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0 Introduction

Several different gauge lengths are commonly in use for the determination of percentage elongation of steels in tensile testing. Fixed gauge lengths of 50, 80, 100 and 200 mm are used; proportional gauge lengths of $k\sqrt{S_0}$ are also used for flat and round test pieces, where k may be one of a number of values, i.e. 4; 5,65; 8,16; and 11,3.

The value $5,65\sqrt{S_0}$ is adopted as the internationally preferred proportional gauge length.

Arising from this choice and the existence of specifications stipulating minimum percentage elongations on different gauge lengths, a growing need has been evident for an International Standard which could be used to convert test results into values based on the different gauge lengths. This part of ISO 2566 accordingly includes tables of conversion factors, tables of actual conversions for some of the most commonly used gauge lengths and elongation values, and figures which may also be used for such conversions. When using these conversions, however, note should be taken of the limitations on their applicability as stated in clause 1.

While, as indicated, the conversions are considered to be reliable within the stated limitations, because of the various factors influencing the determination of percentage elongations, they shall be used for acceptance purposes only by agreement between the customer and supplier.

In cases of dispute, the elongation shall be determined on the gauge length stated in the relevant specification.

1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 2566 specifies a method of converting room temperature percentage elongations after fracture obtained on various proportional and non-proportional gauge lengths to other gauge lengths.

The formula (see clause 4) on which conversions are based is considered to be reliable when applied to austenitic stainless steels within the tensile strength range 450 to 750 N/mm² and in the solution treated condition.

These conversions are not applicable to

- a) cold reduced steels;
- b) quenched and tempered steels;
- c) non-austenitic steels.

Neither should they be used where the gauge length exceeds $25\sqrt{S_0}$ or where the width to thickness ratio of the test piece exceeds 20.

Care should be exercised in the case of strip under 3 mm thickness, as the index in the formula given in clause 4 increases with decreasing thickness; the value to be used shall be the subject of agreement between the customer and the supplier.

2 Symbols

In this part of ISO 2566, the symbols shown in table 1 are used.

Table 1 — List of symbols

Symbol	Description
A	Percentage elongation on gauge length, L_0 , after fracture, obtained on test
A_r	Percentage elongation on a different gauge length, required by conversion
d	Diameter of test piece
L_0	Original gauge length
S_0	Original cross-sectional area of test piece

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this part of ISO 2566, the following definitions apply:

3.1 gauge length: Any length of the parallel portion of the test piece used for measurement of strain.

The term is hereafter used in this part of ISO 2566 to denote the original gauge length, L_0 , marked on the test piece for the determination of percentage elongation after fracture, A .