
**Resistance welding — Procedure for
seam welding of uncoated and coated
low carbon steels**

*Soudage par résistance — Mode opératoire pour le soudage à la
molette des aciers à bas carbone revêtus et non revêtus*



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Foreword

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Introduction

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Resistance welding — Procedure for seam welding of uncoated and coated low carbon steels

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for resistance seam welding in the fabrication of assemblies of uncoated and metallic coated low carbon steel comprising two sheets of metal, where the maximum single sheet thickness of components to be welded is within the range 0,4 mm to 3 mm for the following materials:

- uncoated steels;
- hot-dip zinc or iron-zinc alloy (galvannealed) coated steel;
- electrolytic zinc, zinc-iron, or zinc-nickel coated steel;
- aluminium coated steel;
- zinc-aluminium coated steel.

Organic-coated or primer-coated steels are not covered by this International Standard. Guidelines for the design of appropriate seam welding equipment and welding conditions are given in Annexes A and B. These are for guidance only and may need to be adapted to suit the specified service conditions of the fabrication, prevailing production conditions, type of welding equipment, mechanical and electrical characteristics of the welding machine, electrode configuration, and material. These requirements shall be taken from the relevant welding procedure specification for the application or procedure, where these exist.

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.

ISO 669, *Resistance welding — Resistance welding equipment — Mechanical and electrical requirements*

ISO 5182:1991, *Welding — Materials for resistance welding electrodes and ancillary equipment*

ISO 10447, *Welding — Peel and chisel testing of resistance spot, projection and seam welds*

ISO 14270, *Specimen dimensions and procedure for mechanized peel testing resistance spot, seam and embossed projection welds*

ISO 14327, *Resistance welding — Procedures for determining the weldability lobe for resistance spot, projection and seam welding*

ISO 14329, *Resistance welding — Destructive tests of welds — Failure types and geometric measurements for resistance spot, seam and projection welds*

ISO 15609-5, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure specification — Part 5: Resistance welding*

ISO 15614-12, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test — Part 12: Spot, seam and projection welding*

ISO 17654, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Resistant welding — Pressure test on resistance seam welds*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 669 and ISO 14329 and the following apply.

3.1 continuous-current seam welding

use of a continuous-current waveform to make a weld

NOTE A continuous weld nugget is formed along the weld seam.

3.2 interrupted-current seam welding

use of a current program comprising two or more pulses of current (commonly known as “on-time”) separated by a pre-set cool time (commonly known as “off-time”)

NOTE A weld nugget is produced during each pulse.

3.3 tread width

width of the electrode face which is in contact with the work piece

NOTE Sometimes this is called electrode face width.

4 Materials

4.1 Form

The steel shall be flat rolled, in coils or cut to length, and shall be free of all harmful imperfections.

4.2 Steel grades

A partial list of steel grades to which this International Standard is applicable is given in Annex C.

4.3 Surface conditions

Prior to welding, all surfaces of components to be seam welded shall be free of contaminants such as grease, scale, corrosion products, paint, dirt or excessive pitting. This condition shall be maintained until the welding process is completed. Uncoated hot-rolled steel shall be in the pickled condition.

Certain surface treatments, such as the application of paint primers, rust preventions, and oils may be applied before welding, provided that the coating is uniform in thickness and it has been demonstrated that consistent welds, conforming to this International Standard, can be obtained. Excessive use of surface pre-treatments may adversely affect electrode life and should therefore be avoided.

Coated steels can be supplied with a chromate or phosphate passivation treatment. Phosphated mild steel may be used in certain applications. These materials can be resistance seam welded, although the welding parameters outlined in Annex B may require appropriate adjustment. Generally, only thin phosphate pre-treatment of steel is acceptable prior to seam welding.