
**Qualification testing of welders for
underwater welding —**

**Part 1:
Hyperbaric wet welding**

*Épreuve de qualification des soudeurs pour le soudage sous l'eau —
Partie 1: Soudage hyperbare en pleine eau*



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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Hyperbaric wet welding*
- *Part 2: Diver-welders and welding operators for hyperbaric dry welding*

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Introduction

This part of ISO 15618 covers the principles to be observed in the qualification testing of welder-diver performance for the fusion welding of steels in a hyperbaric wet environment.

The ability of the welder-diver to follow verbal or written instructions and testing of his skill are therefore important factors in ensuring the quality of the welded product.

Testing of skill to this part of ISO 15618 depends on welding methods in which uniform rules and test conditions are complied with, and standard test pieces are used.

The principle of this part of ISO 15618 is that a qualification test qualifies a welder-diver not only for the conditions used in the test, but also for all other conditions which are considered easier to weld in accordance with this part of ISO 15618. It is presumed that the welder-diver has received training and/or has industrial practice within the range of qualification.

This part of ISO 15618 is intended to provide the basis for the mutual recognition by examining bodies for qualification relating to the welder-diver's competence in the various fields of application. Tests are to be carried out in accordance with this part of ISO 15618 unless additional tests are specified by the relevant application standard when these should be applied.

The welder-diver's skill and job knowledge continue to be approved only if the welder-diver is working with reasonable continuity on welding work within the extent of qualification.

Qualification testing of welders for underwater welding —

Part 1: Hyperbaric wet welding

1 Scope

This part of ISO 15618 specifies essential requirements, ranges of qualification, test conditions, acceptance requirements and certification for the qualification testing of welder-diver performance.

This part of ISO 15618 is applicable for hyperbaric wet welding on steel.

The recommended format for the certificate of qualification testing is given in [Annex A](#).

During the qualification test, the welder-diver may be required to show adequate job knowledge of the welding processes, materials and safety requirements for which he is to be qualified. Information on these aspects is given in [Annex B](#).

The welding processes referred to in this part of ISO 15618 include those fusion welding processes which are designated as manual or partly mechanised welding. It does not cover fully mechanised and fully automatic processes (see [5.2](#)).

This part of ISO 15618 applies to all new qualifications from the date of issue.

However, this part of ISO 15618 does not invalidate previous welder-diver qualifications made to former national standards or specifications, providing the intent of the technical requirements is satisfied and the previous qualifications are relevant to the application and production work on which they are employed.

The certificate of qualification testing is issued under the sole responsibility of the examiner or examining body.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4063, *Welding and allied processes — Nomenclature of processes and reference numbers*

ISO 5173, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Bend tests*

ISO 5817, *Welding — Fusion-welded joints in steel, nickel, titanium and their alloys (beam welding excluded) — Quality levels for imperfections*

ISO 6947, *Welding and allied processes — Welding positions*

ISO 9017, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Fracture test*

ISO 15609-1, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure specification — Part 1: Arc welding*

ISO 17636 (all parts), *Non-destructive testing of welds — Radiographic testing*

ISO 17637, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Visual testing of fusion-welded joints*