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**Method of measurement of hydrogen  
permeation and determination of  
hydrogen uptake and transport in metals  
by an electrochemical technique**

*Méthode de mesure de la perméation de l'hydrogène et détermination  
de l'absorption d'hydrogène et de son transport dans les métaux à l'aide  
d'une technique électrochimique*



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## Foreword

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# Method of measurement of hydrogen permeation and determination of hydrogen uptake and transport in metals by an electrochemical technique

## 1 Scope

**1.1** This International Standard specifies a laboratory method for the measurement of hydrogen permeation and for the determination of hydrogen atom uptake and transport in metals, using an electrochemical technique. The term "metal" as used in this International Standard includes alloys.

**1.2** This International Standard describes a method for evaluating hydrogen uptake in metals, based on measurement of steady-state hydrogen flux. It also describes a method for determining effective diffusivity of hydrogen atoms in a metal and for distinguishing reversible and irreversible trapping.

**1.3** This International Standard gives requirements for the preparation of specimens, control and monitoring of the environmental variables, test procedures and analysis of results.

**1.4** This International Standard may be applied, in principle, to all metals for which hydrogen permeation is measurable and the method can be used to rank the relative aggressivity of different environments in terms of the hydrogen uptake of the exposed metal.

## 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 17475:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Electrochemical test methods — Guidelines for conducting potentiostatic and potentiodynamic polarization measurements*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### charging

method of introducing atomic hydrogen into the metal by exposure to an aqueous environment under galvanostatic control (constant charging current), potentiostatic control (constant electrode potential), free corrosion or by gaseous exposure

### 3.2

#### charging cell

compartment in which hydrogen atoms are generated on the sample surface, including both aqueous and gaseous charging

1) To be published.