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Foreword

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This document cancels and replaces ISO/TR 3834-6:2007, which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- document changed from a Technical Report to an International Standard;
- references to IIW and IAB removed;
- [Clause 11](#) updated to address visual testing of welds;
- text aligned with ISO 14731.

A list of all parts in the ISO 3834 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html. Official interpretations of ISO/TC 44 documents, where they exist, are available from this page: <https://committee.iso.org/sites/tc44/home/interpretation.html>.

Introduction

Welding is a special process in that it is not always possible to verify the final result by testing. The quality of the weld is manufactured into the product, not inspected. This means that welding normally requires continuous control or that specific procedures be followed, or both. The ISO 3834 series deals with quality requirements in welding and has been prepared in order to identify those controls and procedures.

The ISO 3834 series is not a quality system standard intended to take the place of ISO 9001, but a useful, additional tool for use when ISO 9001 is applied by manufacturers, in which case the meeting of its requirements needs to be recorded in certificates or documentation. However, the ISO 3834 series can be used independently of ISO 9001.

The ISO 3834 series is intended for the fusion welding of metallic materials, and its application is independent of the products manufactured. However, its principles and many of its detailed requirements are also relevant for other welding and welding-related processes.

One of the aims of the ISO 3834 series is to specify requirements in the field of welding so that contracting parties or regulators do not have to do this themselves. A reference to a particular part of the ISO 3834 series should be sufficient to demonstrate the capabilities of the manufacturer to control welding activities for the type of work being done. This concept also applies to committees responsible for drafting product standards.

The ISO 3834 series does not in itself require external assessment or certification. However, assessments by customers and certification by independent bodies are growing trends in commercial relations and the series can serve as a basis for these purposes, as well as for the demonstration of performance by those manufacturers implementing it.

Other International Standards covering resistance welding and thermal spraying include the ISO 14554 series and ISO 14922, respectively.

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Part 6: Guidelines on implementing the ISO 3834 series

1 Scope

This document gives guidelines for the implementation of requirements given in the other parts of the ISO 3834 series. It is intended to help users select the appropriate part of the ISO 3834 series. It is expected that users will already be familiar with the ISO 3834 series as a whole.

This document does not provide additional requirements to those in ISO 3834-1 to ISO 3834-5.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviated terms apply.

NDT	non-destructive testing
PWHT	post-weld heat treatment
pWPS	preliminary welding procedure specification
WI	work instruction
WPQR	welding procedure qualification record
WPS	welding procedure specification

5 Using the ISO 3834 series

5.1 General

ISO 3834-1 provides criteria for the selection and use of the ISO 3834 series. The following subclauses identify different ways that the manufacturer can select or be required to adopt a part of ISO 3834.