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English version

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Contrôle ultrasonore des produits plats en acier d'épaisseur égale ou supérieure à 6 mm (méthode par réflexion)

Ultraschallprüfung von Flacherzeugnissen aus Stahl mit einer Dicke größer oder gleich 6 mm (Reflexionsverfahren)

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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee ECISS/TC 2 "Steel - Physico-chemical and non-destructive testing", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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1 Scope

This European Standard describes a method for the ultrasonic testing of uncoated flat steel product for internal discontinuities. It is applicable to flat product in nominal thickness range of 6 mm to 200 mm of non-alloyed or alloyed steel, excluding austenitic or austenoferritic steels. However, this standard may be applied to the latter types of steels provided that the difference between the amplitude of the noise signal and that of the echo detection threshold is sufficient for the limit fixed.

This standard also defines four quality classes for the flat product body (classes S₀, S₁, S₂ and S₃) and 5 classes (E₀, E₁, E₂, E₃, E₄) for the edges in accordance with the criteria specified in clause 9.

Other methods of testing (e.g. by transmission) or other test equipments may be used at the manufacturer's discretion provided that they give identical results to those obtained under the conditions of this standard. In the event of a dispute, only the method defined in this standard shall prevail.

Testing of flat product of thickness less than 6 mm may be the subject of special agreements between the parties concerned.

The inspection is normally carried out in the place of production or on the premises of the supplier. If specified on the order, the inspection may take place in the presence of the purchaser or his representative¹⁾.

A list of equivalent terms in several European languages is given in annex A.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 473, *Qualification and certification of NDT personnel - General principles*

prEN 1330-4, *Non destructive testing - Terminology - Part 4 : Terms used in ultrasoning testing*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the definitions given in prEN 1330-4 and the following definitions apply:

3.1 internal discontinuity

any imperfection lying within the thickness of the flat product, e.g planar or laminar imperfection, single-plane or multi-plane inclusion bands or clusters

NOTE It is referred in the text as discontinuity.

3.2 defect

unacceptable internal discontinuity, i.e. exceeding the specified maximum size or population density limits

3.3 Population density

the number of individual internal discontinuities of a size greater than a specified minimum size and less than a specified maximum size per specified area of body or length of edge zone

¹⁾ In this case, all steps should be taken to ensure that the production process is not disturbed.