
**Destructive tests on welds in metallic
materials — Hardness testing —**

**Part 2:
Microhardness testing of welded joints**

*Essais destructifs des soudures sur matériaux métalliques — Essais de
dureté —*

Partie 2: Essai de microdureté des assemblages soudés



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- *Part 1: Hardness test on arc welded joints*
- *Part 2: Microhardness testing of welded joints*

Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Hardness testing —

Part 2: Microhardness testing of welded joints

1 Scope

This part of ISO 9015 specifies microhardness testing on transverse sections of welded joints of metallic materials with high hardness gradients. It covers Vickers hardness tests in accordance with ISO 6507-1, normally with test loads of 0,98 N to less than 49 N (HV 0,1 to less than HV 5).

NOTE Testing ensures that the highest and/or the lowest level of hardness of both parent materials (in the case of dissimilar materials both parent materials) and weld metal is determined.

This part of ISO 9015 is not applicable to hardness testing of welds with loads of 49,03 N and above, which is covered by ISO 9015-1.

This part of ISO 9015 is not applicable to Vickers hardness testing of resistance spot, projection and seam welds, which is covered by ISO 14271.

This part of ISO 9015 is not applicable to hardness testing of very narrow welds, e.g. those typically produced by laser and electron beam welding (see ISO 22826).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

3 Symbols and abbreviated terms

The symbols and terms to be used are specified in [Table 1](#) and represented in [Figures 1, 2 and 3](#).

Table 1 — Symbols and abbreviated terms

| Symbol | Term | Unit |
|--------|---|----------------|
| E | Individual indentation | — |
| H | Distance of rows of indentations from the reference line (surface or fusion line) | mm |
| HAZ | Heat affected zone | — |
| HV | Vickers hardness | — ^a |
| L | Distance between the centre point of the indentations in the heat-affected zone | mm |
| R | Row of indentations | — |
| t | Thickness of test specimen | mm |

^a Units for Vickers hardness are given in ISO 6507-1.