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**Metallic materials — Sheet and strip  
— Determination of tensile strain  
hardening exponent**

*Matériaux métalliques — Tôles et bandes — Détermination du  
coefficient d'écroutissage en traction*





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- [Clause 2](#) has been updated;
- new [Clause 3](#) "Terms and definitions" has been added as per the latest Directives, Part 2;
- the symbol for true plastic strain has been changed from  $\epsilon$  to  $\epsilon_p$ ;

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## Introduction

In the previous edition of this document, for the calculation of the true strain, the elastic strain did not need to be subtracted from the total strain if it was lower than 10 % of the total strain.

In this document, the elastic strain is subtracted from the total strain for calculation of the true strain, which is now referred to as “true plastic strain”.



# Metallic materials — Sheet and strip — Determination of tensile strain hardening exponent

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the tensile strain hardening exponent  $n$  of flat products (sheet and strip) made of metallic materials.

The method is valid only for that part of the stress-strain curve in the plastic range where the curve is continuous and monotonic (see 8.4).

In the case of materials with a serrated stress-strain curve in the work hardening range (materials which show the Portevin-Le Chatelier effect, e.g. AlMg-alloys), the automatic determination (linear regression of the logarithm true stress vs. the logarithm true plastic strain, see 8.7) is used to give reproducible results.

## 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 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Calibration and verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system*

ISO 9513, *Metallic materials — Calibration of extensometer systems used in uniaxial testing*

ISO 10113, *Metallic materials — Sheet and strip — Determination of plastic strain ratio*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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