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

**Part 4:  
Laser beam welding**

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

*Partie 4: Soudage par faisceau laser*



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## Foreword

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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*

The following part is planned:

- *Part 6: Laser arc hybrid welding*

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

## Part 4: Laser beam welding

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15609 specifies requirements for the content of the welding procedure specification (WPS) for laser beam welding processes, including overlay welding. It is not applicable to other processes for cladding (e.g. thermal spraying).

This part of ISO 15609 is part of a series of standards, and details of this series are given in ISO 15607:2003, Annex A.

Variables listed in this part of ISO 15609 are those influencing the quality and properties of the welded joint. The dimensions mentioned in this part of ISO 15609 influence the metallurgical and mechanical qualities, the geometry of the structural member and other important performance properties.

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

ISO 6947, *Welds — Working positions — Definitions of angles of slope and rotation*

ISO 14175, *Welding consumables — Gases and gas mixtures for fusion welding and allied processes*

ISO 15607:2003, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — General rules*

ISO/TR 25901:2007, *Welding and related processes — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15607:2003, ISO/TR 25901:2007 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **slope up**

⟨beam welding⟩ controlled increase of the beam power at the beginning of the welding

[ISO/TR 25901:2007, definition 2.337]