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1 Scope

This European Standard covers the general requirements for heat treatment facilities processing semi-finished products and parts in metallic aerospace materials.

It defines the terms used herein and describes the test procedures and requirements for mandatory tests of heat treatment facilities. It also serves as an aid in the surveillance and approval of heat treatment facilities.

This standard applies to all types of heat treatment facilities, including those using direct or indirect heat transfer and liquid or gaseous heating media, with our without circulation, and to vacuum furnaces.

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.

IEC 60584-2, Thermocouples — Part 2: Tolerances 1)

3 General

The heat treatment of metallic materials produces specific material properties only if performed within relatively narrow temperature ranges, the respective tolerances of which are specified in the applicable standards. A heat treatment facility can therefore be used for a heat-treating operation only provided its temperature variations over space and time remain within the specified temperature tolerance.

Proper temperature distribution in the heat treatment facility depends on e.g. the type of furnace or bath, the heating medium, the control instruments with their feedback and run-up circuitry, and the rigging and positioning of control sensors.

A suitable recording instrument is needed to properly monitor and document the heat treatment.

4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply

4.1

temperature uniformity

measure of the temperature variation at various points in the effective working volume after thermal equilibrium has been reached

4.2

effective working volume

for the purposes of the present standard, the effective working volume is the working zone of the heat treatment facility in which temperatures run within the specified maximum temperature variation and which is available for the intended heat treatment

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