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Part 6: Time-of-flight diffraction technique as a
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Foreword

This document (EN 583-6:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 138 "Non-destructive testing", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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The relevant changes from the previous edition are as follows:

- the terminology was revised;
- the references were updated.

EN 583, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination* consists of the following parts:

- EN 583-1, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination — Part 1: General principles*
- EN 583-2, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination — Part 2: Sensitivity and range setting*
- EN 583-3, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination — Part 3: Transmission technique*
- EN 583-4, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination — Part 4: Examination for discontinuities perpendicular to the surface*
- EN 583-5, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination — Part 5: Characterization and sizing of discontinuities*
- EN 583-6, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination — Part 6: Time-of-flight diffraction technique as a method for detection and sizing of discontinuities*

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1 Scope

This European Standard defines the general principles for the application of the Time-Of-Flight Diffraction (TOFD) technique for both detection and sizing of discontinuities in low alloyed carbon steel components. It could also be used for other types of materials, provided the application of the TOFD technique is performed with necessary consideration of geometry, acoustical properties of the materials and the sensitivity of the examination.

Although it is applicable, in general terms, to discontinuities in materials and applications covered by EN 583-1, it contains references to the application on welds. This approach has been chosen for reasons of clarity as to the ultrasonic probe positions and directions of scanning.

Unless otherwise specified in the referencing documents, the minimum requirements of this standard are applicable.

Unless explicitly stated otherwise, this standard is applicable to the following product classes as defined in EN 583-2:

- class 1, without restrictions;
- classes 2 and 3, restrictions will apply as stated in Clause 9.

The inspection of products of classes 4 and 5 will require special procedures. These are addressed in Clause 9 as well.

The techniques to use TOFD for weld inspection are described in CEN/TS 14751.

The related acceptance criteria are given in prEN 15617.

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.

EN 473, *Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of NDT personnel — General principles*

EN 583-1, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination — Part 1: General principles*

EN 583-2, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic examination — Part 2: Sensitivity and range setting*

EN 12668-1, *Non-destructive testing — Characterization and verification of ultrasonic examination equipment — Part 1: Instruments*

EN 12668-2, *Non-destructive testing — Characterization and verification of ultrasonic examination equipment — Part 2: Probes*

EN 12668-3, *Non-destructive testing — Characterization and verification of ultrasonic examination equipment — Part 3: Combined equipment*