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**Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas  
industries — Plate-type heat  
exchangers —**

Part 1:  
**Plate-and-frame heat exchangers**

*Industries du pétrole, de la pétrochimie et du gaz naturel — Échangeurs  
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## Foreword

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ISO 15547 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Plate-type heat exchangers*:

- *Part 1: Plate-and-frame heat exchangers*
- *Part 2: Brazed aluminium plate-fin heat exchangers*

## Introduction

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# Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Plate-type heat exchangers —

## Part 1: Plate-and-frame heat exchangers

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15547 gives requirements and recommendations for the mechanical design, materials selection, fabrication, inspection, testing, and preparation for shipment of plate-and-frame heat exchangers for use in petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries. It is applicable to gasketed, semi-welded and welded plate-and-frame heat exchangers.

### 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 8501-1, *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Visual assessment of surface cleanliness — Part 1: Rust grades and preparation grades of uncoated steel substrates and of steel substrates after overall removal of previous coatings*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### **drip tray**

tray that is able to collect droplets from an entire heat exchanger plate pack

#### 3.2

##### **end plate**

plate which prevent the fluids in a plate-and-frame heat exchanger from contacting the fixed and removable covers

NOTE There are two end plates, one at each end of the plate-and-frame heat exchanger.

#### 3.3

##### **frame**

assembly that provides the structural support and pressure containment of a plate-and-frame heat exchanger

#### 3.4

##### **welded plate pack**

plate pack where the gaskets have been replaced by welds