is less than or equal to 9 mm.

Welding with the following types of machines is within the scope of this International Standard:

- pedestal welding machines;
- gun welders;
- automatic welding equipment where the components are fed by robots or automatic feeding equipment;
- multi-welders;
- robotic welders.

Information on appropriate welding equipment is given in Annex A and on spot welding conditions in Annex B. The latter are for guidance only and may require modification, depending on service conditions of the fabrication, type of welding equipment, characteristics of the secondary circuit, electrode material and geometry.

The welding of coated material, e.g. zinc-coated or anodised material, is not within the scope of 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 669:2000, *Resistance welding — Resistance welding equipment — Mechanical and electrical requirements*

ISO 5182, *Welding — Materials for resistance welding electrodes and ancillary equipment*

ISO 5184, *Straight resistance spot welding electrodes*

ISO 5821, *Resistance spot welding electrode caps*

ISO 5830, *Resistance spot welding — Male electrode caps*

ISO 10447, *Resistance welding — Peel and chisel testing of resistance spot and projection welds*

ISO 14329:2003, *Resistance welding — Destructive tests of welds — Failure types and geometric measurements for resistance spot, seam, and projection welds*

ISO 15614-12, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test — Part 12: Spot, seam and projection welding*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 669:2000 and ISO 14329:2003 and the following apply.

3.1

corona bond zone

zone outside the weld nugget in which solid phase bonding has occurred

NOTE 1 See Figure 1.

NOTE 2 This zone can contribute towards the strength of the joints but may not be considered for design purposes.

3.2

corona bond diameter

d_c
outer diameter of the corona bond zone

NOTE See Figure 1.

3.3

cross-tension test

test to determine the load-carrying behaviour of a spot-welded joint subjected to cross-tension loading

3.4

interface failure

fracture through the weld nugget between the sheets in the plane of the interface

NOTE See Figure 1.

3.5

nugget diameter

d_n
mean of the maximum and minimum diameters of the fused nugget in the plane of the interface between the pieces joined, measured on a metallographic section taken transversely through the centre of the nugget

NOTE See Figure 1. The nugget diameter is the parameter on which the mechanical behaviour of a structure is based. Other parameters such as the plug or weld diameter can be influenced by the type of destructive test.

3.6

plug failure

slug/button failure

fracture in the base metal, the heat-affected zone, or the nugget leaving attached metal pulled through thickness from the opposing sheet

NOTE See Figure 2.