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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 16823:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- normative references have been updated;
- figures have been improved;
- terminology has been aligned throughout the whole document.

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## Introduction

The following documents are linked:

ISO 16810, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — General principles*

ISO 16811, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Sensitivity and range setting*

ISO 16823, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Through transmission technique*

ISO 16826, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Testing for discontinuities perpendicular to the surface*

ISO 16827, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Characterization and sizing of discontinuities*

ISO 16828, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Time-of-flight diffraction technique as a method for detection and sizing of discontinuities*

# Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Through-transmission technique

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the principles of ultrasonic through-transmission techniques.

Through-transmission techniques can be used for:

- detection of discontinuities;
- determination of sound attenuation.

The general principles required for the use of ultrasonic testing of industrial products are described in ISO 16810.

The through-transmission technique is used for the testing of flat products, e.g. plates and sheets.

Further, it can be used for tests, for example:

- where the shape, dimensions or orientation of possible discontinuities are unfavourable for direct reflection;
- of materials with high sound attenuation;
- on thin test objects.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 2400, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Specification for calibration block No. 1*<sup>1)</sup>

ISO 5577, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Vocabulary*

ISO 7963, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — Specification for calibration block No. 2*<sup>1)</sup>

ISO 16810, *Non-destructive testing — Ultrasonic testing — General principles*

ISO 22232-1, *Non-destructive testing — Characterization and verification of ultrasonic test equipment — Part 1: Instruments*

ISO 22232-2, *Non-destructive testing — Characterization and verification of ultrasonic test equipment — Part 2: Probes*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5577 apply.

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1) It is intended to replace the term “calibration block” by “standard block” during the next revision of the standard.