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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

— symbols have been aligned with relevant ISO documents, e.g. References [1], [2], [3] and [4];

— allowance for thickness reduction has been introduced for larger diameter fittings;

— guidance on assessment of air pockets in the fusion zone has been given in Clause 9 g) and Table 1;

— photos for fracture surface assessment have been introduced;

— the terms and definitions clause (Clause 3) has been added, and subsequent clauses have been renumbered.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a test method to assess ductility of the fusion joint interface of polyethylene electrofusion socket assemblies for use in pipe systems for the distribution of fluids. This method is applicable to assemblies, with nominal outside diameters greater than or equal to 90 mm.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
failure
any break of the test piece which is visible to the naked eye

3.2
brittle failure
failure (3.1), showing no plastic deformation in the fusion plane after separation

Note 1 to entry: Brittle failure is characterized by smooth failure surface(s) without any fibrils.

Note 2 to entry: Brittle failure occurs instantaneously at relatively low stresses and strains (low failure energy).

3.3
ductile failure
failure (3.1), showing plastic deformation prior to separation

Note 1 to entry: Ductile failures are characterized by the presence of gross yielding.

Note 2 to entry: Micro-ductile failure often occurs with stress-whitening which may require further investigation using an optical microscope.