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**Non-destructive testing of steel  
tubes —**

Part 6:  
**Radiographic testing of the weld seam  
of welded steel tubes for the detection  
of imperfections**

*Essais non destructifs des tubes en acier —*

*Partie 6: Contrôle radiographique du cordon de soudure des tubes en  
acier soudés pour la détection des imperfections*





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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10893-6:2011), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

- a) evidences about film overlap have been included in [4.7](#);
- b) a safety warning for X and gamma rays has been added at the end of [Clause 4](#);
- c) [Figure 2](#) has been aligned with ISO 17636-1 up to 1 000 kV;
- d) film side position and location have been clarified in [Clause 6](#);
- e) requirements for film processing have been specified in [Clause 7](#);
- f) a reference to ISO 5580 has been added in [Clause 8](#);
- g) the figures in [Annex A](#) have been revised.

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# Non-destructive testing of steel tubes —

## Part 6:

# Radiographic testing of the weld seam of welded steel tubes for the detection of imperfections

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for film-based radiographic X-ray testing of the longitudinal or helical weld seams of automated fusion arc-welded steel tubes for the detection of imperfections.

It can also be applicable to the testing of circular hollow sections.

NOTE As an alternative, see ISO 10893-7 for digital radiographic testing.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 5576, *Non-destructive testing — Industrial X-ray and gamma-ray radiology — Vocabulary*

ISO 5579, *Non-destructive testing — Radiographic testing of metallic materials using film and X- or gamma rays — Basic rules*

ISO 5580, *Non-destructive testing — Industrial radiographic illuminators — Minimum requirements*

ISO 9712, *Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of NDT personnel*

ISO 10893-7, *Non-destructive testing of steel tubes — Part 7: Digital radiographic testing of the weld seam of welded steel tubes for the detection of imperfections*

ISO 11484, *Steel products — Employer's qualification system for non-destructive testing (NDT) personnel*

ISO 11699-1, *Non-destructive testing — Industrial radiographic film — Part 1: Classification of film systems for industrial radiography*

ISO 17636-1, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Radiographic testing — Part 1: X- and gamma-ray techniques with film*

ISO 19232-1, *Non-destructive testing — Image quality of radiographs — Part 1: Determination of the image quality value using wire-type image quality indicators*

ISO 19232-2, *Non-destructive testing — Image quality of radiographs — Part 2: Determination of the image quality value using step/hole-type image quality indicators*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5576, ISO 11484 and the following apply.